

## LOOK&amp;LISTEN

## BOOKS

# Book calls attention to allies' role in war

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One of the most interesting books I have encountered about World War II is "Allies Against the Rising Sun" by Nicholas Evan Sarantakes, an associate professor at the Naval War College and a resident of Portsmouth.

The allies to which he refers are Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The author makes a point that the United States during the 20th century had gone to war allied with other nations. Canada got into World War II and was fighting it for 2½ years before the United States declared war on Japan and Germany.

According to Sarantakes, the role of America's British allies largely has been ignored. He depicts the "delicate dance among uneasy partners in their fight against Japan." He examines Britain's motivations for participating in the invasion of Japan, the roles envisioned by its commonwealth nations and the United States' decision to accept their participation.

He describes the dispute between nations, between civilian and military leaders and between individual services — and argues that allied participation, despite its diplomatic importance, limited the efficiency of final operations against Japan.

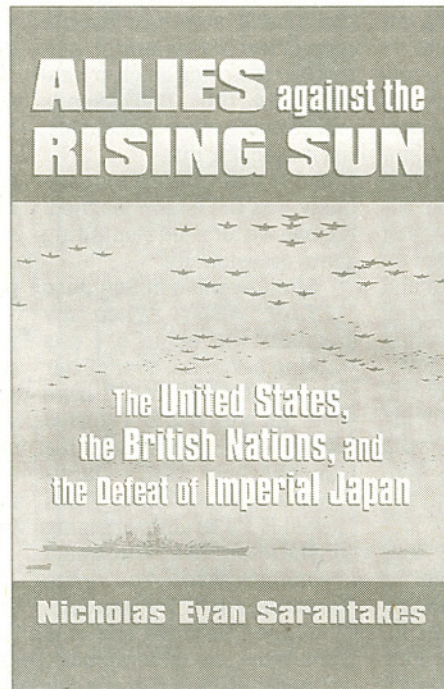
In the book's 458 pages, Sarantakes takes readers into the halls of both civil and military power in all five nations to show how policies and actions were debated, contested and resolved. Great Britain and its commonwealth nations are mentioned throughout the book, Australia and New Zealand share a chapter and Canada has its own chapter.

Our neighbor to the north lost many in one event that was known as Operation Jubilee, which the author describes as the biggest and most disastrous invasion of Dieppe, a French port on the English Channel. It took place on Aug. 19, 1942, with 5,000 Canadians, 2,000 British, 50 U.S. Rangers and a detachment of Fighting Free French aboard more than 200 ships, which experienced withering fire from the enemy that was waiting for them. It was reported that almost 4,000 Canadians and British were killed, wounded or taken prisoner; the Canadians losing the most men.

## REVIEW: ALLIES AGAINST THE RISING SUN:

The United States, the British Nations, and the Defeat of Imperial Japan

By Nicholas Evan Sarantakes  
University Press of Kansas  
hard cover, \$39.95



This disaster was written off by those who plan such operations as a prelude to the D-Day invasion, which, when studied, may have helped save lives when a much, much larger force of Americans, British and Canadians stormed the Normandy coast on June 6, 1944.

Atop a high hill in a park in Perth, Australia, is a simple memorial thanking the Navy of the United States for its part in winning the war in the Pacific. Sarantakes's work reveals behind-the-scenes political factors in warfare alliances and explains why the Anglo-American coalition survived World War II when it had collapsed after World War I.

Sarantakes also has authored, among other works, "The American Occupation of Okinawa and U.S.-Japanese Relations."

## BEST-SELLERS

Key: F-Fiction; NF-Nonfiction; H-Hardcover; P-Paperback

1. 'Dear John' by Nicholas Sparks. (F-P)
2. 'The Lovely Bones' by Alice Sebold. (F-P)
3. 'Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime' by John Hellebrunn and Mark Halperin. (NF-H)
4. 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett. (F-H)
5. 'Eclipse' by Stephenie Meyer. (F-H)
6. 'A Reliable Wife' by Robert Goolrick. (F-P)
7. 'Breaking Dawn' by Stephenie Meyer. (F-H)
8. Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1: The Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan. (F-P)
9. 'New Moon' by Stephenie Meyer. (F-P)
10. 'Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage' by Elizabeth Gilbert. (NF-H)
11. 'The Lost Symbol' by Dan Brown. (F-H)
12. 'The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo' by Stieg Larsson. (F-P)
13. 'Vanishing Act' by Fern Michaels. (F-P)
14. 'True Colors' by Kristin Hannah. (F-P)
15. 'The Shack' by William P. Young. (F-P)
16. 'Twilight' by Stephenie Meyer. (F-P)
17. 'The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game' by Michael Lewis. (NF-P)
18. 'Plum Spooky' Janet Evanovich. (F-P)
19. 'The First Rule' by Robert Crais. (F-H)
20. 'Cook This Not That!: Kitchen Survival Guide' by David Zinczenko and Matt Goulding. (NF-P)
21. 'The Devil's Punchbowl' by Greg Iles. (F-P)
22. 'Going Rogue: An American Life' by Sarah Palin. (NF-H)
23. 'I, Alex Cross' by James Patterson. (F-H)
24. 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days' by Jeff Kinney. (F-H)
25. 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 2: The Sea of Monsters' by Rick Riordan. (F-P)
26. 'Fire and Ice' by Julie Garwood. (F-P)
27. 'The Man You'll Marry' by Debbie Macomber. (F-P)
28. 'Food Rules: An Eater's Manual' by Michael Pollan. (NF-P)
29. 'Street Game' by Christine Feehan. (F-P)
30. 'Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace' by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. (NF-P)
31. 'Precious' by Sapphire. (F-P)
32. 'Deeper Than the Dead' by Tami Hoag. (F-H)
33. 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 4: The Battle of the Labyrinth' by Rick Riordan. (F-H)
34. 'Early Dawn' by Catherine Anderson. (F-P)
35. 'Have a Little Faith: A True Story' by Mitch Albom. (NF-H)