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Armageddon in Stalingrad 2009 the world s foremost authority on the soviet army in world war ii offers the second installment of his pathbreakinbg trilogy on the epic clash at stalingrad the definitive account of the battle that produced a major turning point for both the easterrn front and world war ii

An Infantryman in Stalingrad 2005-01-01 a fascinating what if history of one of world war ii s most iconic battles it is early september 1942 and the german commander of the sixth army general paulus assisted by the fourth panzer army is poised to advance on the russian city of stalingrad his primary mission was to take the city crushing this crucial center of communication and manufacturing and to secure the valuable oil fields in the caucasus what happens next is well known to any student of modern history a brutal war of attrition characterized by fierce hand to hand combat that lasted for nearly two years and the eventual victory by a resolute soviet red army a ravaged german army was pushed into full retreat this was the first defeat of hitler s territorial ambitions in europe and a critical turning point of world war ii but the outcome could have been very different as peter tsouras demonstrates in this fascinating alternate history of this fateful battle by introducing minor and realistic adjustments tsouras presents a scenario in which the course of the battle runs quite differently which in turn throws up disturbing possibilities regarding the outcome of the whole war

Disaster at Stalingrad 2013-03-19 in august 1942 wigand wüster was a2023-10-102/32high intensity training

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twenty two year old officer in the german wehrmacht the short life expectancies of the eastern front made him a veteran commander even at that age he led a battery in an artillery regiment as it approached stalingrad for a world war ii defining clash with the soviet red army for wüster the preceding months had been marked by heat dust endless marches and brief skirmishes with the enemy but mostly by an ongoing battle with his bullying battalion commander stalingrad would change everything in this brutally honest account wüster provides a glimpse into the eastern front rarely seen before with frankness humor and perception wüster takes the reader from the heady days of the german 1942 summer offensive into the icv hell of stalingrad s final hours and finally into his soviet captivity accounts of artillery on the eastern front are rare and wüster was an especially keen observer of the hell of stalingrad the book has been supplemented with photos and maps by jason mark who originally published it through his australia based company leaping horseman books

An Artilleryman in Stalingrad 2021-09-24 the long awaited one volume campaign history from the leading experts of the decisive clash of nazi and soviet forces at stalingrad an abridged edition of the five volume stalingrad trilogy stalingrad offers a sweeping synthesis of this massive confrontation how it impacted the war and why it matters today

Stalingrad 2019-07-13 just days after the germans surrendered at stalingrad legendary red army sniper vasily zaytsev described the

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horrors he witnessed during the five month long conflict one sees the young girls the children who hang from trees in the park i have unsteady nerves and i m constantly shaking he was being interviewed along with 214 other men and women soldiers officers civilians administrative staffers and others amidst the rubble that remained of stalingrad by members of moscow s historical commission sent by the kremlin their aim was to record a comprehensive historical documentary of the tremendous hardships overcome and heroic triumphs achieved during the battle 20 soldiers of the 38th rifle division vividly recount how they stumbled upon the commander of the german troops field marshal friederich paulus defeated and hiding in a bed that reeked like a latrine a lieutenant colonel remembers the brave 20 year old adjutant who wrapped his arms around his commander s body to protect him from a flying grenade working around the clock nurse vera gurova describes a 24 hour period during which her hospital received over than 600 wounded men equivalent to one every two and an half minutes countless soldiers endured shrapnel wounds and received blood transfusions in the trenches but she can t forget the young amputee who begged her to avenge his suffering at stalingrad this harrowing montage of distinct voices was so candid that the kremlin forbade its publication and consigned the bulk of these documents to a moscow archive where they remained forgotten for decades until now jochen hellbeck s stalingrad is a definitive portrait of perhaps the greatest urban battle of the second world war a pivotal moment in the course of

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the war re created with absolute candor and chilling veracity by the voices of the men and women who fought there Stalingrad 2015-04-28 the german offensive on stalingrad was originally intended to secure the wehrmacht s flanks but it stalled dramatically in the face of stalin s order not a step back the soviets resulting tenacious defense of the city led to urban warfare for which the germans were totally unprepared depriving them of their accustomed maneuverability overwhelming artillery fire and air support and setting the stage for debacle armageddon in stalingrad continues david glantz and jonathan house s bold new look at this most iconic military campaign of the eastern front and hitler s first great strategic defeat while the first volume in their trilogy described battles that took the german army to the gates of stalingrad this next one focuses on the inferno of combat that decimated the city itself previous accounts of the battle are far less accurate having relied on soviet military memoirs plaqued by error and cloaked in secrecy glantz and house have plumbed previously unexploited sources including the archives of the people s commissariat of internal affairs nkvd and the records of the soviet 62nd and german sixth armies to provide unprecedented detail and fresh interpretations of this apocalyptic campaign they allow the authors to reconstruct the fighting hour by hour street by street and even building by building and reveal how soviet defenders established killing zones throughout the city and repeatedly ambushed german spearheads the authors set these accounts

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of action within the contexts of decisions made by hitler and stalin their high commands and generals on the ground and of the larger war on the eastern front they show the germans weaker than has been supposed losing what had become a war of attrition that forced them to employ fewer and greener troops to make up for earlier losses and to conduct war on an ever lengthening logistics line written with the narrative force of a great war novel this new volume supersedes all previous accounts and forms the centerpiece of the stalingrad trilogy with the upcoming final volume focusing on the red army s counteroffensive

Armageddon in Stalingrad 2009-11-23 the second in a three part series examining the stalingrad campaign one of the most decisive military operations in world war ii that set the stage for the ultimate defeat of the third reich by early september 1942 6 armee and 4 panzer armee had reached the outskirts of stalingrad and hitler believed it was about to fall he ordered for the capture of the city as soon as possible but this was easier said than done on 13 september a direct german assault was launched against the city on the volga and a protracted urban battle followed amid the ruins already devastated by massive luftwaffe raids although hit hard by the initial german offensive a ruthless and obstinate red army was able to hold onto the city through a costly battle of attrition that sacrificed huge amounts of men and materiel this second volume in the stalingrad trilogy written by a leading expert on the military history of the eastern

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front brings the fighting in the city to life in full visual detail including the iconic battles at the krasny oktyabr steel plant the grain elevator the barrikady and stz factories the tennis racquet and rynok spartanovka drawing from sources on both sides this book offers a truly comprehensive account of history s greatest urban battle Stalingrad 1942-43 (2) 2021-09-16 stunning history at its very best a blend of impeccably researched scholarship genuinely revelatory primary sources and a beautifully written narrative james holland the sheer brutal intimacy of his descriptions of the fighting are extraordinary frederick taylor a wonderful and important and timely book alexander kershaw new york times bestselling author of the bedford boys and first wave an authoritative and unforgettable insight into the decisive days of that most terrible struggle on the banks of the volga jonathan dimbleby an utterly gripping read james holland macgregor writes with great fluency and narrative drive compellingly terse william boyd magisterial dan snow the sacrifices that enabled the soviet union to defeat nazi germany in the great patriotic war 1941 45 are sacrosanct the foundation of their eventual victory was laid during the battle for the city of stalingrad resting on the banks of the river volga for germany the catastrophic defeat was the beginning of their eventual demise that would see the red army two years later flying their flag of victory above the reichstag stalingrad is seen as the pivotal battle of the second world war with over two million civilians and combatants either killed wounded or

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captured during the bitter winter of september 1942 both sides endured terrible conditions in brutal house to house fighting reminiscent of the great war within this life and death struggle for the heart of the city and situated on the frontline was a key strategic building codenamed the lighthouse here a small garrison of red army guardsmen withstood german aerial bombardments and fought off daily assaults of infantry and armour red army newspaper reports at the time would be seized upon by the moscow media needing to place a positive spin on the fighting that had at one point looked beyond salvation by the end of the war the story of this building would gather further momentum to inspire russians to rebuild their destroyed towns and cities until it became the legend it is today renamed after the simple sergeant who had supposedly led the defence pavlov s house in time for the eightieth anniversary the lighthouse of stalingrad will shed fresh insight on this iconic battle through the prism of the men who fought one another over five months and the officers who commanded them a riveting narrative informed by both german and russian archives to unearth unpublished memoirs and eyewitness testimonies from veterans and civilians alike this book will celebrate the real heroes and provide a truer picture of how this mighty battle finally ended The Lighthouse of Stalingrad 2022-07-28 the road to stalingrad is designed to investigate the kind of war the soviet union waged the nature of command decisions and the machinery of decision making the course of military operations the emergence of soviet war aims and the

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The Road To Stalingrad 2019-07-19 in the fall of 1942 only the city of stalingrad stood between soviet survival and defeat as hitler s army ran rampant with the fate of the ussr hanging in the balance soviet propaganda chiefs sent their finest writers into the heat of battle after six months of terrifying work these men succeeded in creating an enduring epic of stalingrad their harrowing tales of valour and heroism offered hope for millions of readers stalingrad lives went the rallying cry the city had to live if the nation was to stave off defeat in stalingrad lives ian garner brings together a selection of short stories written at and after the battle they reveal for the first time in english the real russian narrative of stalingrad an epic story of death martyrdom resurrection and utopian beginnings following the authors into the hellish world of stalingrad garner traces how tragedy was written as triumph he uncovers how dealing with loss and destruction on an unimaginable scale soviet readers and writers embraced the story of martyred stalingrad embedding it into the russian psyche for decades to come featuring lost work by vasily grossman alongside texts by luminaries such as konstantin simonov viktor nekrasov and ilya ehrenburg stalingrad lives offers a literary perspective on the soviet union at war

Stalingrad 2005 in endgame at stalingrad the final volume of his acclaimed stalingrad trilogy david glantz completes his definitive account of one of world war ii s most infamous confrontations the

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campaign that marked germany s failure on the eastern front and proved to be a turning point in the war in documenting the last days of the stalingrad campaign in particular the red army s counteroffensive known at operation uranus glantz takes on a plethora of myths and controversial questions surrounding these events in particular questions about why operation uranus succeeded and the german relief attempts failed whether the sixth army could have escaped encirclement or been rescued and who finally was most responsible for its ultimate defeat in addition to a wide variety of traditional sources this volume makes use of two major categories of documentary materials hitherto unavailable to researchers the first consists of extensive records from the combat journal of the german sixth army which had been largely missing since the war s end and were only recently rediscovered and published the second is a vast amount of newly released soviet and russian archival material including excerpts from the red army general staff s daily operational summaries a wide variety of stavka high command people s commissariat of defense nko and red army general staff orders and directives and the daily records of the soviet 62nd army and its subordinate divisions and brigades for most of the time fighting was underway in stalingrad proper because of the persistent controversy and mythology characterizing this period many of these documents are included verbatim in english translation in this companion volume providing concrete evidence in support of the conclusions put forward in volume three as such the companion

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contributes substantially to this final volume s unprecedented detail and fresh perspectives interpretations and evaluations of the later stages of the stalingrad campaign

The Year of Stalingrad 1947 the battle of stalingrad was the bloodiest battle of the second world war an estimated 2 million individuals military as well as civilian became casualties in a savage struggle which lasted for more than five months stalingrad s strategic position on the river volga in southern russia meant that whoever controlled the city controlled access to the oil fields of the caucasus without that oil the germans were ultimately destined to fail on all fronts the battle of stalingrad was therefore arguably the most important conflict of the entire war yet the author argues that both hitler and stalin lost sight of the real objectives of the campaign with the capture of stalingrad becoming seen as the end in itself stalingrad was not specified as a particular objective of the germans in the original plan of operation blau but when the defenders of stalingrad unexpectedly stood in the way of the germans it became the focal point of the german effort hitler and his generals were naively sure that after the capture of stalingrad victory in the war was a certainty stalin and his generals thought that since the wehrmacht stubbornly fought over the city s ruins regardless of the losses it suffered it meant that the germans knew more about its importance than they did and so were determined to hold it at all costs in fact the strategic importance of stalingrad was greatly exaggerated the scale of the

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german operation to seize the caucasus was immense with an operation stretching for 1 500 00 kilometres approximately equal to the distance between berlin and moscow this involved laying routes for tank and infantry divisions through areas of virtual desert where there was an almost complete absence of railways and highways no consideration was given to the needs of troops in fuel ammunition food or even water at the same time the unrealistic plan to capture the caucasus did not provide any alternative options in case the main operation failed which it was doomed to do as for the soviets frightened and broken by the military disasters near kerch and kharkov when entire armies were captured stalin authorized the retreat of the red army to the volga which turned into a stampede but then the soviet leader abruptly changed his mind and issued the famous order not a step back while historians state that this order inspired the soviet troops to resist and strengthened discipline it in fact led to an increase in the number of defectors and collaborators this ground breaking study of the battle of stalingrad is a highly graphic chronicle of the fighting shown from two sides written by a russian historian using much material previously unpublished in the west it details the efforts of all branches of the armed forces tanks artillery infantry aviation and for the first time the important contribution of the russian river flotilla

Stalingrad Lives 2022-12-15 victory at stalingrad tells the gripping strategic and military story of that battle the hard won soviet

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victory prevented hitler from waging the second world war for another ten years and set the germans on the road to defeat the soviet victory also prevented the nazis from completing the final solution the wholesale destruction of european jewry which began with hitler s war of annihilation against the soviets on the eastern front geoffrey roberts places the conflict in the context of the clash between two mighty powers their world views and their leaders he presents a great human drama highlighting the contribution made by political and military leaders on both sides he shows that the real story of the battle was the soviets failure to achieve their greatest ambition to deliver an immediate war winning knockout blow to the germans this provocative reassessment presents new evidence and challenges the myths and legends that surround both the battle and the key personalities who led and planned it

Companion to Endgame at Stalingrad 2014-06-09 one of the most infamous and decisive battles of the second world war stalingrad was a turning point of the eastern front showing that the german juggernaut was not invincible this campaign book for bolt action allows players to refight the fierce battle of stalingrad from the actions of the surrounding area and within the city itself to the encirclement concerted relief efforts and the final attempted breakout new linked scenarios rules troop types and theatre selectors provide plenty of options for both novice and veteran players alike *Battle of Stalingrad* 2024-08-30 the battle of stalingrad perceived by

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historians as the most important battle of world war ii and regarded by russians as the most significant battle in their country s history cannot be viewed solely as a military engagement between two powerful long time foes the soviet union which had climbed to power from the shambles of the 1917 revolution that saw communism overthrow the czar and germany which had risen from the ashes of world war i s treaty of versailles certainly had a complicated history stalingrad was a battle between the allies and the axis powers it was a struggle between the soviet union and germany for victory and it was also a test of wills between josef stalin and adolf hitler two totalitarian dictators who were willing to do whatever was necessary to demonstrate the supremacy of their systems of government inside you will read about josef stalin man of steel adolf hitler a quest for vengeance operation barbarossa the stalingrad street fighting academy the heroes of stalingrad and much more stalin had succeeded vladimir lenin as the leader of the soviet union and his entry upon the world stage ushered in a reign of absolute power as he bent a battered nation to conform to his will adolf hitler leader of the national socialist german workers party was elected chancellor of germany in 1933 and promptly turned the beleaguered nation into a launch pad for aryan domination as their armies met at stalingrad for a long and bloody struggle that would ultimately tally two million civilian and military casualties the world would watch as two brutal regimes challenged one another while the fate of the free world hung in the balance

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Victory at Stalingrad 2013-08-21 the commander of the 62nd siberian army tells what happened during the battle of stalingrad analyzing russian military strategy and giving a bird s eye view of how soviet generals planned the war and russian soldiers fought it his account questions the myth that the germans were beaten by the climate and the greater numbers of russian troops confessing the view he held at the time chuikov explains the background to the orders he gave describing in detail how he broke up the traditional military units to create myriads of small flexible storm troops to conduct house to house fighting referring to the diaries and letters of soldiers both russian and german he evokes the hell that was stalingrad a shattered city where soldiers were fighting in sewers from rubble and from holes in the frozen earth

Bolt Action: Campaign: Stalingrad 2020-04-30 the campaign intended to secure the wehrmacht s flanks had proven one front too many for the german army and now the offensive at stalingrad the epic clash that marked germany s failure on the eastern front was entering its grim final phase in book one of the third volume of his acclaimed stalingrad trilogy david glantz offers the definitive account the ground truth to counter a half century s worth of myth and misinformation of the beginning of the end of one of the most infamous battles of the second world war and one of the most costly in lives and treasure in the annals of history when volume two left off germany s vaunted sixth army already deflected from its original goal the

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caucasus oil fields had been drawn into a desperate war of attrition within the ravaged city of stalingrad in volume three book one we see the ultimate consequences of the germans overreach and the gathering force of the red army s massive manpower and increasingly sophisticated command after failing repeatedly to find and exploit the weaknesses in axis defenses stalin and the stavka high command finally seized their chance in mid november of 1942 by launching a bold and devastating counteroffensive operation uranus glantz draws a detailed and vivid account of how in operation uranus the red army s three fronts defeated and largely destroyed two romanian armies and encircled the german sixth army and half of the german fourth panzer army in the stalingrad pocket turning the germans world on its head like its predecessor volumes this one makes extensive use of sources previously out of reach or presumed lost such as reports from the sixth army s combat journal and newly released soviet and russian records these materials many cited at length or printed in their entirety in a companion volume lend themselves to a strikingly new interpretation of the campaign s planning and execution on both sides a version of events that once and for all gets at the ground truth of this historic confrontation

<u>Battle of Stalingrad</u> 2017-09-06 the acclaimed historian offers a radical reinterpretation of the wwii battle of stalingrad using eyewitness accounts and newly uncovered archival material in this revelatory work of military history michael jones provides fresh

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insight into the thinking of the russian command and the mood of ordinary soldiers the russian 62nd army began the campaign in utter demoralization vet turned the tables on the powerful german 6th army jones explains this extraordinary performance using battle psychology emphasizing the vital role of leadership morale and motivation in a triumph that turned the course of the war soviet colonel general anatoly mereshko fought throughout the battle as staff officer to the commander chuikov much of the testimony he provides to jones is entirely new and will astonish a western audience it is backed up by accounts of other key veterans as well as recently released war diary and combat journals this new material shows that the standard narrative of the battle disguises how desperate the plight of the defenders really was in place of those oft repeated stories is a far more terrifying reality one that reveals the battle of stalingrad as not only a victory of tactics but also an astounding triumph of the human spirit

The Battle for Stalingrad 1964 this book offers a unique perspective for understanding how and why the second world war in europe ended as it did and why germany in attacking the soviet union came far closer to winning the war than is often perceived why germany nearly won a new history of the second world war in europe challenges this conventional wisdom in highlighting how the re establishment of the traditional german art of war updated to accommodate new weapons systems paved the way for germany to forge a considerable military

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edge over its much larger potential rivals by plaving to its qualitative strengths as a continental power ironically these methodologies also created and exacerbated internal contradictions that undermined the same war machine and left it vulnerable to enemies with the capacity to adapt and build on potent military traditions of their own the book begins by examining topics such as the methods by which the german economy and military prepared for war the german military establishment s formidable strengths and its weaknesses the book then takes an entirely new perspective on explaining the second world war in europe it demonstrates how germany through its invasion of the soviet union came within a whisker of cementing a european based empire that would have allowed the third reich to challenge the anglo american alliance for global hegemony an outcome that by commonly cited measures of military potential germany never should have had even a remote chance of accomplishing the book s last section explores the final year of the war and addresses how germany was able to hang on against the world s most powerful nations working in concert to engineer its defeat

Endgame at Stalingrad 2014-04-14 the confrontation between german and soviet forces at stalingrad was a titanic clash of armies on an unprecedented scale a campaign that was both a turning point in world war ii and a lasting symbol of that war s power and devastation yet despite the attention lavished on this epic battle by historians much about it has been greatly misunderstood or hidden from view as david

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glantz the world s foremost authority on the red army in world war ii now shows this first volume in glantz s masterly trilogy draws on previously unseen or neglected sources to provide the definitive account of the opening phase of this iconic eastern front campaign glantz has combed daily official records from both sides including the red army general staff the people s commissariat of internal affairs the german sixth army and the soviet 62nd army to produce a work of unparalleled detail and fresh interpretations jonathan house an authority on twentieth century warfare adds further insight and context hitler s original objective was not stalingrad but the caucasus oilfields to the south of the city so he divided his army group south into two parts one to secure the city on his flank one to capture the oilfields glantz reveals for the first time how stalin in response demanded that the red army stand and fight rather than withdraw leading to the numerous little known combat engagements that seriously eroded the wehrmacht s strength before it even reached stalingrad he shows that although advancing german forces essentially destroyed the armies of the soviet southwestern and southern fronts the soviets resisted the german advance much more vigorously than has been thought through constant counterattacks ultimately halting the german offensive at the gates of stalingrad this fresh eye opening account and the subsequent companion volumes on the actual battle for the city itself and the successful soviet counteroffensive that followed will dramatically revise and expand our understanding of what

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remains a military campaign for the ages Stalingrad 2010-03-10 with scarcely an interlude the german soviet conflict in world war ii lasted for 3 years 10 months and 16 days the conflict seesawed across eastern and central europe between the elbe and the volga the alps and the caucasus the total number of troops continuously engaged averaged between 8 and 9 million and the losses were appalling wehrmacht losses numbered between 3 and 3 5 million deaths on the soviet side reached more than 12 million about 47 percent of the grand total of soldiers of all nations killed in world war ii the war and the occupation cost thesoviet union some 7 million civilians and germany about 1 5 million the losses civilian and military of finland the baltic states and eastern and southeastern european countries added millions more the great struggle completely unhinged the traditional european balance of power the war consolidated the soviet regime in russia and enabled it to impose the communist system on its neighbours finland excepted and on the soviet occupation zone in germany the victory made the soviet union the second ranking world power this book follows the conflict from stalingrad to berlin topics include strategy and tactics partisan and psychological warfare coalition warfare and manpower and production problems faced by both countries but by the germans in particular with a new introduction by emmy awardtm winning historian bob carruthers and numerous rare illustrations this powerful book makes for a welcome addition to any second world war library

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Why Germany Nearly Won 2012-01-16 a fresh look at what is perhaps the most famous battle of the russo german war from the soviet perspective the nymas review much has been written about the battle of stalingrad the soviet victory that turned the tide of the second world war vet our knowledge and understanding continues to evolve and this engrossing account by alexey isaev brings together previously unpublished russian archive material strategic directives and orders after action reports and official records of all kinds with the vivid recollections of soldiers who were there on the front lines reconstructing what happened in extraordinary new detail the evidence leads him to question common assumptions about the conduct of the battle about the use of tanks and mechanized forces for instance and the combat capability and tenacity of the defeated and surrounded german sixth army in the last weeks before it surrendered his gripping narrative carries the reader through the course of the entire battle from the first small scale encounters on the approaches to stalingrad in july 1942 through the intense continuous fighting through the city to the encirclement the beating back of the relieving force and the capitulation of the sixth army in february 1943 military historian alexey isaev s latest book with maps and illustrations included is an important contribution to the literature on this decisive battle it offers a thought provoking revised view of events for readers already familiar with the story and a fascinating introduction for those coming to it for the first time

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To the Gates of Stalingrad 2009-04-21 the encirclement of the german 6th army at stalingrad in mid november 1942 and its final collapse in february 1943 was a signature defeat for hitler as more than 100 000 of his soldiers were marched off into captivity frank ellis tackles this oft told tale from the unique perspective of the german officers and men trapped inside the red army s ever closing ring of forces this approach makes palpable the growing desperation of an army that began its campaign confident of victory but that long before the end could see how hopeless their situation had become highlighting these pages are three previously unpublished german army division accounts translated here for the first time by ellis each of these translations follows the combat experiences of a specific division the 76th infantry the 94th infantry and the 16th panzer and take readers into the cauldron or kessel that was stalingrad together they provide a ground level view of the horrific fighting and vield insights into everything from tactics and weapons to internal disputes the debilitating effects of extreme cold and hunger and the germans astonishing sense of duty and the abilities of their junior leaders along with these first hand accounts ellis himself takes a new and closer look at a number of fascinating but somewhat neglected or misunderstood aspects of the stalingrad cauldron including sniping desertion spying and the fate of german prisoners his coverage of sniping is especially notable for new insights concerning the duel that allegedly took place between soviet sniper vasilii zaitsev and a

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german sniper major konings a story told in the film enemy at the gates 2001 ellis also includes an incisive reading of oberst arthur boje s published account of his capture interrogation and conviction for war crimes and explores the theme of reconciliation in the works of two stalingrad veterans kurt reuber and vasilii grossman rich in anecdotal detail and revealing moments ellis s historical mosaic showcases an army that managed to display a vital resilience and professionalism in the face of inevitable defeat brought on by its leaders it makes for compelling reading for anyone interested in one of the eastern front s monumental battles

From Stalingrad to Berlin 2014-02-04 revised edition of a rare account of a german armored division in combat at the epic battle of stalingrad day by day story of the 24th panzer division s savage fighting in the streets of stalingrad in 1942 eyewitness accounts from participants reveal the brutality of this battle photos from official archives private collections and veterans most of them never seen before used copies of the out of print earlier edition sell for more than 900 a treasure trove for historians buffs modelers and wargamers Stalingrad 2020-02-19 in april 1942 hitler and mussolini meet in salzburg where they agree on a renewed assault on the soviet union launched in the summer the campaign soon picks up speed as the routed red army is driven back to the industrial center of stalingrad on the banks of the volga in the rubble of the bombed out city soviet forces dig in for a last stand the story told in vasily grossman s stalingrad 2023-10-10 23/32 high intensity training unfolds across the length and breadth of russia and europe and its characters include mothers and daughters husbands and brothers generals nurses political activists steelworkers and peasants along with hitler and other historical figures at the heart of the novel is the shaposhnikov family even as the germans advance the matriarch alexandra vladimirovna refuses to leave stalingrad far from the front her eldest daughter ludmila is unhappily married to the jewish physicist viktor shtrum viktor s research may be of crucial military importance but he is distracted by thoughts of his mother in the ukraine lost behind german lines in stalingrad published here for the first time in english translation and in its celebrated sequel life and fate grossman writes with extraordinary power and deep compassion about the disasters of war and the ruthlessness of totalitarianism without however losing sight of the little things that are the daily currency of human existence or of humanity s inextinguishable saving attachment to nature and life grossman s two volume masterpiece can now be seen as one of the supreme accomplishments of twentieth century literature tender and fearless intimate and epic

The Stalingrad Cauldron 2013-06-27 michael k jones new history of stalingrad offers a radical reinterpretation of the most famous battle of the second world war combining eye witness testimony of red army fighters with fresh archive material the book gives a dramatic insight into the thinking of the russian command and the mood of the ordinary soldiers

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Death of the Leaping Horseman 2014-07-15 this book investigates the complexities of modern urban operations a particularly difficult and costly method of fighting and one that is on the rise contributors examine the lessons that emerge from a range of historical case studies from nineteenth century precedents to the battle of shanghai stalingrad german town clearance mandalay and berlin during world war ii and from the battle of algiers to the battle for fallujah in 2004 each case study illuminates the features that differentiate urban operations from fighting in open areas and the factors that contribute to success and failure the volume concludes with reflections on the key challenges of urban warfare in the twenty first century and beyond Stalingrad 2019-06-11 the battle of stalingrad was not only the psychological turning point of world war ii it also changed the face of modern warfare from antony beevor the internationally bestselling author of d day and the battle of arnhem in august 1942 hitler s huge sixth army reached the city that bore stalin s name in the five month siege that followed the russians fought to hold stalingrad at any cost then in an astonishing reversal encircled and trapped their nazi enemy this battle for the ruins of a city cost more than a million lives stalingrad conveys the experience of soldiers on both sides fighting in inhuman conditions and of civilians trapped on an urban battlefield antony beevor has itnerviewed survivors and discovered completely new material in a wide range of german and soviet archives including prisoner interrogations and reports of desertions and executions as a

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story of cruelty courage and human suffering stalingrad is unprecedented and unforgettable historians and reviewers worldwide have hailed antony beevor s magisterial stalingrad as the definitive account of world war ii s most harrowing battle Stalingrad 2007 this breakthrough book provides a detailed reconstruction of stalin s leadership from the outbreak of the second world war in 1939 to his death in 1953 making use of a wealth of new material from russian archives geoffrey roberts challenges a long list of standard perceptions of stalin his qualities as a leader his relationships with his own generals and with other great world leaders his foreign policy and his role in instigating the cold war while frankly exploring the full extent of stalin s brutalities and their impact on the soviet people roberts also uncovers evidence leading to the stunning conclusion that stalin was both the greatest military leader of the twentieth century and a remarkable politician who sought to avoid the cold war and establish a long term detente with the capitalist world by means of an integrated military political and diplomatic narrative the author draws a sustained and compelling personal portrait of the soviet leader the resulting picture is fascinating and contradictory and it will inevitably change the way we understand stalin and his place in history roberts depicts a despot who helped save the world for democracy a personal charmer who disciplined mercilessly a utopian ideologue who could be a practical realist and a warlord who undertook the role of architect of post war

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with the nazi state and involvement in war crimes and military occupation this was a true people s army drawn from across german society and reflecting that society as it existed under the nazis without the army and its conquests abroad shepherd explains the nazi regime could not have perpetrated its crimes against jews prisoners of war and civilians in occupied countries the author examines how the army was complicit in these crimes and why some soldiers units and higher commands were more complicit than others shepherd also reveals the reasons for the army s early battlefield successes and its mounting defeats up to 1945 the latter due not only to allied superiority and hitler s mismanagement as commander in chief but also to the failings moral political economic strategic and operational of the army s own leadership

Death of the Leaping Horseman 2014-07-15 by the end of the first week of november 1942 the german sixth army held about 90 per cent of stalingrad yet the soviets stubbornly held on to the remaining parts of the city and german casualties started to reach catastrophic levels in an attempt to break the deadlock hitler decided to send additional german pioneer battalions to act as an urban warfare spearhead these combat engineers were skilled in all aspects of city fighting especially in the use of demolitions and small arms to overcome defended positions and in the destruction of armoured vehicles facing them were hardened soviet troops who had perfected the use of urban camouflage concealed and interlocking firing positions close quarters

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