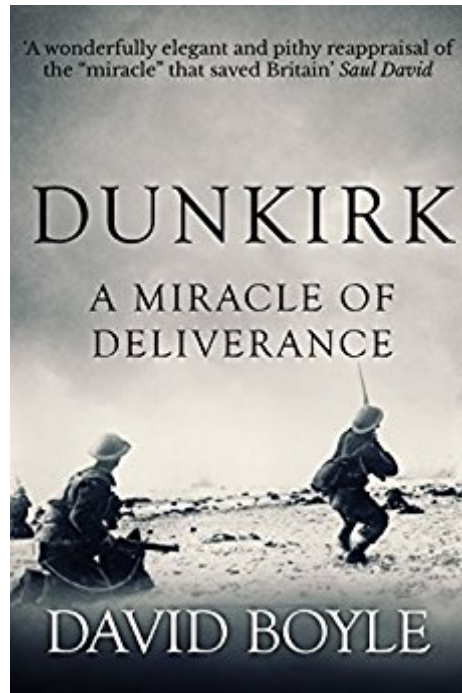




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Dunkirk: A Miracle Of Deliverance



Synopsis

In May 1940, World War II hung in the balance. As the Germans closed in on the Allies, trapping them on the beaches of Dunkirk, it seemed the entire British army would be obliterated. Such a loss would almost certainly force the British to surrender and allow a Nazi invasion of the UK. Vice Admiral Bertram Ramsay planned a mass evacuation across the English Channel, but with the Germans drawing ever closer and intense air raids from the Luftwaffe, escape seemed all but impossible. But with a combination of excellent planning, luck, and an almost inconceivable bit of help from none other than Adolf Hitler himself, Operation Dynamo was underway. Over 900 boats sailed to Dunkirk - including destroyers, ferries, fishing boats and the famous "little boats of Dunkirk" - and, across nine tense days, rescued 338,226 soldiers from the beaches of Dunkirk in what remains the biggest evacuation in military history. This brilliantly researched book by historian David Boyle recounts each fraught day of the famous rescue mission that Winston Churchill famously called a "miracle of deliverance". Praise for David Boyle: 'A wonderfully elegant and pithy reappraisal of the "miracle" that saved Britain' Saul David 'Exhilarating' - Daily Mail David Boyle is a British author and journalist who writes mainly about history and new ideas in economics, money, business and culture. He lives in Crystal Palace, London. His books include 'Unheard Unseen: Warfare in the Dardanelles', 'Towards the Setting Sun: The Race for America' and 'The Age to Come'.

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Customer Reviews

David Boyle presents a day by day account of the events involved in the Dunkirk evacuation. For me it was the first detailed description of the battle and therefore was very helpful to have a better understanding and dimension of the event. However, it is sometimes written in a confusing format, names pop up without an introduction and some facts are presented disconnected from the text. A good revision may turn this into an excellent book.

I enjoyed this story. It is very factual and interesting.

An excellent inside account of the Herculean effort in planning and execution of one of the greatest evacuations in history.

Brief and brilliant! Great overview.

Good history lesson

It is short but very informative and easy to follow. Just exactly what I need to know. A very good read.

I love books this size when they manage to make a perfect summary of something that I know little of. It gives me the opportunity to enhance my knowledge of a subject, and go further in depth if I so choose, with the basics already in place. David Boyle does this exceedingly well here. Things I didn't know before reading it - the role of the French, that some of the French army was evacuated too, the chaos, the numbers of ships lost to German bombing, the total organisation of the event, especially that of moving the BEF away from the south coast ports once they had arrived. The British evacuated 7 times more than they had expected to. I love the tiny summary at the end of each of his chapters - 'numbers evacuated on this day'. And for Ramsey to die before the end of the war is so sad, although he did live to see D-Day. Well worth reading before the new film comes out

soon.

Brief but informative.

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