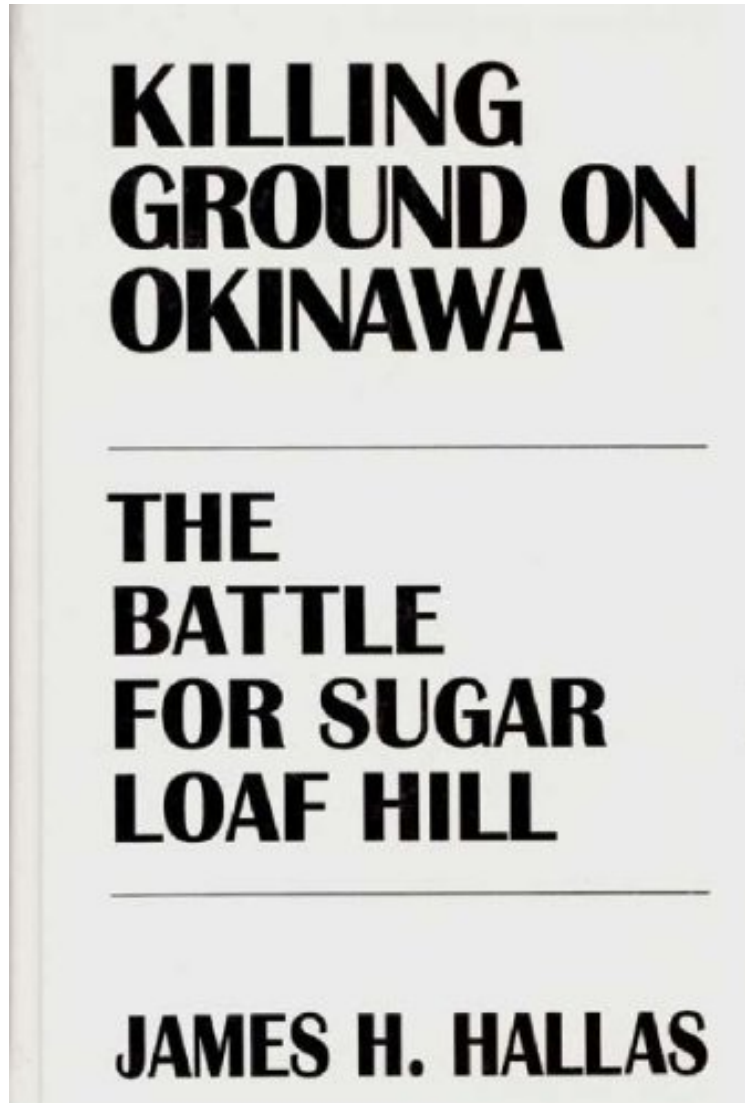


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as is is very fast-paced and leaves you with a constant feeling of amazement and respect for all the men that were at that fateful battle. Having traveled to Okinawa this summer, I had a chance to take an amazing tour of the historic battle sites on Okinawa island. After reading this, I'm begging to go back.

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