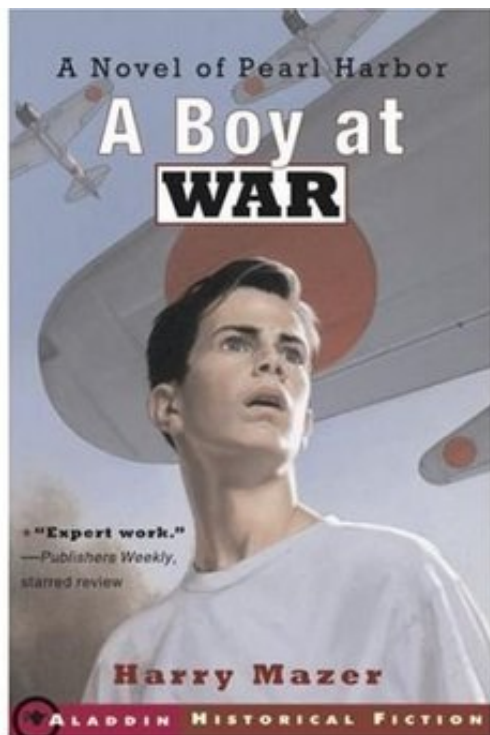

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Description

December 7, 1941: *A morning like any other, but the events of this day would leave no one untouched.*

For Adam, living near Honolulu, this Sunday morning is one he has been looking forward to -- fishing with friends, away from the ever-watchful eyes of his father, a navy lieutenant. Then, right before his eyes, Adam watches Japanese planes fly overhead and attack the U.S. Navy. All he can think is that it's just like in the movies. But as he sees his father's ship, the *Arizona*, sink beneath the water, he realizes this isn't make-believe. It's real.

Over the next few days, Adam searches for answers -- about his friends, the war, and especially, his father. But Adam soon learns sometimes there are no answers.

Insightful reviews

Aaron Jun29094: This book was just boring. I read this book just for the fun of it but then I quickly became bored. I kept reading to see if that changed but it didn't but I kept reading and finished the book anyway. Although I didn't read the rest of the trilogy, this book left me with a bad taste and the ending was kind of blunt. The only thing that was interesting though is how the point of view changes about Pearl Harbor from your average history class to the eyes of a young teenager. The novel seemed somewhat sad in the eyes of Adam Pelko when he lost "everything." I liked Adam's personality and situation where he wishes that he could be like his father, who is in the navy, but he just can't no matter how hard he tries (he never notices this though). However, being the strongheaded person that he is, he defies his own parents who he respects very much and we see him change over time to the boy that always followed in his father's shadow, to someone that ended up trying to "survive on his own" with many mixed feelings and emotions.

Jasmine: Jasmine Rowe 3-9-14

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A Boy at War Book Review!

Life for Adam has always been full of moving and worry due to his father being in the war. After Adam and his family settle in Hawaii he meets a enemy named Davi who later turns out to be his best friend. Due to Davi being Japanese Adam's father doesn't like the idea of them being friends considering they might start war with Japan.

Disobeying his father's orders he goes to Pearl Harbor to hangout with him anyway not expecting

what was coming at them. The Pearl Harbor bombing hit them like a ton of bricks. Bullets flying around everywhere, Japanese planes scanning the skies. Tension in the air because Adam starts to

think that maybe Davi set him up, and the fact that the ship his father works on just sunk.

Adam must find a way to survive, protect his family, and his country but can he do it?

Amber M: Genre: Historical Fiction
Awards: N?n? Children's Choice Book Award
Grade Level: 5-6

I would have my students read this book while they were learning about Pearl Harbor. It will give them a first-hand perspective on what happened that day from someone maybe their own age. For a follow up activity I would ask the students these following questions: Now that you have read the story, consider the title of the book. Why do you think the author chose this title for his book? Do you think it was a good choice? The students would have to also use evidence from the text to support the argument.

Cassandra: 1. Awards 2007 kid's selection Book2. Interest:6-9th grade3. short Summary:It is a standard day on December 7, 1941 and for a tender boy named Adam today was once packed with striking out with acquaintances and going fishing, till he sees jap planes attacking the united states Naval fleet in Pearl Harbor. today adjustments not just Adam's existence yet every body in world. As Adam is helping individuals with what he can he additionally searches for solutions approximately his friends, what's happening, and seeking out his father.4. Connection: i might attach this to background

Cora Rusk: This novel was once a very good book. It was once a fascinating ebook however it obtained kind-of boring, it spoke of warfare and the way it used to be not easy residing with a soldier. Adam the most personality within the tale and used to be 14 years outdated , and was once going to a public university for the 1st time with non-military kids. Adam has constantly long gone to non-public colleges that experience different army children in it. My favourite half was once while Adam used to be now not aloud to be acquaintances with Davi. if you happen to like historical-fiction or books approximately struggle i like to recommend this book. It was once stable book!

Diego Valenzuela: This tale is ready a boy who reports the bombing of pearl harbor and who fights the japanese fighter planes. I beloved the e-book a lot that i'd supply it a 5 celebrity rating. i'd suggest this publication to anyone who loves to learn novels and historic fiction.

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