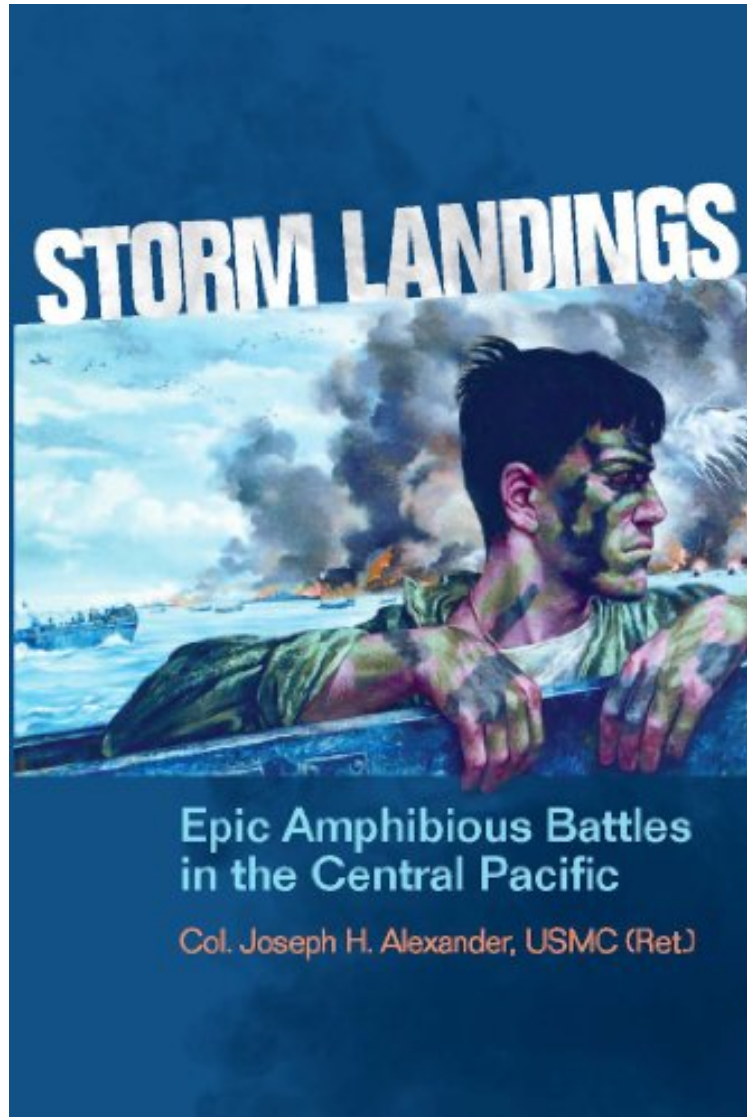


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An analysis of 7 Marine amphibious landings in the Pacific.Von Raymond W. RussellColonel Joseph Alexander's book is an analysis of seven Marine amphibious landings in the Pacific in World War II. In his book, "Storm Landings," Alexander lets the reader see these battles through the planning and tactical stages of the Marine and Navy generals

and admirals -- as well as the Marines who made the landings. This historical document contains a wealth of data and information, but at the same time is rich in describing the chaos, noise, suffering, and uncertainty of all these storm landings. (Tarawa came very close to being lost.) I particularly remember the words of a Marine battalion commander on Iwo Jima who described the firepower the held up a cigarette and lit it on the stuff going by." The Marines made mistakes, large and small, in these landings, but they studied them and learned from them. For instance, the Marines learned that the hiatus in Navy barrages just before the landings allowed the enemy to regroup and adjust. They learned to get the men ashore more quickly, obtained more efficient landing vessels, and developed weapons suited to the conditions, such as flamethrowers. This book is particularly interesting, since Alexander had access to Japanese documents showing how the Japanese prepared for, and learned from, the assaults. The Japanese moved their defenses from the water's edge, dug intricate tunnels, eliminated mass counterattacks which had proved unproductive, and instead calibrated their mortars and artillery to kill the Marines once they were on the beach. The author makes a hard analysis of these seven amphibious landings and it must have taken some courage on his part to criticize some of those at the highest levels for their mistakes, for even dead generals and admirals have friends and relative whose anger might be brought to bear on a retired colonel. "Storm Landings" is a rare historical book, for it captures the big picture, contains an abundance of relevant detail, gives an inside view of how the Japanese were dealing with these landings, plus it captures the experiences of the Marines who participated in these incredible military maneuvers.

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0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellant Book Von Ein Kunde I loved this book. I got it from a friend and I was glued to it. It was about the battles from the Solomons up to Okinawa and even goes beyond to the planned invasion of Kyushu. It was written by Joe Alexander who spent 29 years as an assault amphibian officer for the Marine Corps. Great job Joe.

Kurzbeschreibung The Pacific War changed abruptly in November 1943 when Admiral Chester Nimitz unleashed a new offensive across the Central Pacific, spearheaded by fast carrier task forces and U.S. Marines. The sudden American proclivity for bold amphibious assaults into the teeth of prepared defenses astonished Japanese commanders. This is the story of seven relentless 'storm landings' executed against murderous enemy fire. Alexander's book vividly portrays the sheer drama of these three-dimensional battles whose magnitude and ferocity may never again be seen in this world.