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From Publishers Weekly Daws (Shoal of Time) eloquently tells the story of 140,000 Allied military prisoners whom history has almost forgotten. He convincingly describes Japanese POW camps not as homogenizing institutions but as tribal societies of Americans, British, Australians, Dutch-and Japanese. The Japanese showed no mercy to those who fell into their hands, the author stresses: Thousands were worked to death; as many more died of disease and starvation; others were beaten to death or beheaded, often so clumsily that two or three strokes were required to finish the job. Daws combines archival research and personal interviews to describe inmates who did what they had to do to survive and afterward tried to live with their guilt. Their experiences highlight the scale of human pain inflicted by Japan. Illustrations not seen

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From The Japanese held more than 140,000 POWs from the Western Allies and India during World War II. One-third of them did not survive captivity that was always onerous and often abominably brutal. The literature on these prisoners' experiences has been growing rapidly during the past few years, which is just as well, for the number of living survivors is diminishing rapidly. Daws offers a well-written, thoroughly researched account of these POWs that, along with more familiar material, covers such rarely discussed topics as the Dutch POWs in Asia and the conflicts among different nationalities over personal hygiene. He does not bash the Japanese beyond their deserts, but in this respect as in many others, it is impossible to whitewash Japanese conduct, which was nothing less than barbarous in far too many cases. An exceptionally worthwhile addition to the literature on the war in the Pacific. *Roland Green* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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During World War II, the Japanese Armed Forces captured nearly 140,000 Allied military personnel (from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United States) in the Southeast Asia and Pacific areas. They were forced to engage in the hard labour of constructing railways, roads, airfields, etc. to be used by the Japanese Armed Forces in the occupied areas. About 36,000 were transported to the Japanese Mainland to supplement the shortage of the work force, and compelled to work at the coal mines, mines, shipyards, munitions factories, etc. By the time the war was over, the Japanese captured approximately 350,000 prisoners of war, more than half of whom were natives. For propaganda purposes most of the native prisoners were released while 140,000 white prisoners---mainly from Britain, Australia, the United States, New Zealand, the Netherlands and Canada---were kept. The death rate among Japanese POWs was 27 percent, compared to 4 percent for Allied prisoners held in German and Italian camps. Allied prisoners liberated from Japanese POW camps looked like those liberated from Auschwitz. At the end of the wars Japanese soldiers at prisoner of war camps were told to behead, stab or shoot the 100,000 or so remaining Allied prisoners the moment an invasion began.

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The author of eight previous books, including the best-selling Shoal of Time, Daws has also won international awards for documentary films. Prisoners of The Japanese book. Read 22 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Gavan Daws combined ten years of documentary research and... This is a must read add to any World War 2 library, but it isn't pleasant reading. It sheds a light on human behavior, even our own, and it left me with a knot in my stomach more than once. ...more. flag Like see review. Jul 04, 2019 Adam Mills rated it it was amazing. A detailed documentary of the vicious and inhuman way prisoners of war were treated by the Japanese during the second world war. The author interviewed many Japanese ex-POWs during the 1980s and 1990s and the book was originally published in 1994. In another case of POW massacre, the Japanese stationed in Palawan Island, Philippines tried to kill all their American prisoners after wrongly assuming Allied forces had invaded. After driving the prisoners into makeshift air raid shelters, the Japanese burned them alive. Those who fled the burning structures were bayoneted, shot, or bludgeoned to death. Even the small South Pacific island of Nauru did not escape the horrors of the war. During their occupation of the island, the Japanese committed a string of atrocities, and a few stood out for their brutality. After a raid on the island's airfield by American bombers on March 1943, the Japanese beheaded and bayoneted five interned Australians in retaliation.

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war had finished. Many th.Â Japanese POWs were made to repair damage done by their armies wherever they were camped.
Japanese soldiers who had fought in Burma were sent to Rangoon to help re-build the city. They slept in tents made from leaves and
mats. The ground was covered with sacking cloth.Â Prisoners of war are a product of any war. By the end of World War Two, hundreds
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