



The Ultimate Battle: Okinawa 1945: The Last Epic Struggle of World War II

By Bill Sloan

Simon & Schuster. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 416 pages. Dimensions: 8.4in. x 5.4in. x 1.1in. The Ultimate Battle is the full story of the last great clash of World War II as it has never before been told. With the same grunts-eye-view narrative style that distinguished his Brotherhood of Heroes (on the Battle of Peleliu), Bill Sloan presents a gripping and uniquely personal saga of heroism and sacrifice in which at least 115,000 soldiers, sailors, and airmen from both sides were killed, as were nearly 150,000 civilians caught in the crossfire or encouraged to commit suicide by Japanese troops. It is a story set against a panorama of more than 1,500 American ships, nearly two thousand Japanese kamikazes sworn to sink those ships, and two huge armies locked in a no-quarter struggle to the death -- the 541,000 GIs and Marines of the U. S. Tenth Army, and Japans 110,000-man 32nd Army. Woven into the broader narrative, in Band of Brothers style, are the personal stories of men who endured this epic battle and were interviewed by the author. In many cases, their experiences are told here in print for the first time. A few...



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