

Chapter 30 Noah

Important chapter because Americans are fighting, Noah moves into basic mode of fighting for his brethren.

518 Noah's attempted new attitude

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the air force bombs the Americans....

***** Chapter 31 Christian**

Christian struggling East, meets up with Brandt, they go back to Paris, Ch. full of hate for the French Turns Brandt and the women over to the SS. Final sinking into evil of Ch.

Chapter 32 Michael

As usual, Michael is trying to see everything (lots of vignettes), being sexist (all women are described only by their attributes of sexual desirability), going through amazingly random and weird experiences. Ends with victory party in Paris--and a final bombing by Germans.

574 Michael sees a dead girl as relieved of her ugliness!!!

581 Ahearn the journalist being a jerk

586 Michael feels at one with the world.

Ends with a traffic accident.

*****Chapter 33 Michael** again-- next several chapters. Michael got a purple heart for being hit by a taxi, leg broken.

This one is about the replacements. Michael finds Noah, and agrees to go AWOL sort of, only towards the front to be with their old outfit, the only way to survive, says Noah. This is about Noah's near-crazy need for being a part of a friendship group.

Chapter 34 Michael

A ride with the chaplain: more characters, more individual stories, but a nice chaplain, Michael likable, Noah determined and frozen in his wishes.

603 Margaret is remembered, mentioned, again—Michael wants to have his picture sent to her.

Chapter 35 Michael

This chapter has Michael and Noah trying to get back to their outfit at the front. They are deserters, and everyone loves them, even a general who picks them up.

612 a utopia of Christian socialism: the world is working right as the two deserters near the front, trying to reunite with their company.

They get back to the outfit, Green (now Captain Green) tells them Johnny Burnecker got hit, Noah goes to see him: paralyzed neck down and (after a few good minutes) goes crazy, accuses Noah of coming to kill him.

They get sent to their company, three left who they know.

***** Chapter 36 (Michael's Battle of the Bulge)**

Michael and Noah three weeks later. Michael's Battle of the Bulge. He's finally a soldier in his own mind, saved by Noah (who makes him dig his hole two feet deeper)

630-633 Some people from supply come looking for loot to sell and get used by the platoon to draw fire and locate a German machine gun nest.

Chapter 37 Christian

Christian at a concentration camp. Prisoners take over, Christian takes their clothes, escapes, falls asleep in the woods.

***** Chapter 38 Michael:** This is the final confrontation of our three point of view characters.

The Americans stumble over the concentration camp.

648 Green with the high voice, how he is the best American officer: creates order, makes things happen.

Followed by the rabbi wants to have a service for the dead and living Jews.

Green tells Michael and Noah to relax, take a walk.

654 Noah goes off on a rant, "Human beings are going to run the world."

654 Switches to **Christian's POV**. He kills someone, stalks the one alive.

Final confrontation is between Michael and Christian.

657 Back to **Michael's POV**. Michael is now stalking Christian. Falls in a gulley, Christian coming, M. throws a grenade.

Christian's POV: his final stream-of-consciousness – on p. 662, among many memories, he remembers Margaret on the ski slope.

Final paragraph of the book: back to **Michael**, who carries Noah to Captain Green.

Thus the end is the three POV characters together, Margaret's reappearance in men's thoughts; no realization between Michael and Christian that they each knew the same woman.