

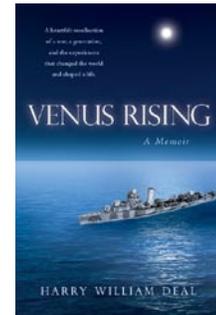


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“I loved reading this book. A terrific storyteller. I laughed often and was terrified for him often, sometimes at the same time. Dozens of the stories he tells are priceless. Like the time he’s getting his wisdom tooth pulled as a kamikaze dive-bombs the ship!”

—Daniel Voll, TV Producer and Writer, “The Unit”



Texas Author Waits 60 Years to Publish

Marble Falls, TX – March 20, 2008 – After four years of war, Harry William Deal lost his beloved diary on his last night of duty in World War II. Now, more than six decades later, he recounts from memory in remarkable detail that diary’s contents in *Venus Rising*, a powerful memoir about his early years growing up in Texas and his service in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. Written with a wry, understated Texan sense of humor and clear ear for direct narrative, *Venus Rising* draws readers in and gives us a front-row seat to a rare storytelling around the fire by one of America’s remaining members of the Greatest Generation.

Growing up on Carol Street in deep South Dallas, Harry recalls the dozens of ways his mother could prepare turnips, and tells of the time that, as a 10-year-old without 10¢ for the State Fair, he was handcuffed to the perimeter fence by a Texas Ranger for trying to sneak in. He grew up jack-rabbit hunting with his friends and was a member of the local South Dallas Twilights “gang.” Peppered with anecdotes like dipping Jax beer from a bucket on the floorboard of a 1935 Chevy Rumble Seat Coupe while driving across state, this enchanting account of Harry’s youth transports readers back to the rough-and-tumble days of Texas during the Great Depression.

The charm of his story is all the more poignant when it is abruptly interrupted by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. We feel the weight of that historic moment and how it changed the lives of all Americans. After finishing school, Harry worked at the North American Aviation Company and then joined the U.S. Navy, though he had seen the ocean only once before his enlistment. At first assigned to the aircraft carrier *Enterprise*, he requested a more dangerous assignment on an oil tanker for the simple reason that his boyhood friends were on board. *Venus Rising* takes us through the adventures and atrocities of war, culminating in an otherworldly experience Harry had off the shores of Japan in 1945, when neighboring planet Venus was high in the night sky.

With the candor and simplicity of a 20-year-old, combined with evenhandedness, experience, and retrospection of 60 more years of life well-lived, *Venus Rising* takes us in a very genuine and authentic way into the hearts and minds of those who lived with honor and courage and offered up years of their lives for a purpose beyond themselves.

Harry and his wife, Yvonne, have been married for 60 years. They are the very proud parents of three children and grandparents of four grandchildren. Since retiring from Texas Instruments in 1982, Harry and Yvonne have lived in Marble Falls, Texas.

Venus Rising is available on Amazon.com (use search words: Venus Rising Memoir)

As part of the Books for Boots author/publisher program, a portion of proceeds from sales of *Venus Rising* will be donated to VA hospitals for special needs and emergencies.

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Venus Rising by Harry William Deal. Original edition. 5 ½ x 8 ½, 296 pages, 40 photos, 1 map. ISBN: 978-0-9797816-0-5. \$21.95. Call to request a 300 dpi of the cover.