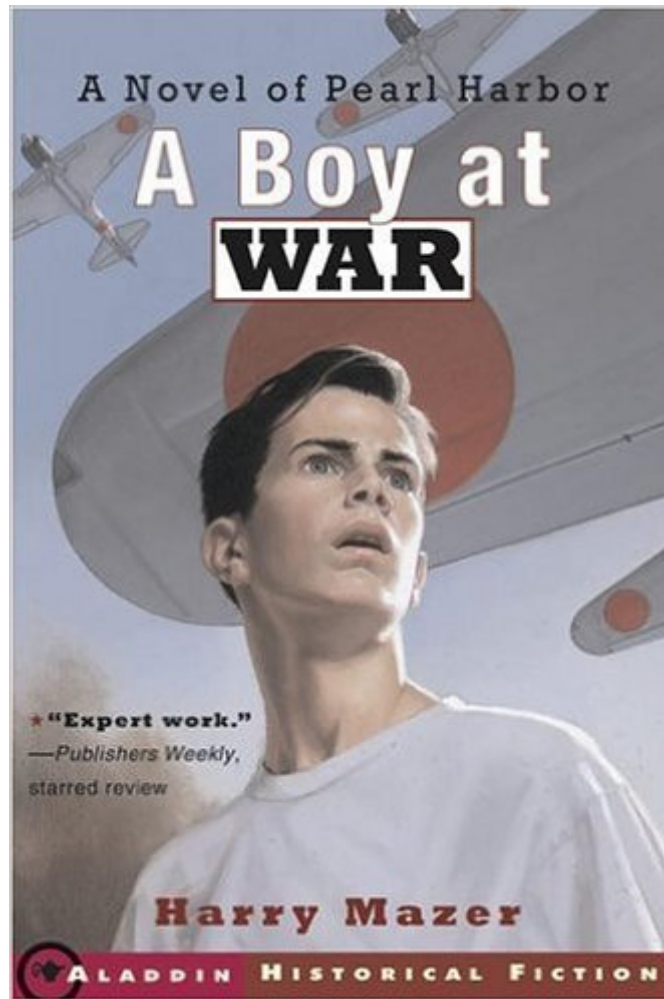


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# A Boy At War: A Novel Of Pearl Harbor



## Synopsis

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.

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## Customer Reviews

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A Boy at War was about a boy named Adam that just moved to Hawaii. He had a younger sister, a mother, and a father that was in the navy. He had just begun to go to school and met a boy named Davi. They didn't have the ordinary friendship that any other teen had but they became friends by insulting each other any time they could. Soon after, they became friends. His father soon found out and he didn't really like it. It was because Adam found a friend; it was because Adam found a friend that was Japanese. One

morning, they decided to go fishing, and that's what they did. Adam didn't have to worry about his father because he was called for an emergency. Martin, Davi, and Adam were all having fun until they started to hear gunshots, planes flying, and explosions. At first, they thought it was just a drill but when the air and water blackened, they fell out of the boat, Martin had a splinter the size of a pencil stuck in his chest, and a bullet skidded across Adams back, they realized it was war. Soon, Adam saw his father's ship, the Arizona had sunk. He didn't know what to do. The next thing you know, He is wearing a marine's suit holding a huge machine gun. He just did the best he could even as a young boy. The chaos still went on and on and when it started to calm down, Adam found his way back home. The tragedy must have ended. All Adam and his family could do was to wait to hear from their father. One day, they received a message from a young union boy and it read that Lieutenant Pelko was missing in action. As soon as they heard the news, Adam's mother decided to move, and without a choice they did. I liked this book because it gave a lot of detail on what was going on.

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