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A Darkling Plain: Stories of Conflict and Humanity during War by Kristen Renwick Monroe. New York, Cambridge University Press, 2014. 321 pp. Paper, \$28.99.

This book explores what it means to be "human" in decidedly inhuman contexts. It poses a simple question demanding a complex and nuanced answer: "What helps people maintain their humanity during wars, genocides, revolutions, and other traumatic political conflicts?" (p. 4). Author Kristen Renwick Monroe and her colleagues draw on a rich corpus of data comprising 18 interviews from former combatants, survivors, and witnesses to such events. Balancing the need to analyze the transcripts from a theoretically informed manner while preserving the voice of the interviewees, the authors employ both inductive and deductive methods to analyze and interpret the data. Analysis reveals six psychological dimensions that influence coping with trauma: belonging to a larger group, the ability to...

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Even during WWII, one of the largest and most deadly conflicts in recent history, there were moments of humanity and compassion. Here are three of these amazing moments. WWII German Flying Ace Saves Ravaged US Bomber. In the cold skies over far northern Germany, planes were battling it out in temperatures below -75 degrees Fahrenheit. On the ground, near Bremen, an accomplished pilot with 22 kills, Franz Stigler, was refueling his plane, a Messerschmitt Bf 109 G-6, which was at risk of overheating because of a bullet in its radiator. Stigler was watching the air, and he saw a tattered US bombe During that summit, I also talked with my counterparts about the challenging pre-war period. That conversation caused a stir in Europe and the world. It means that it is indeed high time that we revisited the lessons of the past. The "Versailles world order" caused numerous implicit controversies and apparent conflicts. They

revolved around the borders of new European states randomly set by the victors in World War I. That boundary delimitation was almost immediately followed by territorial disputes and mutual claims that turned into "time bombs". One of the major outcomes of World War I was the establishment of the League of Nations. There were high expectations for that international organization to ensure lasting peace and collective security. A Darkling Plain book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. How do people maintain their humanity during wars? Despite its importance... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking "A Darkling Plain: Stories of Conflict and Humanity During War" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving... Want to Read. Wars and conflicts decide political boundaries, move populations around the world, define political debates, and generally shape just about everything. In the meantime, here is a list of 13 wars and conflicts that have shaped modern world history to use as a starting point: 1. The Crusades. During the Middle Ages, the Roman Catholic Church declared a series of holy wars, or Crusades, which drew volunteers from the common people and military bodies of all the European nations. For some 200 years between 1095 and 1291, multiple crusader armies would march southeast to Asia Minor and the Levant, where they would do battle with Islamic forces in an attempt to gain control of the Holy Land. A Darkling Plain fills an important scholarly void, analyzing wartime stories that reveal much about our capacity to process trauma, heal wounds, reclaim lost spirits, and derive meaning and purpose from the most horrific of personal events. Product Identifiers. Publisher. War is all hell. Scholarly literature on the unspeakable: literature, methodology, and data; Part II. War and Humanity in World War II: 2. If something's going to get you, it'll get you. Frank, American soldier in the South Pacific; 3. Prejudice, bigotry, and hatred. Love and luck. Laura, Holocaust survivor on Schindler's list; 4. Everything went downhill after that. Gunther, refugee and displaced person with an SS father; 5. In the middle of the hailstorm, one doesn't fear for one's own life.