



The Allied Invasion of Sicily: The History of the Largest Amphibious Campaign of World War II

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.*Includes pictures *Includes accounts of the fighting written by soldiers and generals *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading *Includes a table of contents The rugged island of Sicily, dominated in the east by the snow-crowned eminence of the active volcano Mount Etna (which rises to a height of 11,000 feet), lies in the ocean just off the toe of the boot of Italy. This spectacular setting witnessed one of 1943 s pivotal battles as the theater of Allied operations shifted from North Africa to Europe - Operation Husky, a mixed victory wresting control of Sicily from the Axis. The action also caused Benito Mussolini s downfall, his imprisonment, and subsequent dramatic rescue by the scar-faced Otto Skorzeny - removing significant portions of Italy from the fascist camp but nevertheless failing to prevent a long and costly Italian campaign. Germany s North African defeat opened up the possibility of taking the war in the west to the European continent for the first time since France s lightning conquest by the Wehrmacht in 1940....

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