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A sweeping story filled with scenes of love, war, and great personal sacrifice, *The Day to Eternity* follows three characters who struggle to find their place and one another against tremendous odds. Set in the early 1950s against the backdrop of chaotic, war-torn Korea and an enchanting but fragile postwar Japan, the reader is taken deep into the lives of characters whose responses to present adversity and the tortuous pull of the past crucially shape their destinies: Gavin, an American fighter pilot shot down and held behind enemy lines as a prisoner of war; Claire, a missionary nurse, whose overwhelming passions threaten either to destroy or to save her; and Madeline, a British war correspondent with a mysterious past. A host of fellow characters fills the story with the reality of human contact amid the setback and shocks of war. Brosnan, brother to Gavin and Claire's cold, unforgiving husband; Father McGwire, who risks everything to establish a Christian mission.

## **The Day to Eternity Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Day to Eternity for online ebook**

### **Ray Simmons says**

The Korean War is sometimes called the forgotten war. Korean veterans got their monument in Washington after the Vietnam memorial became so popular. THE DAY TO ETERNITY by Joanne Monte sheds light on the Korean War but even more importantly it sheds light on that overlooked period of history between the Japanese surrender and surprise attack launched by North Korea that started the bloody civil war. I served with the U.S. Army in the Demilitarized zone in South Korea, learned the Korean language, and studied Korean history. I found no flaws whatsoever in any historical or cultural aspect of THE DAY TO ETERNITY. Joanne Monte knows Korean culture and history very well.

THE DAY TO ETERNITY looks at the war and the period that precedes it through the eyes of Gavin Phillips, a U.S. fighter pilot who we first read about as he tries to remain alive and retain his dignity behind enemy lines. Gavin is an honorable man and apparently a very attractive fellow. He has three women interested in him. One of them is his brother's wife. I loved THE DAY TO ETERNITY mostly because there just aren't that many good books about Korea but any lover of sweeping historical and military fiction will love this novel whether they've been to Korea or not. There is romance, suspense, action and a lot of tragedy but it also shows how noble we can be even in very harsh circumstances. A must read for those interested in Korea and this period.

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### **Wanda Munkens says**

This was an extraordinary story. Set during the Korean War, the characters had to face many hardships. The plot is engaging, paralleling the past and present. The history and culture of the Far East was described so well, it made you feel that you were there. So many events occur in this novel and none are predictable. It's also a great wartime love story. It's a novel that's thoroughly absorbing from beginning to end.

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### **Bob Walton says**

"The Day to Eternity" is a fascinating way to educate yourself about America's "forgotten" war, the "Korean Conflict." Readers may draw parallels to the conflicts in which the US is currently engaged. The new information learned is wrapped in a gripping narrative of human beings simply trying to survive and hoping for a more normal life free of the political and military decisions which so often place humanity at the end of the list of priorities. College history professors (or high school AP history teachers) may want to consider this unique novel as a supplement to any study of the Korean Conflict.

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### **Teresa says**

KOREA IS A COUNTRY LONG TORN BY WAR WITHIN IT'S BORDERS INVOLVING MANY PLAYERS...CHINA, JAPAN, RUSSIA, THE UNITED STATES.....CIVIL WAR PITTING NORTH

AGAINST SOUTH. IT IS IN THIS SETTING THAT WE MEET GAVIN PHILLIPS.

THE STORY EXAMINES GAVIN'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF FASCINATING CHARACTERS. MADELINE, THE MYSTERIOUS AND RESERVED BRITISH JOURNALIST WHO GETS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR GAVIN TO LOVE HER AND THEN WALKS AWAY FROM HIM REPEATEDLY. CLAIRE, THE WIFE OF GAVIN'S BROTHER, RUNNING AWAY FROM A PAINFUL PAST AND ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN HER SENSE OF SELF BY SERVING OTHERS. SOO-KEUNG, A YOUNG KOREAN WOMAN WILLING TO RISK BOTH HER LIFE AND THAT OF HER YOUNG DAUGHTER BY COMING TO GAVIN'S AID. GENERAL NOH, THE CHINESE OFFICER DETERMINED TO BREAK GAVIN WHEN HE BECOMES A PRISONER OF WAR.

THIS IS NOT ONLY THE STORY OF GAVIN AND HIS CIRCLE...IT IS A CHRONICLE OF THE HORROR AND BRUTALITY OF WAR...THE REAL STORY OF IT'S EFFECTS ON THE INNOCENTS WHO FIND THEIR COUNTRY OVERRUN BY INVADERS.

I APPLAUD MS. MONTE ON HER DEBUT NOVEL....FABULOUSLY DESCRIPTIVE, INFORMATIVE, MOVING....HUMAN.

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