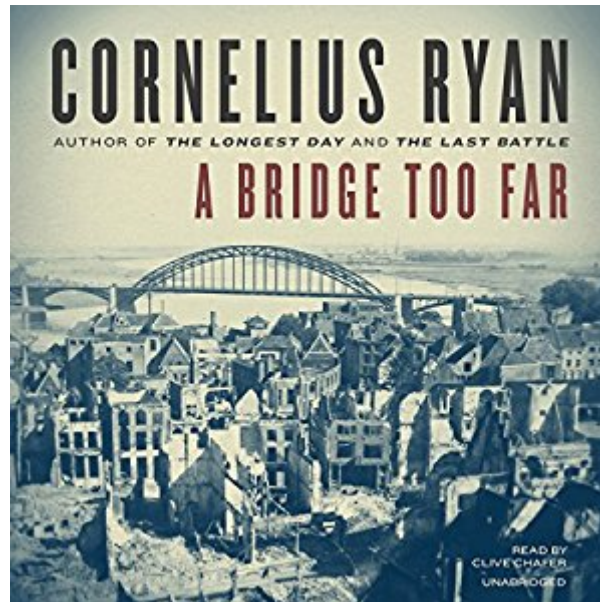




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The classic account of one of the most dramatic battles of World War II. *A Bridge Too Far* is Cornelius Ryan's masterly chronicle of the Battle of Arnhem, which marshaled the greatest armada of troop-carrying aircraft ever assembled and cost the Allies nearly twice as many casualties as D-day. In this compelling work of history, Ryan narrates the Allied effort to end the war in Europe in 1944 by dropping the combined airborne forces of the American and British armies behind German lines to capture the crucial bridge across the Rhine at Arnhem. Focusing on a vast cast of characters - from Dutch civilians to British and American strategists to common soldiers and commanders - Ryan brings to life one of the most daring and ill-fated operations of the war. *A Bridge Too Far* superbly recreates the terror, suspense, heroism, and tragedy of this epic operation, which ended in bitter defeat for the Allies. About the author: Cornelius Ryan (1920-1974), born in Dublin, Ireland, became one of the preeminent war correspondents of his time, flying fourteen bombing missions with the US Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. He is the author of numerous books, including several classics of military history, which have appeared throughout the world in nineteen languages. He was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government in 1973.

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Customer Reviews

Cornelius Ryan does an amazing job of making you feel like you're watching a movie, rather than reading a story. His ability to capture the details and feelings of the action on both sides is tremendous and merits our complete attention!

I really enjoy the way it was written. The book was easy to follow and understand.

If you enjoyed the movie, but we're confused by much of the sub plots as I was, this book fills them in. Such an amazing piece of history that is mostly forgotten. The atrocious loss of life due to overconfidence and egos will astound. I can see why Ike would want this event buried.

This is a very detailed account of Operation Market-Garden with quotes from many participants including British, American & German leaders and also minor players. The author also includes the perspective of civilians affected by the operation. This is however not an easy read if that is what the reader is looking for.

It was hard to get the big picture of the battle, the book focused on individual participants and not the battle.

Did not have an appreciation for Market-Garden before this book. Tons of detail and lots of great personal stories. Book did drag on about 75 percent thru. Liked the way the story was organized, but still had issues following from a point in time perspective at certain times. Recommend checking out some videos on YouTube as a companion to the book. I did this about halfway thru and found it very helpful in gaining perspective on geography of the battles.

Incredible. Can't believe I waited so long to read this honest account of an important battle and loss. Really enjoyed it cover to cover.

Excellent historical account. Many people are unaware of the beating the allies suffered in this battle. Footnotes at the end of the chapters sometimes difficult to read and come back to the proper place in the narrative.

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