

HISTORY

Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4th Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

November's Topic: Pearl Harbor & the U.S. Entry into WWII

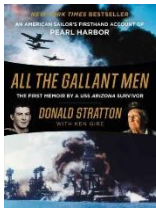
Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21st at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

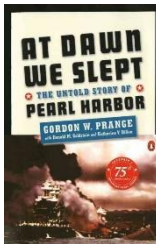
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to Pearl Harbor and/or the U.S. entry into WWII. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



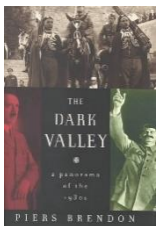
[All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor](#) by Donald Stratton – 940.54 STR (print, Large Print, & on CD); eBook & eAudio on [hoopla](#)* and [eIndiana](#)*

A first memoir by a USS Arizona survivor describes his witness to the attacks that left him with burns over more than 65 percent of his body, his resolve to reenter service after a grueling recovery and his contributions to some of the Pacific's most violent battles.



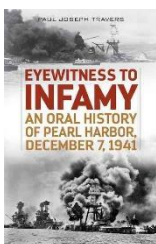
[At Dawn We Slept: The Untold Story of Pearl Harbor](#) by Gordon W. Prange – 940.526 PRA; eAudio on [hoopla](#)*

At 7:53 a.m., December 7, 1941, America's national consciousness and confidence were rocked as the first wave of Japanese warplanes took aim at the U.S. Naval fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor. As intense and absorbing as a suspense novel, this book is the unparalleled and exhaustive account of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. Through extensive research and interviews with American and Japanese leaders, Gordon W. Prange has written a remarkable historical account of the assault that-sixty years later-America cannot forget.



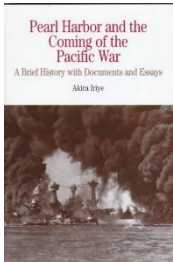
[The Dark Valley: A Panorama of the 1930s](#) by Piers Brendon – 940.52 BRE

A panoramic study of a pivotal decade in twentieth-century history explores a time dominated by the Great Depression, political unrest, social upheaval, repression, and the coming of World War II; profiles the key figures of the era--Hitler, Roosevelt, Mao, Stalin, and Franco, among others--and the events, movements, and attitudes that shaped the world.



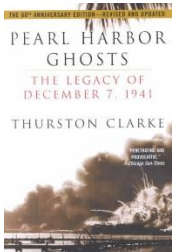
[Eyewitness to Infamy: An Oral History of Pearl Harbor](#) by Paul J. Travers – 940.54 TRA

Gathers first-person accounts of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and military activities on the base before and after the attack.



[Pearl Harbor and the Coming of the Pacific War: A Brief History with Documents and Essays](#) by Akira Iriye – 940.5426 IRI

Assembles some 30 primary documents, including proposals, memoranda, decrypted messages, and imperial conference reports, presenting diplomatic exchanges from both American and Japanese perspectives to determine how and why the US and Japan went to war in 1941. A detailed introduction provides background on Japanese aggression in China and Southeast Asia during the 1930s and economic unrest and isolationism in the US.



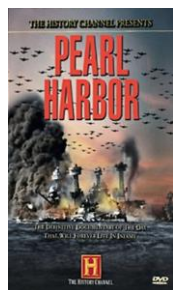
[Pearl Harbor Ghosts: The Legacy of December 7, 1941](#) by Thurston Clarke – 940.5426 CLA

Investigates questions surrounding the December 7, 1941 attack and examines how that event is interwoven with the rise of Japanese economics and our response to it.

Videos:

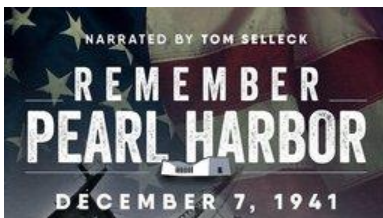


[Between the Wars](#) (Part of the Series: The Unfinished Nation Series) - <https://greenwoodlibrary.kanopy.com/video/between-wars> (available on [Kanopy](#)*) American policies of neutrality, isolationism, and internationalism in decades after World War I. Depression and the world order. Rise of totalitarian regimes in Europe and Asia; their expansionist ambitions. American response to war in Europe. Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.



[Pearl Harbor](#) by The History Channel – DVD 950.5426 PEA

In Japanese, tora means "tiger." In December of 1941, "tiger, tiger, tiger" was the code phrase that unleashed one of history's most devastating surprise attacks. But the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor also awakened the "sleeping giant" of American military might, and in the process, sealed Japan's fate.



[Remember Pearl Harbor: Personal Accounts of Pearl Harbor](#) - <https://greenwoodlibrary.kanopy.com/video/remember-pearl-harbor> (available on [Kanopy](#)*)

No two stories from that day of infamy are the same. From sailors on the U.S.S Arizona and West Virginia on Battleship Row to pilots at Hickam and Wheeler Fields, to young children who were waved at by Japanese pilots flying over their homes, the memories remain vivid to this day. These are some of their stories from December 7, 1941. They will always Remember Pearl Harbor.

Podcasts:



[Supernova in the East I and II](#) by Hardcore History - <https://www.dancarlin.com/hardcore-history-series/>

The Asia-Pacific War of 1937-1945 has deep roots. It also involves a Japanese society that's been called one of the most distinctive on Earth. If there were a Japanese version of Captain America, this would be his origin story.