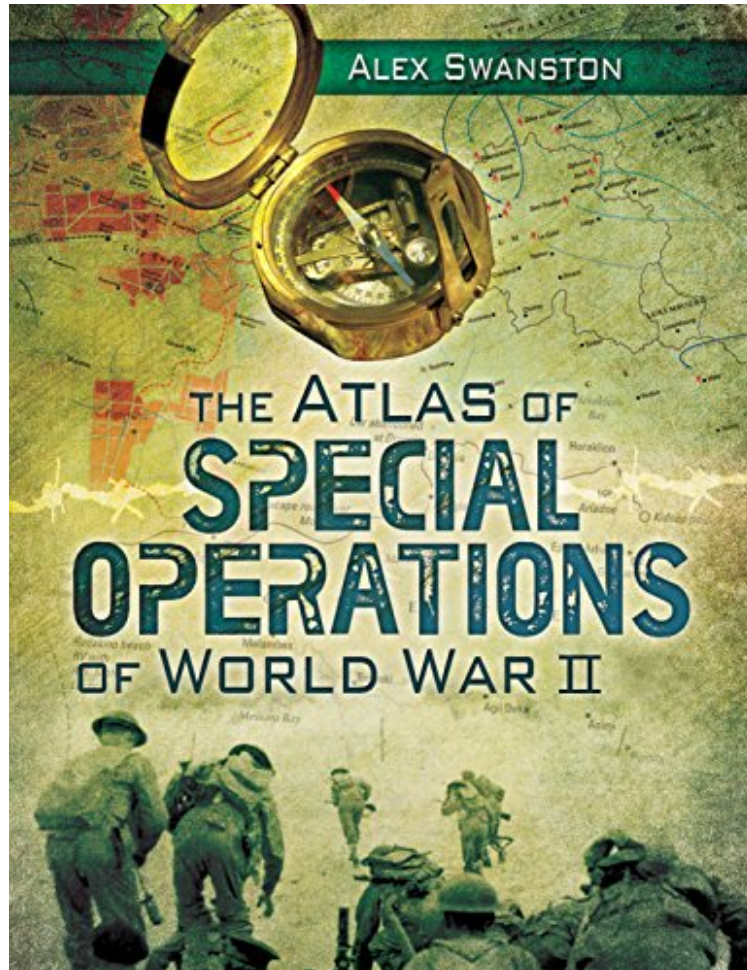


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More a sampler of special ops rather than a thorough account. Interesting as far as it goes. By lyndonbrecht I rate this book at 4 stars for interested readers and 3 stars for the general reader. It's fairly well-written and quite informative. I found it limited in several ways. Most importantly, coverage is incomplete. For example, there's not anything, really, about the Japanese. Special operations might logically have included concepts like suicide boats and torpedoes, kamikaze campaigns. It might also have covered those Japanese subs that could carry a couple of aircraft. It could also have covered special ops by the Soviets, and more by the Germans. The book does offer interesting coverage of several parachute actions, such as the German paratroop assault on Crete and the Allied D-day paratroops. It's quite good on Crete, where the Germans prevailed but at the cost of 7,000 paras killed in action. There's consideration of the Chindits, Merrill's marauders, frogmen, and some air actions

using weapons like the Tallboy bomb. It's an interesting read. It just isn't particularly inclusive, more a sampler.

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