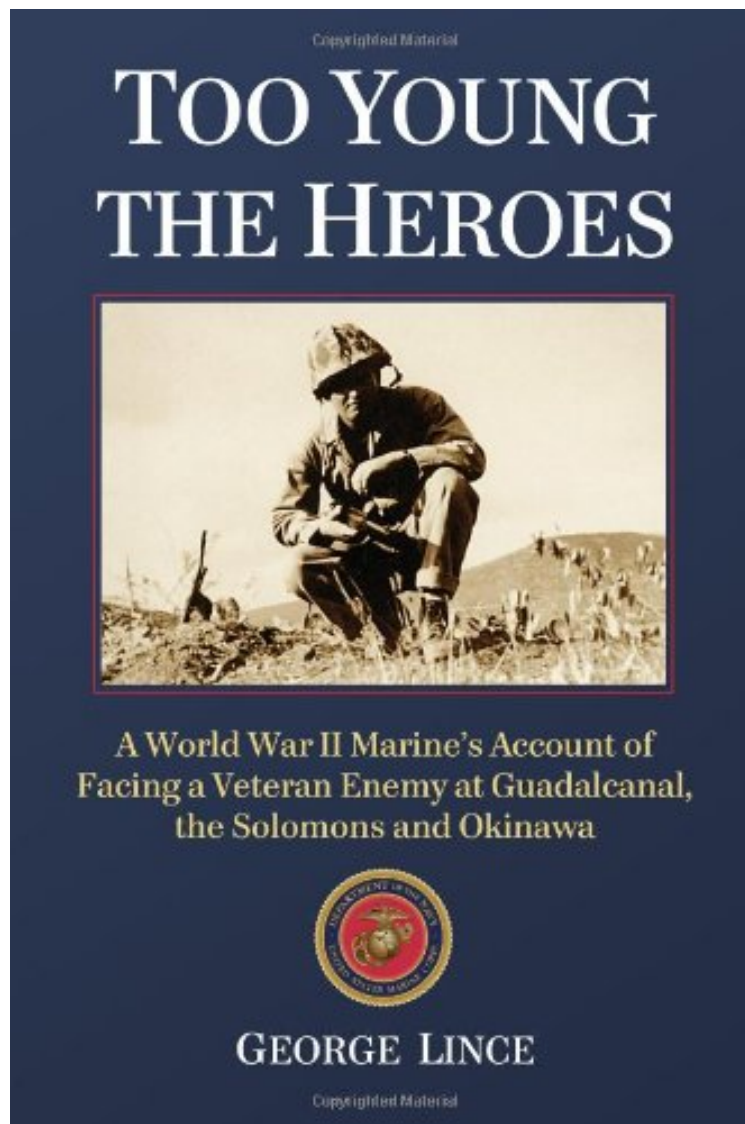


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Right after Pearl Harbor, the author joined the Marines at 17. After boot camp, he went to the First Marine Division, taking part in some of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific, including the landing on Okinawa where he was wounded. Fighting under terrible conditions, he and his fellow Marines persevered. This is the author's story of combat and of growing up.

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