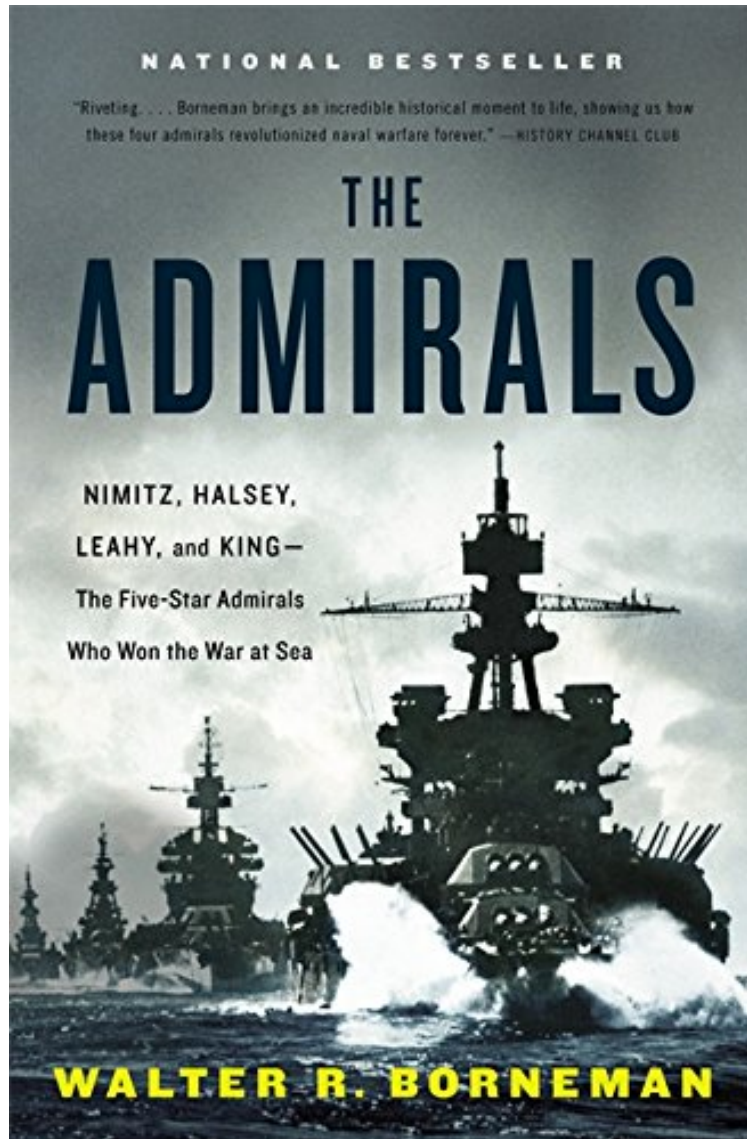


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. In depth look at the 5-star Admirals of WW2By Robert JohnstonThe four 5-stars ... in order of seniority, Joint Chiefs Chairman William "Bill" Leahy, U.S. Navy Chief of Staff Ernest King, Chester Nimitz and William "Bull" Halsey. Their naval careers are traced from Annapolis to 5-star. They were extraordinarily different kinds of leaders and personalities. Vice Adm. Roland Smoot who knew the men well, once wrote, "I've tried to analyze the four five-star admirals that we've had in this Navy ... You have a man like King--a terrifically 'hew to the line' hard martinet, stony steely gentleman; the grandfather and really lovable old man Nimitz--the most beloved man I've ever known; the complete clown Halsey--a clown but if he said 'Let's go to hell together,' you'd go to hell with him; and then the diplomat Leahy--the open-handed, effluent diplomat Leahy. Four more different men never lived and they all got to be five-star admirals, and why?" Borneman offers a new entry to consider Smoot's question. He considers the four from their early days and overlapping duties in time to derive leadership comparability and accomplishment. If this is your first read on the 5-stars, it is a great one. If this read is part of an ongoing consideration, you will be rewarded. The book is not without controversy in its 75 years after-the-fact reflection, the beloved Bull Halsey is the most curious outlier with the most dubious comparable command decisions. In reflection, perhaps Spruance was more worthy of the 5th star than Halsey. The intertwining cast and careers of the potential 5-stars, their early commands and their accomplishments is well narrated here.

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group portrait of Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King. Not since the heyday of Samuel Eliot Morison has a historian painted such a fine portrait of the five-star admirals who helped America beat Japan during the Second World War. Highly recommended!"Douglas Brinkley, Professor of History at Rice University and author of *The Wilderness Warrior*"They were completely different in temperament and personality, but the U.S. Navy's four five-star admirals in World War II shared a sense of vision, devotion, and courage. Walter Borneman has written a rousing tale of victory at sea."Evan Thomas, author of *The War Lovers*"This is Walter Borneman at his best. The portrait of the forgotten admiral, Leahy, is worth the whole book. But there's scarcely a page where a reader won't learn something unexpected, and occasionally shocking."Thomas Fleming, author of *Time and Tide*About the AuthorWalter Borneman is the author of seven works of nonfiction, including *1812*, *The French and Indian War*, and *Polk*. He holds both a master's degree in history and a law degree. He lives in Colorado.