

VALOR IS THE MAGNIFICENT STORY OF A GENUINE AMERICAN HERO WHO SURVIVED THE FALL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND BRUTAL CAPTIVITY UNDER THE JAPANESE, FROM NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR DAN HAMPTON.


Lieutenant William Frederick "Bill" Harris was twenty-five years old when he was captured by Japanese forces during the Battle of Corregidor in May 1942. This son of a decorated Marine general escaped from hell on earth by swimming eight hours through a shark-infested bay. But his harrowing ordeal had just begun.

Shipwrecked on the southern coast of the Philippines, he was sheltered by a Filipino aristocrat, engaged in guerilla fighting, and eventually set off through hostile waters to China. After twenty-nine days of misadventures and violent storms, Harris and his crew limped into a friendly fishing village in the southern Philippines. Evading the Japanese and fighting for months, he embarked on another agonizing voyage to Australia, but was betrayed by treacherous islanders and handed over to the enemy. Held for two years in the notorious Ofuna prisoner-of-war camp outside Yokohama, Harris was continually starved, tortured, and beaten, but he never surrendered. Teaching himself Japanese, he eavesdropped on the guards and created secret codes to communicate with fellow prisoners. After liberation on August 30, 1945, Bill represented American Marine POWs during the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay before joining his father and flying to a home he had not seen in four years.

Valor is a riveting new look at the Pacific War. Through military documents, personal photos, and an unpublished memoir provided by his daughter, Harris's experiences are dramatically revealed through his own words in the expert hands of bestselling author and retired fighter pilot Dan Hampton. This is the stunning and captivating true story of an American hero.

New York Times bestselling author **DAN HAMPTON** flew 151 combat missions during both Gulf Wars, receiving four Distinguished Flying Crosses with Valor and a Purple Heart. A graduate of the elite USAF Fighter Weapons School, Dan holds several advanced degrees, including a master of arts from Dartmouth. His books have been translated into a dozen languages, and excerpts have been published in *Time*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, the *New York Post*, *USA Today*, *Parade*, and *Newsday*. A frequent guest on Fox News, MSNBC, and the BBC, Dan is a licensed divemaster and rated commercial pilot.

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