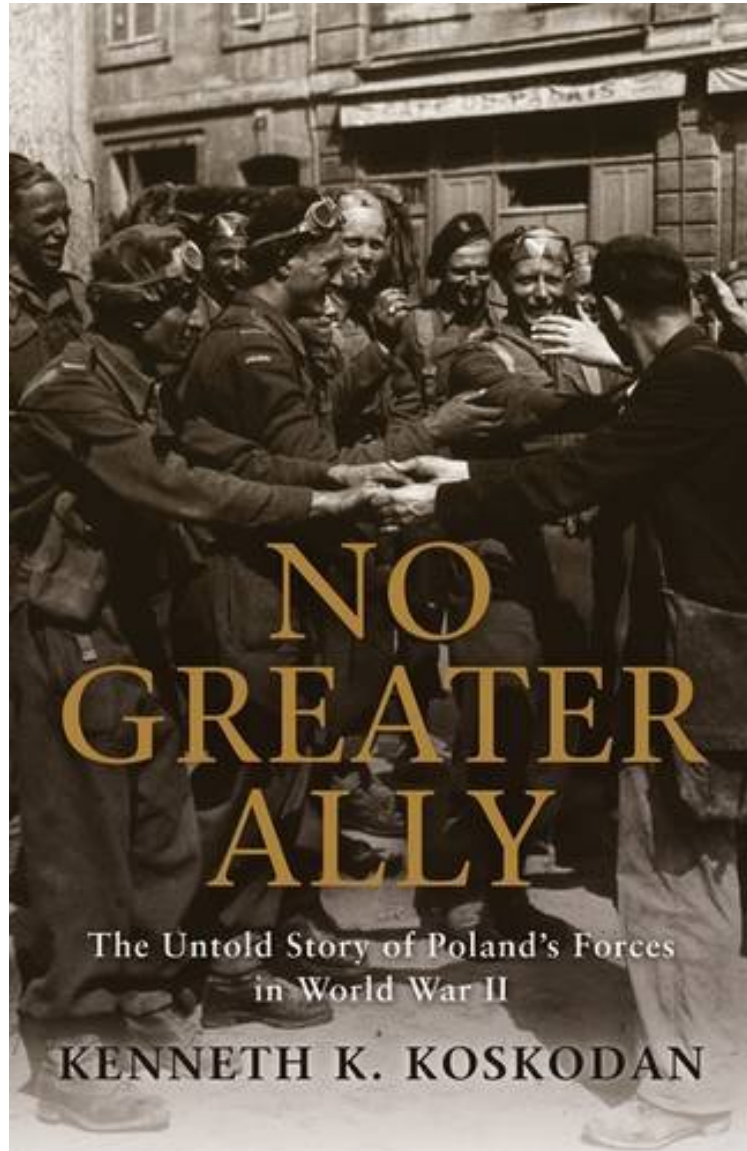


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**Kenneth K. Koskodan** : **No Greater Ally: The Untold Story of Poland's Forces in World War II (General Military)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised No Greater Ally: The Untold Story of Poland's Forces in World War II (General Military):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Historical TestimonyBy RJM402I both agree and disagree with

others who found this book an excellent source of historical accuracy. I believe it is, but also that the author does somewhat of a disservice by his overwhelming extolling of Polish accomplishments and bravery. However, who can argue that both historically (meaning it's on the record) and humanely - Poland was betrayed and used by her supposed allies. FDR was so obviously unmoved by appeals from the Polish government in exile in London, that at Yalta he virtually gave 'Uncle Joe' a green light to do what he pleased with Poland. Churchill alone fought and fumed for Polish independence but to no avail, as the Soviet presence at the doorstep of Poland in late 1944 was far too massive. This book deserves to be read and praised in spite of the self-serving tone that pervades each chapter. It certainly is no different from Max Hastings's insistence that Montgomery actually saved Patton's army at the Battle of the Bulge. There are plenty of American historians who still argue that MacArthur was a genius in military strategy giving him credit for virtually winning the war in the Pacific. If we can stomach that whitewash, why can't we endure a little self-aggrandizing from a people who deserve our respect and thanks for standing up to a fierce and brutal enemy? 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Unfortunate History of the Ending of WWII By Grunt Recon An under recognized and under appreciated history of Poland, the reason for France and UK entry into WWII, being sacrificed at the end of WWII because of global politics. It was an enlightenment into the contribution by the Poles to the success of the Allies and the betrayal of the Poles by the Allies to Stalin's demands. It ties in events that in other WWII histories are glanced over and not specifically addressed, for example the Warsaw Uprising. This book needs to be read by all those who are following the actions of Russia and Putin. Poland, Ukraine, and Russia have a history that is not forgotten in the current event. Lest we forget, Semper Parvum 39 of 40 people found the following review helpful. The Overlooked By Ronald Ostrowski Never have a people been as overlooked in history books, particularly in the history books covering WW11, as the Polish people. My father served in the Free Polish Forces and books such as this make his sacrifice worthwhile. The Poles after bloody battles were occupied in 1939 by both the Germans and the Soviets, but never surrendered as their Government went into exile. They fought on as partisans, resistance fighters, Warsaw insurgents (1943 Ghetto Uprising and 1944 Warsaw Uprising). They fought as soldiers, paratroopers, armored personnel, bombers, spys, pilots and sailors alongside their British allies in all Western theatres against Germany. Since 1943 they fought alongside the Soviets, and participated in the defeat of Berlin. They saw bitter defeat in France (1940) and Narvik (1940), but saw victories in North Africa, Italy (they took Monte Cassino) and Normandy (they beat the German panzers in Falaise). They gave the allies the Enigma Machine codes, which seriously undermined the German war effort. In return their country was handed over to the communists. The Poles were dismissed in history as easybeats and sickly portrayed as collaborators that hunted down Jews. A complex history has been simplified and usually in favour of the negative. During the recent Normandy landing ceremony the ignorant French President failed to invite the Polish President and, thereby, insulted the Polish veterans who attended. This was one of several slights to those who, like my late father, fought for the freedom of others to ensure their own freedom. Books like this are very few and overdue for publication in English. I am of part Polish extraction and am very interested in Polish history. I wish more people knew about the Poles and their contribution to WW11 rather than continue to make stupid and negative comments based on ignorance.

There is a chapter of World War 2 history that remains largely untold: the story of the fourth largest Allied military of the war, and the only nation to have fought in the battles of Leningrad, Arnhem, Tobruk and Normandy. This is the story of the Polish forces during the Second World War, the story of millions of young men and women who gave everything for freedom and in the final victory lost all. In a cruel twist of history, the monumental struggles of an entire nation have been largely forgotten, and even intentionally obscured. Available for the first time in paperback, No Greater Ally redresses the balance, giving a comprehensive overview of Poland's participation in World War 2. Following their valiant but doomed defense of Poland in 1939, members of the Polish armed forces fought with the Allies wherever and however they could. With previously unpublished first-hand accounts, information never before seen in English, and rare photographs, this title provides a detailed analysis of the devastation the war brought to Poland, and the final betrayal when, having fought for freedom for six long years, Poland was handed to the Soviet Union.

“This fascinating book fills a yawning gap in our knowledge of the Second World War. By bringing in the personal reminiscences of people of all stations, the author gives pace and immediacy to this extraordinary story.” ?Adam Zamoyski, author of *Forgotten Few: The Polish Air Force in World War II* “No Greater Ally is an absolutely crucial contribution to the history of the Second World War. Anybody who seeks to understand the dynamics of betrayal and resistance as they apply to this period, in Poland, in Europe, must read this book.” ?Alan Furst, author of *The Polish Soldier* “I hadn't realised, before reading this outstanding book, just how crucial the Polish contribution to [Allied] victory actually was. If it hadn't been for their pilots, for instance, we might well have lost the Battle of Britain...” ?Henry Coningsby, Waterstones About the Author Ken Koskodan graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Communications. The emphasis of his degree was in Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations. Of Polish descent himself, he has researched Poland's participation in World War II for many years, and in the course of

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