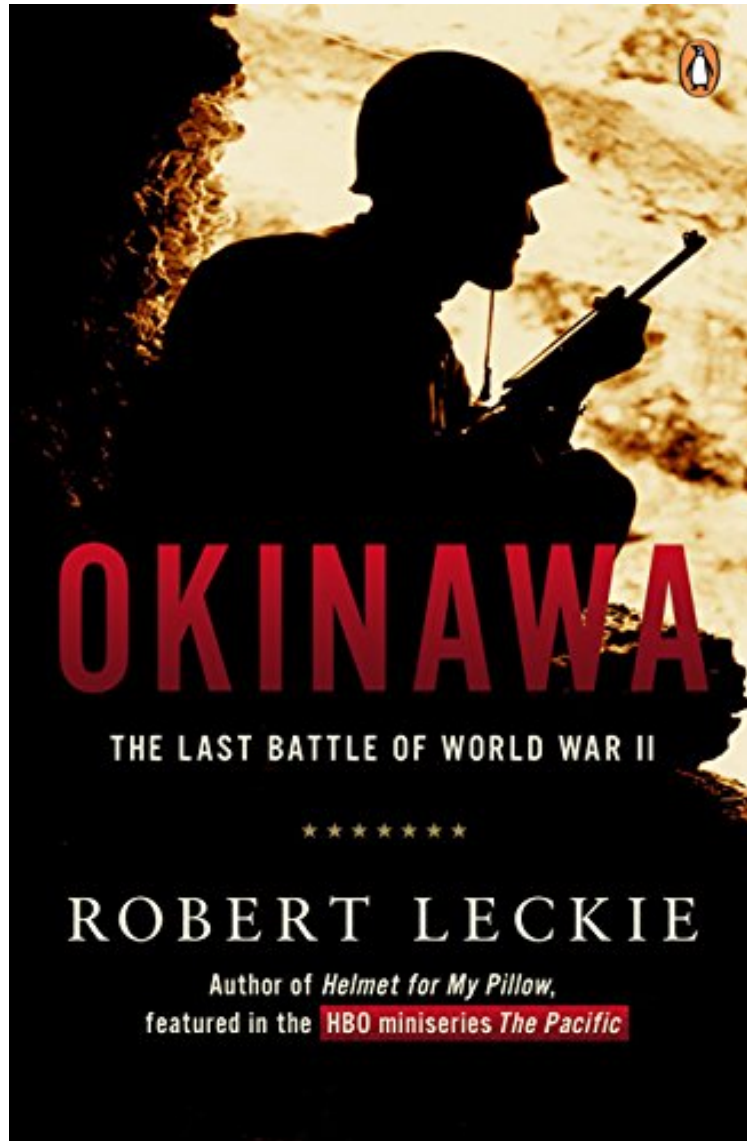


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From Publishers Weekly Military historian Leckie covers the fierce battle between American and Japanese troops for the island of Okinawa throughout the spring of 1945. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal On this 50th anniversary of the battle of Okinawa (April to June 1945), we can expect an avalanche of titles about this last major battle of World War II. Okinawa was an epic amphibious-air-sea-land battle the likes of which may never be seen again. The conflict raged for 83 days; 13,000 Americans and 100,000 Japanese perished. Kamikazes sank 34 and damaged 361 U.S. vessels. Both Astor and Leckie are experienced military historians who tell their stories in the words of participants. Astor interviewed numerous veterans and compiled a masterful account of the battle as seen through the eyes of both American and Japanese survivors. He explores the history, training, and morale of the army and marine divisions and demonstrates why each was bound to succeed or fail. On the other hand, Leckie has written a "Monarch Notes" version of the battle that tells us nothing new. For the best history of the Okinawa campaign, readers should consider James and William Belote's *Typhoon of Steel: The Battle for Okinawa* (1970).?Stanley Itkin, Hillside P.L., New Hyde Park, N.Y. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Leckie's smooth narrative deals with all aspects of the Okinawa battle...and his style adds some nice touches, including autobiographical flashes that go back as far as Guadalcanal."—Washington Post Book World