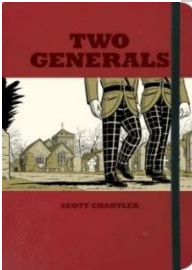




## Fr. Michael Goetz Library Learning Commons Teacher's Book Review



*Two Generals*, Scott Chantler  
Reviewed by Mr. Adamson, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

Every grade 10 student at Fr. Goetz must take Canadian history. In this course you all learn about World War II and Canada's role in that conflict. The graphic novel I recently read had to do with this subject. The story is about two friends, Law Chantler and his buddy Jack Chryler, normal young men who grow up in southern Ontario. They were typical 18 year olds, getting jobs, going to clubs and chasing the ladies.

When Britain declares war on Germany in 1939, Canada vows to fight for the Allies. Law and Jack decide to volunteer for the Highland Light Infantry, which is asking for men and preparing to sail overseas.

Sailing from New York City, Law and Jack arrive in England, early in 1944. They begin their training learning to shoot, throw grenades, march and other related skills. They do have some downtime, consisting of playing golf, sightseeing and even going to the local pub with friends for lemonades.

This lightheartedness changes as the spring of 1944 approaches. The Allies have decided to invade France and force the occupying Germans out. Early on June 6<sup>th</sup>, Law and Jack get their orders to board a ship and they sail to Juno, a Canadian designated beach in Normandy.

After safely landing on Juno Beach, the ensuing days are perilous for our heroes. Vicious battles with the Germans occur as the Highland Light Infantry try to capture the vital French city of Caen. The city is taken, but with a sad result for the readers.

When the war ends one year later, Law returns to Canada. He and his wife start a family, develop a business and later even have grandchildren. It is a story that will have you smile and have you think at the same time. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the graphic novel *Two Generals* by Scott Chantler.

On Mr. Adamson's rating scale of soccer balls, 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest, I rate the book *Two Generals* 4 and a half soccer balls!