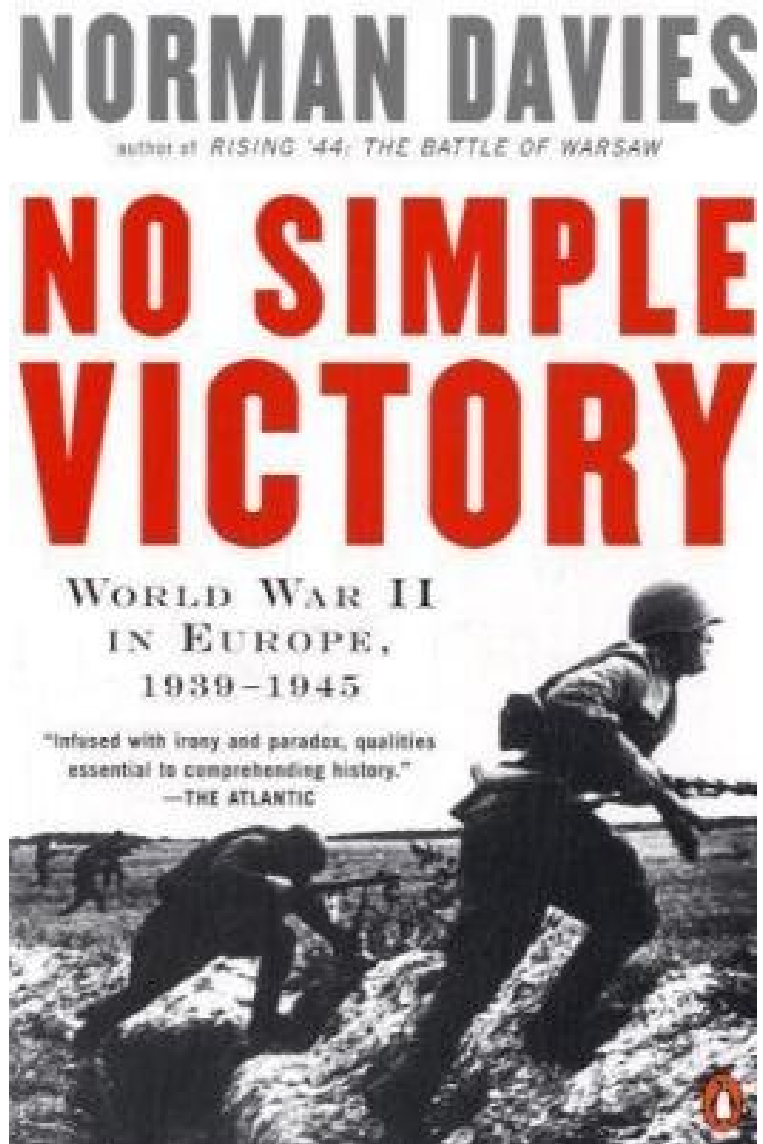


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One of the world's leading historians re-examines World War II and its outcome. A clear-eyed reappraisal of World War II that offers new insight by reevaluating well-established facts and pointing out lesser-known ones, *No Simple Victory* asks readers to reconsider what they know about the war, and how that knowledge might be biased or incorrect. Norman Davies poses simple questions that have unexpected answers: Can you name the five biggest battles of the war? What were the main political ideologies that were contending for supremacy? The answers to these questions will surprise even those who feel that they are experts on the subject. Davies has established himself as a preeminent scholar of World War II. *No Simple Victory* is an invaluable contribution to twentieth-century history and an illuminating portrait of a conflict that continues to provoke debate.

From Publishers Weekly Davies's latest book about the Second World War is an extended argument that most Americans and Europeans—even well-educated ones—have failed to grasp even the most basic facts about the single largest event of the 20th century. His polemic is laid out slowly and carefully, beginning with the mistakes (the American WWII memorial lists the years of the war as 1941–1945) and proceeding from there. Such a book requires a reader who can hold listeners' attention for long stretches of facts and figures, and Vance is just the man. He sounds like a narrator for a History Channel documentary, and considering the topic, this is perfect for Davies's book. Vance makes Davies's work not another rehashing of familiar material, but a riveting, sustained performance. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist It may startle many to learn that no definitive history yet exists of World War II. Yet such is the argument by historian John Keegan in *The Battle for History* (1996), reiterated here with evidentiary force by historian Davies. A specialist on the European war's German-Soviet component (*Rising '44: The Battle for Warsaw*, 2004), Davies perceives several faults in both professional presentations and popular understandings of the war. Americans and Britons tend to overrate their countries' contribution to victory, remembering Dunkirk and D-Day and forgetting that most combat occurred in the east. More seriously, in Davies' estimation, Western historians and their audience do not sufficiently understand the war aims and murderous record of the Soviet Communist regime. It was as expansionist and unmercifully inhumane as the Nazi tyranny over which it was the principal victor: most know of Auschwitz or the (German) invasion of Poland; far fewer are aware of Vorkuta or the (Soviet) invasion of Poland. A trenchant critique, Davies' book ought to provoke readers and writers of WWII history. Taylor, Gilbert a Infused with irony and paradox, qualities essential to understanding history . . . ["No Simple Victory"] rearranges and juxtaposes facts and events in often unexpectedly illuminating ways. a a "The Atlantic" a A lively and contrary historiography, skillfully written. a a "Library Journal" Infused with irony and paradox, qualities essential to understanding history . . . ["No Simple Victory"]

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