



# XBooks™ — Total War

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Age Range: 8–13

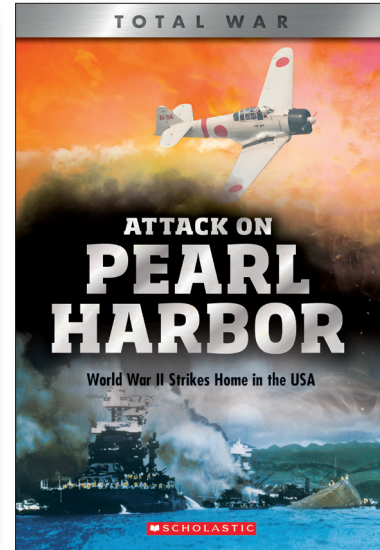
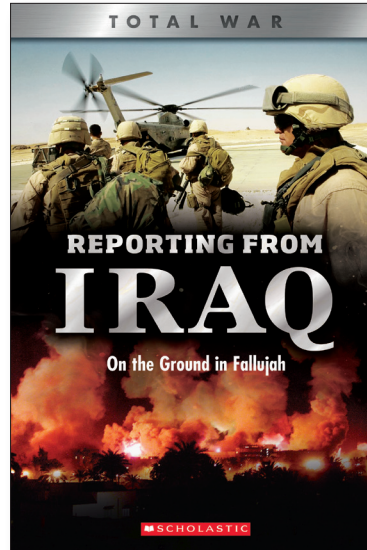
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**Features:**

- **High-interest topics** and an **accessible lower reading level** makes this series perfect for all readers
- **Swift, easy-to-digest plots** and short time frames simplify the comprehension of the story
- **Edgy and colorful cover art** make the books attractive and cool
- **5-page suspenseful preview** introduces the story
- **Short chapters** and **numerous illustrations** make the text less intimidating
- **Sidebars** offer interesting facts parallel to the focus of the story
- A backmatter section that includes **maps, diagrams, interviews** and **graphs** exposes readers to a varied array of nonfiction texts and features
- **Glossaries** explain difficult terms in a way that makes them easy to understand



IN DEPTH

### The U.S. Fleet at Pearl Harbor

There were about 130 U.S. ships in the harbor and hundreds of planes at nearby airfields. Here's a look at some of them.

SHIPS	
<b>8 battleships</b>	These large and powerful vessels had thick armor. Their giant cannons could pound the enemy from miles away.
<b>8 cruisers</b>	Cruisers were smaller than battleships. Some guarded aircraft carriers; others were used to attack enemy ships.
<b>30 destroyers</b>	Fast and compact, destroyers escorted larger warships and protected them from submarines and torpedo boats.
<b>14 minesweepers</b>	These small warships were used to find and destroy mines.
<b>1 hospital ship</b>	This floating hospital provided medical care for sick or injured sailors.
PLANES	
<b>113 bombers</b>	Among them were 12 B-17D Flying Fortresses. They got their name because they were so well armored.
<b>200 fighter planes</b>	These included 23 F4F-3 Wildcats, the most common carrier-based fighter at the time.
<b>105 seaplanes</b>	Seaplanes can land on and take off from the water. If they flew from them were PBV-3 Catalina "flying boats."

**AN ARMOR-PIERCING BOMB** hit the ammunition hold of the USS Arizona. It set off a huge explosion that sank the ship in nine minutes. More than 1,150 crew members were killed.

Sample spread from *Attack on Pearl Harbor*

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