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New Novel Details Lives of WWII Combat Photographers

"Dutch Clarke: The War Years" Latest Release in Brian Ratty's Dutch Clarke Series

WARRENTON, Ore. – Brian D. Ratty introduces the latest installment in his Dutch Clarke historical fiction series, ***Dutch Clarke: The War Years*** ([published by AuthorHouse](#)). A follow-up to Ratty's 2002 release *Dutch Clarke's Journals: The Early Years*, this action adventure story is based around WWII combat photography and the infamous Office of War Information (OWI).

According to Ratty, "OWI was the propaganda arm of the military during the war years and produced thousands of films, images and stories about the war." This little known government agency also did recruiting, conducted war bond drives and helped Hollywood produce many features films with war themes.

Ratty says that, as a professional photographer, he had always wanted to do a story about combat photography:

When I started doing the research, I kept finding interesting information about OWI, with all of its shady behind-the-scenes activities. The further I went, the more these two subjects just seemed to fit together so I developed my story around them both. To my knowledge this is the first novel about OWI and combat photography, so it was a challenge to research and write the story accurately. After completing the manuscript, some three years later, I decided to dedicate it to all the men and women who gave their sweat and spilled their blood during the struggle of World War II. No greater generation ever walked the face of this Earth. We share our tomorrows because of their yesterdays.

Praise for ***Dutch Clarke: The War Years***:

Bravo! Bravo! BRAVO! What a wonderful ending you have crafted for this tale! I was entranced, right to the final word. You've pulled together the many threads of this narrative in a way that your readers will find deeply rewarding. Applause, applause!
- Editor Judith Myers

"Writing this series is a great adventure for me," Ratty writes. "I don't write for profit or praise; I just enjoy telling a good story. If others find Dutch's chronicles interesting, informative and entertaining, my rewards will have been realized."

An internationally known photographer and educator, author Brian D. Ratty is a graduate of the Brooks Institute of Photography and holds an honorary Master of Science degree. He has authored many instructional DVDs, videos and magazine articles on photography. For more information on ***Dutch Clarke: The Wars Years*** and the other books in the Dutch Clark series, visit www.DutchClarke.com.

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