



The Bitter Sea: The Brutal World War II Fight for the Mediterranean

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HarperCollins Publishers. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Bitter Sea: The Brutal World War II Fight for the Mediterranean, Simon Ball, A gripping history of the Mediterranean campaigns from the first rumblings of conflict through the Second World War and into the uneasy peace of the late 1940s. The Mediterranean Sea lies at the very heart of recent world history. To the British during the Second World War, the Mediterranean was the world's great thoroughfare. To the Americans, it represented the answer to anti-imperialism. And to Mussolini, it encapsulated his violent vision of conquest. These three great powers attempted to overthrow the existing order in the Mediterranean, resulting in a collision of allies as well as enemies that hadn't been seen before: the Germans fought against the Italians, the Americans against the Arabs, the Jews against the British, the French against nearly everyone. The Mediterranean was indeed 'the bitter sea'. In this masterly history, Simon Ball takes us through the tumultuous events set in motion by Mussolini's lust for conquest that ended with the creation of Israel. Long drawn-out battles on land, sea and air -- dominated by WWII's most illustrious leaders, Churchill, Eisenhower and Rommel amongst them --...

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