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"You God damn Americans don't understand anything" : strains, outrages, and departures -- "This camp is the best one that the Japs have" : a new commandant and a new camp -- A hellacious damn deal till we finished" : pushed to the edge on Mount Fuji -- "Optimism ... is running high" : hope revives at Kiangwan -- "The pleasure of raising our flag over the enemy's homeland" : to Japan and liberation -- "98 US PW, 5-10-43" : the Wake Island diaspora, 1942-1945 -- "We had a bond there that's still going" : why so many came home.

Sommario/riassunto

Told here for the first time in vivid detail is the story of the defenders of Wake Island following their surrender to the Japanese on December 23, 1941. The highly regarded military historian Gregory Urwin spent decades researching what happened and now offers a revealing look at the U.S. Marines, sailors, soldiers, and civilian contractors in captivity. In addition to exhaustive archival research, he interviewed dozens of POWs and even some of their Japanese captors. He also had access to diaries secretly kept by the prisoners. This information has allowed Urwin to provide a nuanced loo
