

SYNOPSIS OF FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS

Flags of Our Fathers is a novel about the life of six flag raisers, the human essence of the war and the meaning of being heroes. This novel speaks about history that is rarely spoken nowadays.

In the winter of 1945, American marines plunged into the war in a small island, Iwo Jima. They fought and raised the flag in the mountain of Suribachi as the sign of their victory. On top of that, a photographer captured the moment of flag raising which later was made into a war propaganda by the United States government. As the result, the six flag raisers who were captured in the photograph considered by people to be heroes. People in America wanted to know the people on that particular photograph. They needed heroes for their own country. As time went by, it turned out that the people on the photograph who were able to survive are John Bradley, Ira Hayes and Rene Gagnon.

For Ira Hayes and Rene Gagnon, the effect of war propaganda was shattering. In solitude, only John Bradley truly survived by trying to forget about the war and the photograph. John Bradley rarely spoke about the war and the photograph to his family. After he died at the age of seventy, the author as a son of John Bradley, found documents and photos and James Bradley tried to tell the story about the life of his father and his fellow marines.

BIOGRAPHY

James Bradley is the fourth child of flagraiser John "Doc" Bradley. Raised in Wisconsin, Bradley studied at the University of Notre Dame, Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan and graduated with a degree in East Asian History from the University of Wisconsin. Bradley has vast experience in writing and producing corporate films and corporate meetings; he has traveled around the world, has been living and working in more than 40 countries for nearly a decade. Bradley has run companies in the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy. He has jumped out of airplanes at 15,000 feet, has scuba-dove in deep waters worldwide, has trekked to Mount Everest's base camp and walked among lions in Africa. He is an avid reader of history, enjoys discovering exotic cuisine, cliff diving, golfing and snow skiing. Bradley has recently established a foundation in support of American and Japanese student exchange programs to offer young people the chance to experience each other's cultures.

He remains a professional motivational speaker and is working on his second book, *Tales on The Road to Tokyo*. He divides his time between homes in New York's Westchester County, and Jamaica.

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