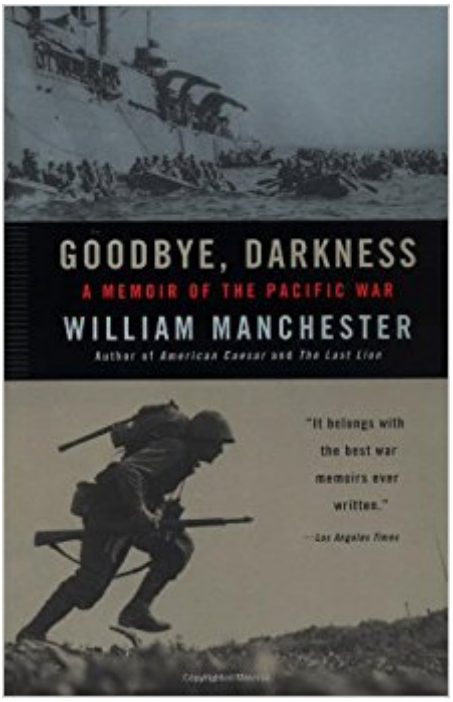
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Excellent book

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An engrossing account of the second world war in the pacific, told in a literate, well written manner. Manchester was a wonderful writer and his story-and it is his story, a combat Marine in the pacific-is captivating and comes with a moral.

I found it to be an insightful account of WWII in the Pacific theater. Having grown up during this period, I enjoyed it very much. Learned facts that I hadn't known before

Holey Moley! This is an awesome account of history as experience by a very young yet perceptive and mature Marine officer.

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