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Defiant Courage: Norway's Longest WWII Escape



Synopsis

In late March of 1943, four commandos arrive in northern Norway with a mission of establishing a base for sabotage operations. Before they can unload their cutter, they are betrayed, as a German Schnell boat arrives and turns the quiet fjord into a battle zone. Only one man, Jan Baalsrud, survives the attack. This is the story of his perilous journey to freedom. Wounded, the dauntless soldier swims icy fjord waters, climbs snow-laden granite peaks, endures violent snowstorms and is hurled off a mountain by an avalanche. Fleeing the Gestapo and battling the harsh Arctic cold, Jan suffers snowblindness and frostbite. Though he possesses raw courage and an iron will, they are not enough to deliver him all the way to neutral Sweden and safety. The people of northern Norway's Troms district step forward to assist Jan. Selflessly defying Nazi dictates, more than sixty people risk their lives to help the fugitive commando. Flee

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Customer Reviews

Astrid Karlsen Scott is a native of Norway, is internationally known for her seven books on Norwegian culture. She is a producer and director of two award-winning videos, "Christmas in Norway," and "Cooking Norway Style." Dr. Tore Haug is a second cousin of Jan Baalsrud. He is a specialized general practitioner with a private practice in Oslo, Norway. He studied and received his medical degree from Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, West Germany, and the University of Oslo. He has practised medicine in Germany and Norway.

A historical personal experience of one man's valor during WWII expressing the character traits of a

solid good unselfish man, who did much good for the benefit of others during a very difficult time in his own life. It is also reflective of the Norwegian mind-set expressing that character, style, and people. An easy and informative read. I recommend it highly and particularly for those of Norwegian roots.

Excellent story of courage and determination to survive. It is one of those books that are better in a hard copy than on kindle. The pictures and timeline are much clearer than on kindle. Highly recommend this book.

I bought this as a followup to reading "Unbroken," hoping it would be along the same lines. The actual story is amazing. However, the writing suffers by comparison. "Unbroken" is a masterful work. "Defiant Courage" is an interesting recitation of a fascinating event in WWII.

A stirring & detailed account of courage and heroism

A great story of triumph over oppression and fear.

One of the most exciting and interesting book I've ever read.

super condition a must read for all going to northern Norway and walking his escape route. reading is fun with this kind of material..

Fast shipment. The book was an amazing read. I will strongly recommend this book. Amazing how people help each other even if someone threatens to kill them if they do so.

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