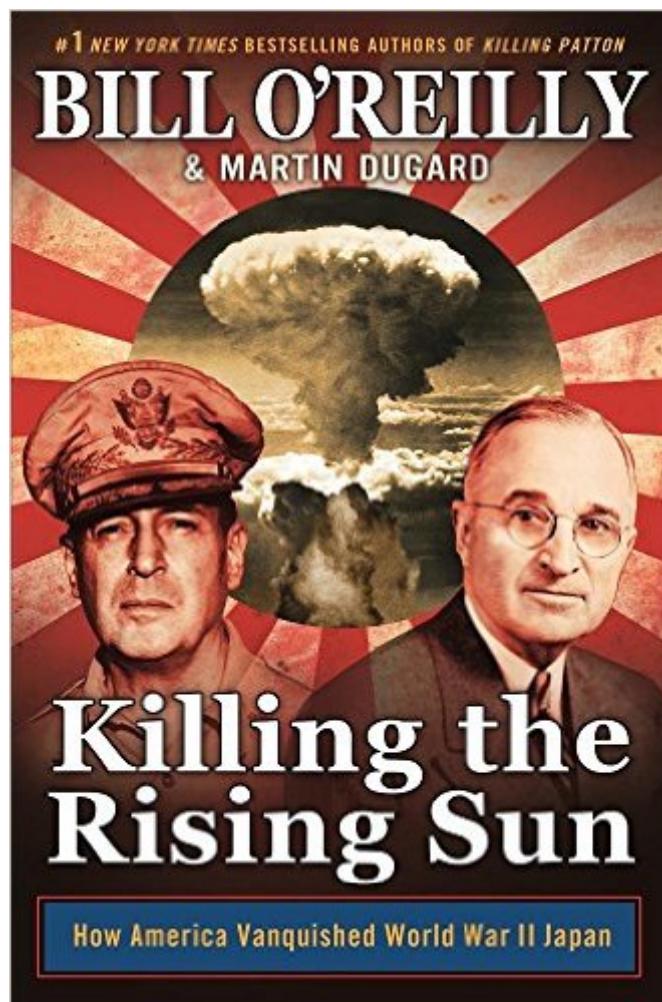


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Killing The Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan



Synopsis

The powerful and riveting new book in the multimillion-selling *Killing* series by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. Autumn 1944. World War II is nearly over in Europe but is escalating in the Pacific, where American soldiers face an opponent who will go to any length to avoid defeat. The Japanese army follows the samurai code of Bushido, stipulating that surrender is a form of dishonor. *Killing the Rising Sun* takes readers to the bloody tropical-island battlefields of Peleliu and Iwo Jima and to the embattled Philippines, where General Douglas MacArthur has made a triumphant return and is plotting a full-scale invasion of Japan. Across the globe in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and his team of scientists are preparing to test the deadliest weapon known to mankind. In Washington, DC, FDR dies in office and Harry Truman ascends to the presidency, only to face the most important political decision in history: whether to use that weapon. And in Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito, who is considered a deity by his subjects, refuses to surrender, despite a massive and mounting death toll. Told in the same page-turning style of *Killing Lincoln*, *Killing Kennedy*, *Killing Jesus*, *Killing Patton*, and *Killing Reagan*, this epic saga details the final moments of World War II like never before.

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Customer Reviews

First, I should disclose that I'm a political conservative but not necessarily a fan of Bill O'Reilly. Nevertheless I have read several of his killing book series, and I have found them invariably superficial in depth but otherwise well-written and interesting. Written in accordance with marketing techniques for popular, best selling books. *Killing the Rising Sun*:

How America Vanquished World War II Japanâ • is no different, but itâ ™s arguably better, if not the best of those I have read so far in the series. The reason for this is perhaps that Oâ ™Reilly is not dealing with a controversial subject, and is free to narrate history with suspense while propounding his usual winning and acceptable populist viewpoint with little risk of possibly offending propriety or violating taboos. This happened very successfully with his book on â œKilling Kennedy.â • With â œKilling Jesusâ • he was careful to remain confined in his narrative within the acceptable know facts surrounding the â œhistorical Jesusâ • without theological speculation, and without advancing any new biblical theories or launching new historical research. Second, if you have enjoyed his previous books you will love this one. In this new book, the Japanese are clearly the bad guys for triggering the war in a treacherous and infamous fashion at Pearl Harbor, and Oâ ™Reilly is free to engage in unhindered patriotism, and supportive of whatever blow America intended and delivered to the vanquished Japanese. And thus unhindered in his point of view and on the right side of history, Oâ ™Reilly and Dugald have written a basic but very interesting account of how â œAmerica killed the Rising Sun.â • There are not, and the reader should not expect, any, new revelations.

I am an Honorably Discharged Viet Nam Era Veteranâ | and I feel â œhonoredâ • just to be able to read this book. With the discord in some circles today about the lack of honoring our flag and our National Anthemâ | this book couldnâ ™t have been released at a better time. This book is rivetingâ | itâ ™s bone chillingâ | itâ ™s tears of prideâ | and tears of sadnessâ | inducingâ | it produces nauseating disgust of what human beings are capable of doingâ | and also makes you literally want to get down on your kneesâ | and thank the wondrous Lordâ | for the miracle of the men he has put on this earthâ | who truly put love of country first. And it so shamefully puts a spotlight on these people who try to discreditâ | demeanâ | degradeâ | and disgrace our flag and what it stands for. As a child I was taught by my Dad as we raised the flag in front of our houseâ | to never let the flag hit the groundâ | and if you didâ | you kissed it when you picked it up. I grew up to see first-hand in the militaryâ | the honor of the person who carried our flag in formations in front of us. And the hypocrisy and loss of a countryâ ™s literal spineâ | by allowing people to burn itâ | As a Grandfather nowâ | I tell my son of my fearâ | of being jailed and having my life ruinedâ | based on my physical response if someone in my vision tries to desecrate the flag. Thatâ ™s what this world has come toâ | and reading this detailed book of World War IIâ ™s darkest hoursâ | and the heroism of United States Veteransâ | will make that great American Flagâ | literally come alive with voicesâ | and facesâ | and unbelievable sacrificeâ | so powerfulâ | you may literally throw your arm out of its socket when you

are lucky enough to snap off a salute.Bill Oâ™Reillyâ | some people may not knowâ | was a history teacherâ | before he became a world famous journalist.

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