

### What it's about

On the seventh of December 1941 Japanese planes bombed the US navy at Pearl Harbour plunging the Pacific into war. During this war the allied forces used coast watchers, like the main character Frank, stationed on remote islands to observe enemy positions. These brave men would report back to control when they spotted enemy aircraft or ships, possibly saving thousands of lives.

### My opinion

I loved this book; the gritty wartime setting, the relatable characters, the proximity to New Zealand. I found myself getting immersed in the world of Frank and his companions Wally, and Les. My favorite character though was A'ata, the plucky young Solomon islander who finds some Japanese code books. He's not the only one though, throughout this book you'll find plenty of brave soldiers (and islanders!) to root for in their endeavor to defend their homes from the invading Japanese.

### Who would like it

One of the things I like about this book is how it touches on a different topic than most other war books. It is not about the trenches nor about tanks or planes, it's a story of a small group of people helping the war effort in a less glamorous way. I would recommend this book to a 10+ age group. It's a children's book but the writing and the descriptive qualities make it so even adults can enjoy this great book.

- Michael Cash, 12, Wellington NZ