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D-Day Illustrated Edition Stephen E. Ambrose 2014-05-06 Updated with more than 120 photographs, a visual edition of Ambrose's definitive account of D-Day traces the epic stories of the soldiers and junior officers who fought and defeated Hitler's armies.

D-day Exposed Temple Kehoe 2014 For 70 years the myths have lived on unchallenged. Myths about what went wrong on D-Day June 6, 1944 - the "surprise" storm, the air and naval bombardment that "missed," the "surprise" quality of the defending German forces, and the "surprise" of the bocage fields. Yet, until now some very fundamental questions about the nature of the D-Day Combat Plan have remained hidden and unchallenged. One of the most obvious of these questions is: Why did the largest "amphibious" invasion in human history fail to use the available armoured amphibious technology and combat experience that would have changed the course of the Normandy invasion (and WW2 in Europe) and saved so many lives? The Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944 is one of the most widely written about wartime assaults in history. It still is the most complex "amphibious" invasion in human history. It was the culmination of 4 years of planning by the Allied High Command. The sacrifice and bravery of the landing troops who were slaughtered in their thousands is remembered to this day with reverence, respect and sadness. Yet much of this loss of life was unnecessary. In this controversial book, the first in a series on D-Day, the author Temple Kehoe provides irrefutable evidence that the D-Day invasion plan was an incompetent combat plan that failed to use the available amphibious invasion technology and experience that could have changed the course of the war. The author shows how even as late as April 1944 this could have been fixed. But instead, D-Day was saved by the bravery and resilience of the combat troops, so many of whom died unnecessarily on that day and the days that followed before World War 2 was finally won. Visit www.dday-exposed.com for more information.

Normandy Wayne Vansant 2012-09-15 Normandy depicts the planning and execution of Operation Overlord in 96 full-color pages. The initial paratrooper assault is shown, as well as the storming of the five D-Day beaches: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. But the story does not end there. Once the Allies got ashore, they had to stay ashore. The Germans made every effort to push them back into the sea. This book depicts the such key events in the Allied liberation of Europe as: 1. Construction of the Mulberry Harbors, two giant artificial harbors built in England and floated across the English Channel so that troops, vehicles, and supplies could be offloaded across the invasion beaches. 2. The Capture of Cherbourg, the nearest French port, against a labyrinth of German pillboxes. 3. The American fight through the heavy bocage (hedgerow country) to take the vital town of Saint-Lô. 4. The British-Canadian struggle for the city of Caen against the "Hitler Youth Division," made up of 23,000 seventeen- and eighteen-year-old Nazi fanatics. 5. The breakout of General Patton's Third Army and the desperate US 30th Division's defense of Mortain. 6. The Falaise Pocket, known as the "Killing Ground," where the remnants of two German armies were trapped and bombed and shelled into submission. The slaughter was so great that 5,000 Germans were buried in one mass grave. 7. The Liberation of Paris, led by the 2nd Free French Armored Division,

which had been fighting for four long years with this goal in mind.

D-Day Randy Holderfield 2000-01 D-Day contains a wealth of essential facts about the Normandy invasion, from the initial planning stages on both sides to the battle's aftermath. D-Day brings these facts together in an informative and concise manner presenting detailed comparisons of the opposing forces, the commanders and their leadership abilities, the planning and execution of the assaults, the fighting qualities of the soldiers of each army, and the weaponry used by both the Allies and the Germans. A detailed minute-by-minute chronology of events for all beaches and airborne landings is also included.

Battle of Normandy John Hamilton 2014-01-01 June 6, 1944. Find out why this date will live in infamy in Battle of Normandy. Learn what led up to this decisive World War II battle between the Allies and the Axis Powers. Get to know key historical figures, including American presidents Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, American general Dwight D. Eisenhower, American general Omar Bradley, British prime minister Winston Churchill, British commander Bernard Law Montgomery, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, German leader Adolf Hitler, German commander Erwin Rommel, and German field marshal Gerd von Runstedt. Put yourself on Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno, or Sword beach as you learn about military strategy and the resulting casualties of Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy. Learn what weapons and tactics were used, including invasions by land, sea, and air, tanks, machine guns, rifles, anti-aircraft weapons, and rocket launchers. Finally, discover the aftermath of this pivotal conflict. It remains the largest amphibian invasion in history, and the soldiers who made the journey from southern England to northern France on D-Day were part of a major turning point in World War II. Black and white and color photographs, illuminating quotations, maps, charts, a glossary, an index, and book links round out this exciting and informative title. ABDO & Daughters is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

Longest Day Cornelius Ryan 1994 The unparalleled, classic work of history that recreates the battle that changed World War II—the Allied invasion of Normandy. The Longest Day is Cornelius Ryan's unsurpassed account of D-Day, a book that endures as a masterpiece of military history. In this compelling tale of courage and heroism, glory and tragedy, Ryan painstakingly recreates the fateful hours that preceded and followed the massive invasion of Normandy to retell the story of an epic battle that would turn the tide against world fascism and free Europe from the grip of Nazi Germany. This book, first published in 1959, is a must for anyone who loves history, as well as for anyone who wants to better understand how free nations prevailed at a time when darkness enshrouded the earth.

Six Armies In Normandy John Keegan 2011-09-30 The Allied assault on Normandy beaches was an almost flawless success, but it was to take three months of bitter fighting before the German defence of Normandy finally collapsed and Paris was liberated. In this masterly and highly individual account of that struggle, the reader is subjected to the gruelling ordeals confronted by the combatants - each encounter related from the point of view of a different nationality. While transcending conventional military history, it provides an intensely vivid picture of one of the Second World War's most crucial campaigns.

D-Day: The Normandy Invasion Marcia Amidon Lusted 2014-01-01 This title examines an important historic event, the June 6, 1944, Allied landing in Normandy, France, during World War II. Easy-to-read, compelling text explores the planning and espionage prior to the invasion, the events of the Normandy landing, the military equipment used, and the battle's aftermath. Also discussed is the military context of the invasion, including events in the war that made the landing possible and necessary and the mission's significance in ending the war in Europe. Features include a table of contents, glossary, selected bibliography, Web sites, source notes, and an index, plus a timeline and essential facts. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

D-Day 1944 - Air Power Over The Normandy Beaches And Beyond [Illustrated Edition] Richard P. Hallion 2014-08-15 Includes over 12 photos and maps of the Overlord Operations Operation Overlord, the Normandy invasion-like William the Conqueror's before it or the Inchon landing afterwards—will long be studied as a classic in military planning, logistics, and operations. OVERLORD depended to a remarkable degree upon the use of air power in virtually all its forms. A half-century ago, aircraft were primitive vehicles of war compared to the modern attackers of the Gulf War era, with their precision weapons, advanced navigational, sensor systems, and communications. Yet, the airplane still had a profound impact upon the success of the invasion. Simply stated, without air power, Normandy would have been impossible.

Normandy 1944 Stephen Badsey 2004 Badsey provides a concise account of the Normandy campaign, from the fiercely contested landings to the dramatic pursuit of the Germans to the River Seine.

D-Day Stephen E. Ambrose 2013-04-23 Stephen E. Ambrose's D-Day is the definitive history of World War II's most pivotal battle, a day that changed the course of history. D-Day is the epic story of men at the most demanding moment of their lives, when the horrors, complexities, and triumphs of life are laid bare. Distinguished historian Stephen E. Ambrose portrays the faces of courage and heroism, fear and determination—what Eisenhower called “the fury of an aroused democracy”—that

shaped the victory of the citizen soldiers whom Hitler had disparaged. Drawing on more than 1,400 interviews with American, British, Canadian, French, and German veterans, Ambrose reveals how the original plans for the invasion had to be abandoned, and how enlisted men and junior officers acted on their own initiative when they realized that nothing was as they were told it would be. The action begins at midnight, June 5/6, when the first British and American airborne troops jumped into France. It ends at midnight June 6/7. Focusing on those pivotal twenty-four hours, it moves from the level of Supreme Commander to that of a French child, from General Omar Bradley to an American paratrooper, from Field Marshal Montgomery to a German sergeant. Ambrose's D-Day is the finest account of one of our history's most important days.

D-Day in History and Memory Michael Dolski 2014-03-15 Over the past sixty-five years, the Allied invasion of Northwestern France in June 1944, known as D-Day, has come to stand as something more than a major battle. The assault itself formed a vital component of Allied victory in the Second World War. D-Day developed into a sign and symbol; as a word it carries with it a series of ideas and associations that have come to symbolize different things to different people and nations. As such, the commemorative activities linked to the battle offer a window for viewing the various belligerents in their postwar years. This book examines the commonalities and differences in national collective memories of D-Day. Chapters cover the main forces on the day of battle, including the United States, Great Britain, Canada, France and Germany. In addition, a chapter on Russian memory of the invasion explores other views of the battle. The overall thrust of the book shows that memories of the past vary over time, link to present-day needs, and also still have a clear national and cultural specificity. These memories arise in a multitude of locations such as film, books, monuments, anniversary celebrations, and news media representations.

D-Day 1944 (4) Ken Ford 2002-11-13 The fourth title in Osprey's survey of the D-Day landings of World War II (1939-1945). Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy, was the greatest sea-borne military operation in history. At the heart of the invasion and key to its success were the landings of British 50th Division on Gold Beach and Canadian 3rd Division on Juno Beach. Not only did they provide the vital link between the landings of British 3rd Division on Sword Beach and the Americans to the west on Omaha, they would be crucial to the securing of the beachhead and the drive inland to Bayeux and Caen. In the fourth D-Day volume Ken Ford details the assault that began the liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe.

D-Day Rick Atkinson 2014-05-06 Adapted for young readers from the #1 New York Times–bestselling *The Guns at Last Light*, D-Day captures the events and the spirit of that day—June 6, 1944—the day that led to the liberation of western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. They came by sea and by sky to reclaim freedom from the occupying Germans, turning the tide of World War II. Atkinson skillfully guides his younger audience through the events leading up to, and of, the momentous day in this photo-illustrated adaptation. Perfect for history buffs and newcomers to the topic alike! This thoroughly-researched and documented book can be worked into multiple aspects of the common core curriculum.

D-Day - June 6 1944 Stephen E. Ambrose 2016-05-05 On the basis of 1,400 oral histories from the men who were there, bestselling author and World War II historian Stephen E. Ambrose reveals for the first time anywhere that the intricate plan for the invasion of France in June 1944 had to be abandoned before the first shot was fired. The true story of D-Day, as Ambrose relates it, is about the citizen soldiers - junior officers and enlisted men - taking the initiative to act on their own to break through Hitler's Atlantic Wall when they realised that nothing was as they had been told it would be. D-DAY is the brilliant, no holds barred, telling of the battles of Omaha and Utah beaches. Ambrose relives the epic victory of democracy on the most important day of the twentieth century.

D-Day, June 6, 1944 Richard Collier 2002 "The best sort of popular military history."--Times Literary Supplement. No one who was alive on June 6, 1944, will ever forget that historic day ... and those who came after will hear of it with awe: it was the moment when the tide of war turned to victory, when the long-elusive dream of peace finally seemed attainable. This minute-by-minute account of the Normandy landings by Allied forces unforgettably reconstructs, in pictures and first-person reminiscences, every important minute of the invasion.

The Normandy Landings D-day Derek Blizard 2004 June 2004 marks the 60th anniversary of the greatest amphibious military operation in the history of warfare. This text chronicles the prelude to the invasion of 6 June 1944, summarizes the key aspects of the Allied assault on Normandy and looks at the victorious consequences of the expedition.

The Battle of Normandy, 1944 Robin Neillands 2002 What happened to the Allied armies in Normandy in the months after D-Day, 1944? Why, after the initial success of the landings, did their advance stall a few miles inland from the beaches? Why did the British take so long to capture Caen? Why did the US infantry struggle so much in the bocage south of Omaha beach? Who was right about the conduct of the land campaign - Eisenhower or Montgomery? How did the Germans, deprived of air support, manage to hold off such a massive Allied force for more than two months? And if Enigma was allowing the Allies to read German battleplans, why did

things go wrong as often as they did? THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY 1944 re-examines the demands and difficulties of the campaign and sheds new light on both with the aid of accounts from veterans on both sides. (Oral history forms a large part of the book.) It also analyses in detail the plans and performance of the commanders involved: Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, Montgomery, Crerar and, of course, Rommel. Controversial and at times catastrophic, the Battle of Normandy was the last great set-piece battle in history and is long overdue for reassessment.

D-Day Invasion of Normandy Michael Capek 2015-09-01 This title examines the invasion of Normandy during World War II, focusing on the planning, the equipment, and the brave soldiers who ensured an Allied victory. Compelling narrative text and well-chosen historical photographs and primary sources make this book perfect for report writing. Features include a glossary, a selected bibliography, websites, source notes, and an index, plus a timeline and essential facts. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944 (I Survived #18) Lauren Tarshis 2019-01-29 This installment in the New York Times bestselling I Survived series from Lauren Tarshis shines a spotlight on the Normandy landings, just in time for the 75th anniversary of D-Day!

D-day 1944 Dimitrios Stavropoulos 2009 The Allies launched their invasion of German-occupied Europe after 18 months of preparation: 3-1/2 million troops, more than 10,000 warplanes, and an armada of nearly 5,000 sea-going vessels stormed "Fortress Europe" and opened the long-awaited second front against Hitler's Reich. Includes the Allied bid for air superiority, the landings, a photo file, opposing commanders and forces, portable weapons, and many lesser-known details of the making of the new Western Front. Illustrated throughout with more than 60 b/w and 30 color photos, 6 maps, 21 equipment profiles, 13 uniform plates and specially commissioned artworks.

Normandy '44 James Holland 2019 On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, a new history of the momentous Normandy campaign with fresh insights from award-winning historian James Holland

Invasion! They're Coming! Paul Carell 1995-01-01 On the 50th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy: a revised and updated edition of Paul Carell's great classic. June 6, 1944 - D-Day. The day when, after years of preparation, Germany's opponents in the west - the USA and England - began the second front, long demanded by Stalin to take pressure off the Red Army. What really happened on that day? Why was the German command reluctant to believe in an invasion at this hour and on this coastal sector? Where was the German counterattack? Why were the panzer divisions, which were ready for action, not allowed to strike? What was going on with the Luftwaffe? Carell answers these questions convincingly, factually and in his typically gripping style. Furthermore, in this new revised and expanded edition he has taken into account the most recent results of historical research, especially the successful allied deception effort achieved by agents, phoney radio transmissions and sophisticated disinformation operations, details of which have only recently been revealed, and which led to fateful false estimations by Hitler and the German generals. Paul Carell is also the author of the highly successful *Foxes of the Desert*; *Hitler Moves East*; *Scorched Earth*; *Operation Barbarossa in Photography*; and *Stalingrad: the Defeat of the German 6th Army*. He lives in Hamburg, Germany.

D-Day Through French Eyes Mary Louise Roberts 2014-05-16 "A moving examination of how French civilians experienced the fighting" at Normandy during WWII from the acclaimed author of *What Soldiers Do* (Telegraph, UK). "Like big black umbrellas, they rain down on the fields across the way, and then disappear behind the black line of the hedges." Silent parachutes dotting the night sky—that's how one Normandy woman learned that the D-Day invasion was under way in June of 1944. Though they yearned for liberation, the French had to steel themselves for war, knowing that their homes, lands, and fellow citizens would have to bear the brunt of the attack. With *D-Day through French Eyes*, Mary Louise Roberts turns the conventional narrative of D-Day on its head, taking readers across the Channel to view the invasion anew. Roberts builds her history from an impressive range of gripping first-person accounts by French citizens throughout the region. A farm family notices that cabbage is missing from their garden—then discovers that the guilty culprits are American paratroopers hiding in the cowshed. Fishermen rescue pilots from the wreck of their B-17, then search for clothes big enough to disguise them as civilians. A young man learns to determine whether a bomb is whistling overhead or silently plummeting toward them. When the allied infantry arrived, French citizens guided them to hidden paths and little-known bridges, giving them crucial advantages over the German occupiers. As she did in her acclaimed account of GIs in postwar France, *What Soldiers Do*, Roberts here sheds vital new light on a story we thought we knew. "In the great tradition of Studs Terkel and *Is Paris Burning?*, Mary Louise Roberts uses the diaries and memoirs of French civilians to narrate a history of the French at D-Day that has for too long been occluded by the mythology of the allied landing."—Alice Kaplan, author of *Dreaming in French*

Invasion '44 John Frayn Turner 2014-04-30 In the pre-dawn darkness of 6 June 1944, the greatest armada the world has ever seen began to disembark an Allied invasion force on the beaches of France's Normandy peninsula. *Invasion '44* tells the story of that assault from the day over four years earlier, and only a few short

weeks after the British disaster at Dunkirk, when a few individuals in the High Command began to turn their thoughts to the possibilities of an eventual return to the mainland, and the story continues up to the time when the Allied beach-head was firmly established on French soil. As the battle progresses, the reader is allowed to view each successive wave as it lands, follow the developing battle line inland, and keep an eye on the vital battles also developing on and beneath the seas off the Normandy peninsula and in the skies above it.

D-Day and the Normandy Invasion Adam Powley 2020-06-09 It was one of the most momentous campaigns of World War II – both an epic confrontation between huge armed forces, and a life-or-death struggle between individual men, played out amid some of the most bitter fighting of the conflict. Leaders of the collected free world joined forces and agreed that a French invasion was to take place in the summer of 1944. The task in hand was a huge undertaking and required military precision planning and coordination of all the Allied forces involved. The battle ahead needed the best men and leadership brains that was available, notably General Eisenhower (US), General Patton (US) and General Montgomery (UK). This publication evokes the gripping drama of the D-Day landings and the pivotal battle for Normandy. This comprehensive and superbly-illustrated publication vividly chronicles the campaign, revealing the passage of the battles as they unfolded at the time, with gripping descriptions of the key elements of the fighting. Packed with detail, insight, and photographs, the set conveys war at sea, on the beaches, in the air, and the killing fields of northern France – its outcome playing a major part in the shaping of world history.

The Facts on File D-Day Atlas John Man 1994-03-01 Uses maps and photographs to recount the Allied invasion from June 6, 1944 to the liberation of Paris in September of 1944

D-Day Encyclopedia Barrett Tillman 2014-06-03 This unique encyclopedia provides detailed entries for everything you ever wanted to know about D-Day, the invasion of Normandy. Organized alphabetically, the entries give detailed descriptions of weapons, equipment, divisions, air and naval units, geography, terminology, personalities, and more. Every Allied division that crossed the English Channel on June 6, 1944 has its own listing as do the major Axis divisions that fought them. Brief biographies of major military and political leaders on both sides provide a handy who's who of the campaign. The book also includes entries for related popular culture: GI slang, the best movies about D-Day, and major writers such as Stephen Ambrose and Cornelius Ryan. Cross-references make the book easy to use. With hundreds of entries, The D-Day Encyclopedia is an indispensable reference tool for history buffs and great browsing for readers who want to know more about World War II.

D-Day Myra Immell 2012-02-07 This volume explores the historical and cultural events leading up to and following the June 1944, the Allied invasion of Normandy. This book also addresses several issues surrounding the invasion, such as whether the invasion was necessary, whether D-Day marked the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany, and whether Winston Churchill was pressured into backing D-Day by American demands. Personal narratives from people impacted by D-Day, including reflections by both Allied and German soldiers, and a Normandy teen remembering the invasion firsthand, are featured.

Omaha Beach Joseph Balkoski 2006 "This is probably the best book ever written about Omaha Beach." --Bill Stone, Stone & Stone Second World War Books "Balkoski's depiction of 'Bloody Omaha' is the literary accompaniment to the white-knuckle Omaha Beach scene that opens Steven Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan." -- John Hillen, New York Post In this unforgettable narrative of D-Day, Joseph Balkoski describes the minute-by-minute combat as it unfolded on Omaha Beach, allowing soldiers to speak for themselves as they recall their attempts to maneuver bombers through heavy cloud cover, the claustrophobic terror aboard transports, and the relentless fire that greeted them on the beach. Equal parts oral history and meticulous reconstruction, Omaha Beach is the closest the modern reader can get to experiencing the Normandy landings firsthand.

The D-Day Landings Sean Connolly 2003 Discusses, using primary sources, the events surrounding the D-Day invasion of Europe by Allied Forces on June 6, 1944.

Overlord Max Hastings 2012-03-22 The famous D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 marked the beginning of Operation Overlord, the battle for the liberation of Europe. Military historian Sir Max Hastings' acclaimed account overturns many traditional legends in this memorable study. Drawing together the eyewitness accounts of survivors from both sides, plus a wealth of previously untapped sources and documents, Overlord provides a brilliant, controversial perspective on the devastating battle for Normandy.

D-Day Stephen E. Ambrose 1994-06-06 Chronicles the events, politics, and personalities of this pivotal day in World War II, shedding light on the strategies of commanders on both sides and the ramifications of the battle

World War II Famous Battles Ryan Jenkins 2014-08-23 D-Day has been the subject of many books and movies, and its impact still shakes the lives of many today. On its face, it seemed like a very risky operation, and in some ways, it was. This book takes you through the meticulous planning stages and the execution of one of

the greatest military operations in history, so buy it for yourself today. Here's a Preview of What You Will Learn* The war before D-Day* Planning the operation* The airborne invasion* Fighting on the beaches* The aftermath

D-Day Antony Beevor 2012-05-24 This enhanced ebook contains scores of fascinating additional material, including astonishing black & white and colour footage taken at the time of the events: - Video introduction by Antony Beevor - 26 embedded film clips, including footage of the Normandy landings, firefights in the deadly bocage hedgerows, Allied bombing raids, Allied commanders, the liberation of Paris - Rarely seen original NBC and Universal newsreels and radio broadcasts announcing the invasion - Rare colour footage shot by the journalist Jack Lieb The Normandy landings that took place on D-Day involved by far the largest invasion fleet ever known. The scale of the undertaking was simply awesome. What followed them was some of the most cunning, ferocious and savage fighting of the war. As casualties mounted, so too did tensions between the commanders on both sides. Meanwhile, French civilians caught in the middle of the fighting endured terrible suffering; even the joys of Liberation had their dark side. The war in northern France marked the whole of the post-war world, profoundly influencing relations between Europe and America. Making use of overlooked and new material from more than 30 archives in 6 countries, D-Day is the most vivid and well-researched account yet of the battle of Normandy. As with Stalingrad and Berlin, Antony Beevor's gripping narrative conveys the true experience of war.

The Longest Day Cornelius Ryan 2010-09-01 EUROPEAN HISTORY: SECOND WORLD WAR. Cornelius Ryan (1920-1974) was a celebrated Irish-American journalist and author, most famous for his popular military history books on World War II. This is the story of D-Day, told through the voices of over 1,000 survivors - from high-ranking Allied and German officers, to the paratroopers who landed in Normandy before dawn, the infantry who struggled ashore and the German troops who defended the coast. Cornelius Ryan captures the horror and the glory of D-Day, relating in emotive and compelling detail the years of inspired tactical planning that led up to the invasion, its epic implementation and every stroke of luck and individual act of heroism that would later define the battle.

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Dawn of D-Day David Howarth 2008-06-17 An “unforgettable . . . magnificently stirring” account of the Normandy Landings—stories of the men in the first wave of the Allied Invasion (The New York Times). June 6, 1944, is one of the most famous dates in world history, and, as David Howarth shows, a defining date in countless personal histories. In this intimate chronicle, the 7,000 vessels, 12,000 aircraft, and 750,000 men committed on D-Day are taken for granted. Instead, we see D-Day through the eyes of the men on the ground as Howarth weaves together the larger story of the beginning of the battle of Normandy with the stories of the beachhead itself. The scope of Howarth's vision—focusing on England and France, on sky, beach, and hedgerow, on divisions and squads—makes Dawn of D-Day a franker portrayal than any other turning points of the war on the Western Front, and the greatest amphibious operation in history.

Normandy 1965

Remember D-day Ronald J. Drez 2004 A title which honors the sixtieth anniversary of D-Day discusses the events and personalities involved in the momentous Allied invasion of France on June 6, 1944.