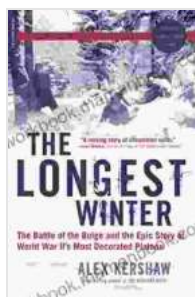


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in the Pacific Theater, where he earned the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for his actions in combat.

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Murphy survived the Battle of the Bulge and went on to fight in the Pacific Theater. He was wounded in action several times, but he always returned to duty. Murphy was discharged from the Army in 1945, and he went on to become a successful actor and author. He died in 1971 at the age of 46.

Audie Murphy was a true American hero. He was a brave and skilled soldier who fought for his country with honor and distinction. His story is an inspiration to us all.

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Germans hoped to split the Allied lines and capture the port of Antwerp, which was vital to the Allied war effort. The Allies were caught off guard by the German attack, and they were initially forced to retreat. However, the Allies rallied and launched a counteroffensive, which eventually drove the Germans back. The Battle of the Bulge ended on January 25, 1945, with the Allies victorious.

The Battle of the Bulge was a costly battle for both sides. The Allies lost over 80,000 men, while the Germans lost over 100,000 men. The battle was a turning point in the war, and the Allies' victory helped to pave the way for the eventual defeat of Germany.

Audie Murphy

Audie Murphy was born in McKinney, Texas, on June 20, 1924. He was the seventh of 12 children. His father was a sharecropper, and the family lived in poverty. Murphy's mother died when he was a child, and his father remarried. Murphy's stepfather was abusive, and Murphy often ran away from home. At the age of 17, Murphy ran away from home and joined the Army.

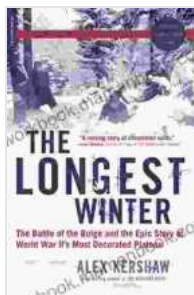
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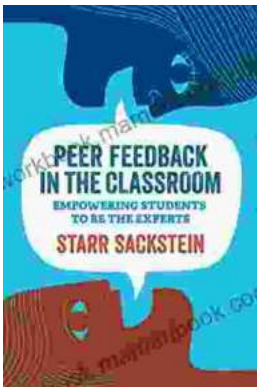
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