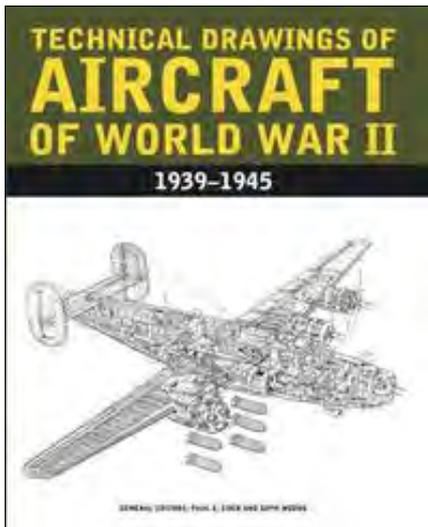


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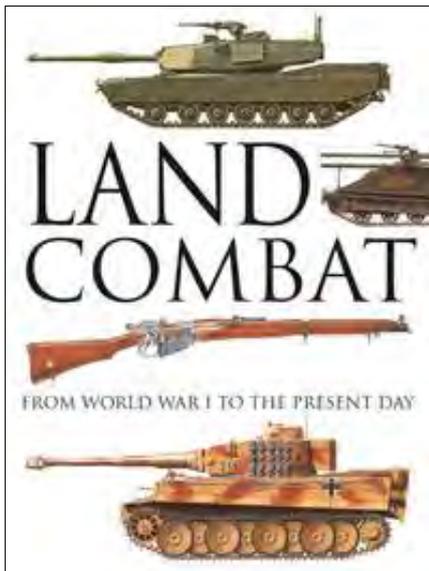
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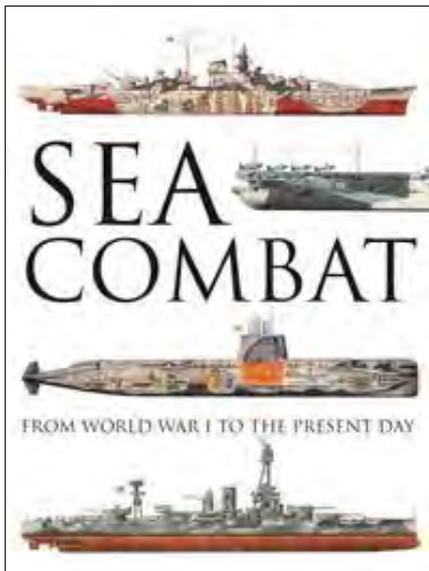
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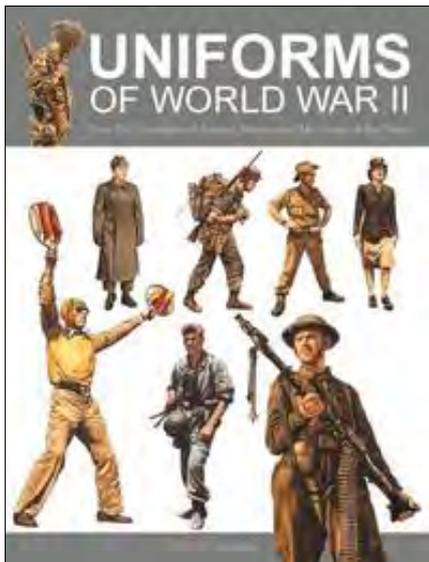
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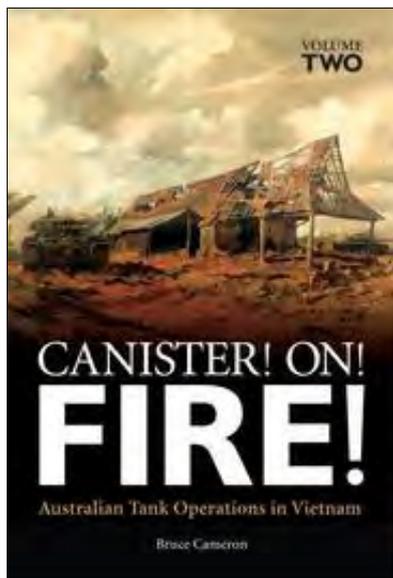
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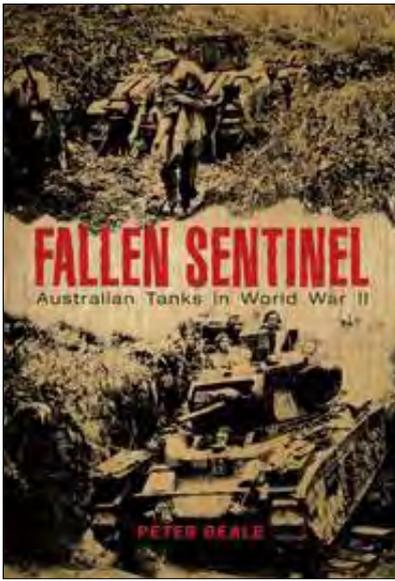
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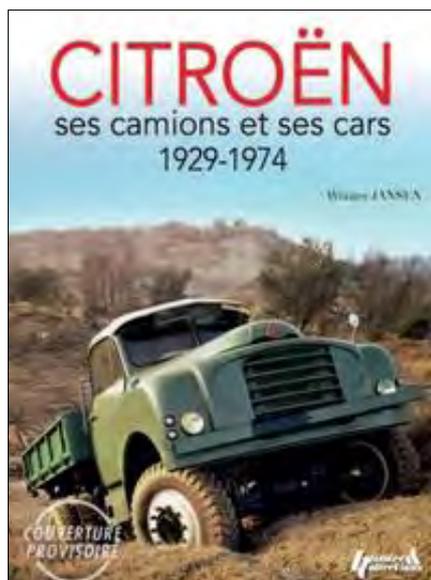
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### **About Author/s:**

Journalist, historian and editor in chief of the specialized review CitroExpert (the Citroën reference guide), Wouter Jansen has written to this day a dozen of books about his favorite brand. One of his works are “Citroën 1919-1949, The Belle-Epoque,” published by the same editor in 2009.

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This book clarifies the genesis and the doctrines of the use of this mythical tank that fought in Africa and Europe, on the bloody shores of the Pacific and at the Asian borders during the Second World War. This book also deals with the teams that served in the war courageously in face of fierce enemies that often had more advanced arms. This is not just a book about the Sherman, it is a truthful saga that will keep you in suspense and is also an indispensable reference book.

### **About Author/s:**

The retired Major Michel Estève served over twenty years in the reinforced army in contact with numerous versions of the Sherman that he used, maintained and repaired.

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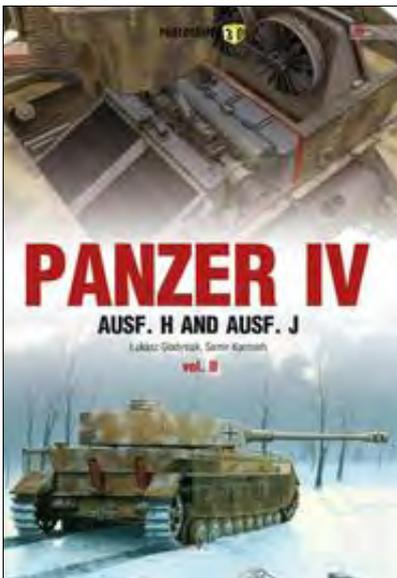


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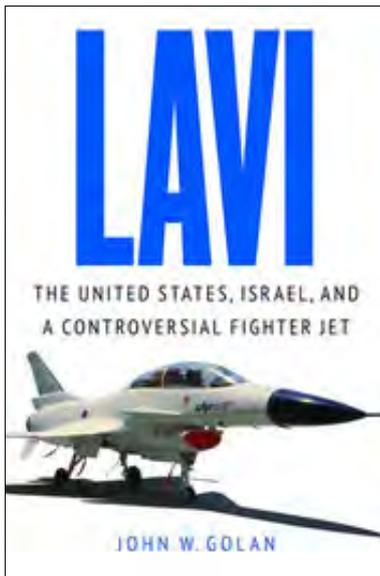
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*Lavi: The United States, Israel, and a Controversial Fighter Jet* traces the evolution of the Lavi fighter from its genesis in the 1970s to its scrapping in August 1987. John W. Golan examines the roles of Israeli military icons and political leaders such as Ezer Weizman, Ariel Sharon, Menachem Begin, and Yitzhak Rabin in the program and in relation to their counterparts in the United States. On the American side, Golan traces the evolution of government policy toward the program, detailing the complex picture of the U.S. foreign policy apparatus and of U.S.-Israeli relations in general — from President Reagan's public endorsement of the program on the White House lawn to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's unremitting attempts to cancel it in succeeding years.

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#### **About Author/s:**

John W. Golan has served as a designer, structural analyst, and engineering manager in the U.S. aerospace industry for the last two decades, developing future-generation technology concepts. He has published articles with *Air Forces Monthly*, *Combat Aircraft*, *Aviation History*, and the *Jerusalem Post Magazine*.

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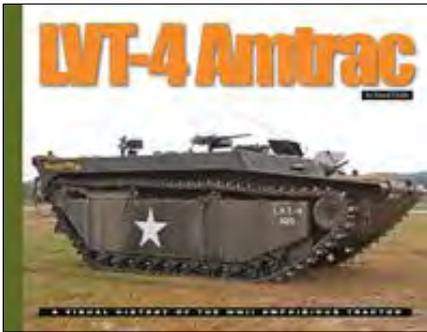
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With a great spirit of patriotism, Roebling granted a royalty-free license to his patents to the government, who contracted with FMC (Food Machinery Corporation) to build improved vehicles known as the LVT-2. This series of amphibious tracked vehicles (Amtracs) were developed from the original tracked amphibious vehicles built by Donald Roebling, known as the LVT-1 or Alligator. Several documents from the earliest days of the LVT-4 project referred to the vehicle as a "Modified LVT-2 with Stern Ramp", before the official designation of Landing Vehicle Tracked Model 4 was assigned. Ultimately, companies such as FMC, Borg-Warner, Graham-Paige and St. Louis Car Company would produce thousands of these Roebling-designed Alligators in a variety of styles. Descendants of these vehicles continue to see service today around the world.

This Visual History title showcases the LVT-4 with historical photographs and detailed coverage of one of the world's finest surviving examples. Every detail of the wartime LVT-4 is revealed in over 250 crystal clear photos, the majority in full color. For anyone building the two AFV Club scale model kits, this is an absolutely required reference.

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The M7 Priest family of vehicles was designed to provide armored units with highly mobile organic artillery support. Mechanically, the initial vehicles were based on M3 medium tank components, while later production used M4 Sherman components. The name was derived from the pulpit-like appearance of the anti-aircraft machine gun ring and mount. Between April 1942 and August 1943, American Locomotive Company built 2814 of these self-propelled guns. Joining them in 1944, American Locomotive (ALCO) built a further 500 vehicles, and Federal Machine and Welder Company built 176. Simultaneously, Pressed Steel Car Company was building 826 M7B1 self-propelled guns. The M7B1 was very similar to the late M7s, but were based on M4A3 components.

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## *Aces of Jagdgeschwader Nr III*



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Royal Prussian Jagdgeschwader Nr III was the third of Germany's vaunted fighter wings to be formed during World War I. Commanded by the Pour le Mérite winner and well-respected ace Hauptmann Bruno Loerzer for its entire existence, it was composed of the celebrated Jasta 'Boelcke', along with Jagdstaffeln 26, 27 and 36. Equipped largely with the new Fokker triplane, these four units would play an important role in the Kaiserschlacht as part of the 17. Armee.

As Germany's fortunes waned in the summer of 1918, the aces of JG III nonetheless did their best to stem the tides of British, French and later American aircraft they encountered. Aces such as Carl Bolle, Paul Bäumer, Heinrich Bongartz, Hermann Frommherz, Rudolf Klimke and the infamous Hermann Göring all carved their names in the record books flying in this formidable formation.

This book examines the tactics, achievements and personalities of one of the deadliest of Germany's aerial units.

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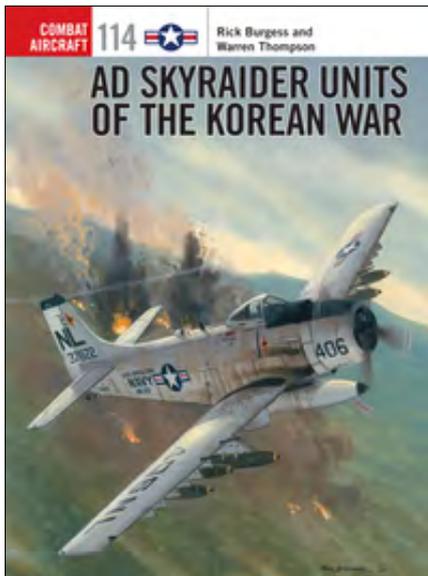
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The struggle for the frozen skies of the arctic raged on until the end of the war as the embattled JG 5 produced some of the Eastern Front's leading aces, pilots of the calibre of Theodor Weissenberger, Heinrich Ehrler, Walter Schuck, Franz Dörr and Jakob Norz all achieving over 100 kills.

Featuring first-hand accounts from the pilots, extensive research from a leading authority on the Luftwaffe, and illustrations of the aircraft in unique winter camouflage, this book is a comprehensive guide to the Arctic Experten and the planes they flew.

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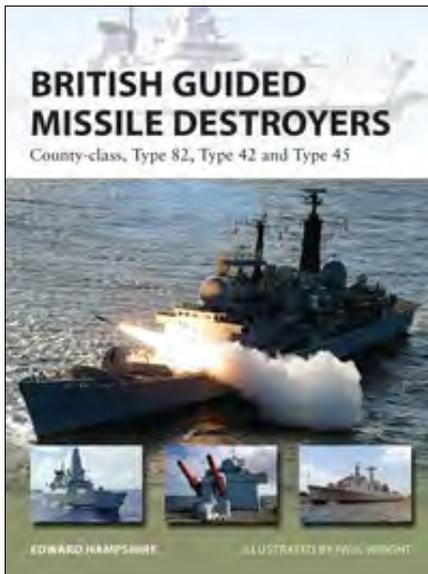
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Written by an expert on British naval technology, this book assesses the changing technology of the Royal Navy's destroyers over half a century, including an examination of the Royal Navy's newest and most capable warship, the Type 45.

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***British Submarine vs Italian Torpedo Boat***

*Mediterranean 1940–43*



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As the war in North Africa escalated, Axis war efforts became increasingly dependent on supply lines across the Mediterranean. To try to cut off these lines of supply the British deployed submarines from the besieged island of Malta with the directive to sink as much merchant convoy tonnage as possible. Italy responded by sending her Torpedo boats to protect and escort Axis convoys.

Featuring specially commissioned full-colour artwork and carefully chosen archive photographs, this engaging study assesses the evolving battle between Britain's submarines and Italy's torpedo boats in the struggle for primacy in the Mediterranean at the height of World War II.

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## *F-15 Eagle versus MiG-23/25*

*Iraq 1991*



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***F4U Corsair vs Ki-84 'Frank'***

*1944-45*



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The Vought Corsair was the first American single-engined fighter to exceed 400 mph and establish dominance over the legendary Mitsubishi Type Zero-sen.

The Ki-84 Hayate was introduced by the Japanese specifically to counter this growing American dominance of the skies over the Pacific. Built in greater numbers than any other late war Japanese fighter, nearly 3000 were completed between 1944 and 1945.

**This volume examines the clashes between the Corsair and Ki-84 in the closing stages of the war, revealing how Corsair pilots had to adapt their techniques and combat strategies to adapt to these newer types.** It also reveals how the kill rate was largely driven by the reduced quality of fighter pilots after the high casualty rates inflicted on the Japanese air force during the air battles over the Solomon Islands.

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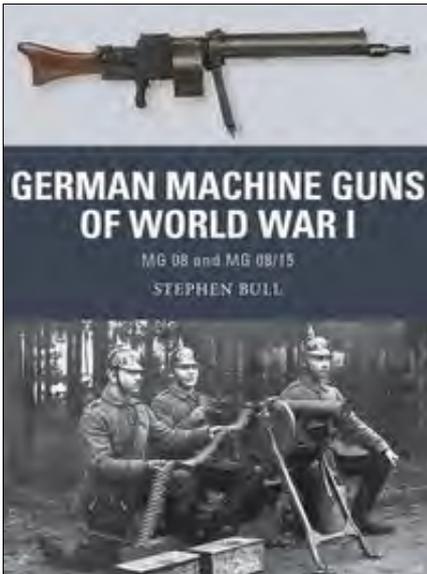
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*MG 08 and MG 08/15*



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**Drawing upon eyewitness battlefield reports, this absorbing study assesses the technical performance and combat record of these redoubtable and influential German machine guns, and their strengths and limitations in a variety of battlefield roles.**

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Although seen as a replacement for the A6M Zero-sen carrier-based fighter, the Mitsubishi J2M Raiden was actually designed as a land-based naval interceptor optimised for speed rather than manoeuvrability. Engine cooling problems for its Mitsubishi Kasai 23 engine, airflow and flight control issues plagued the Raiden's development, but despite these production delays, aces Sadaaki Akamatsu Yoshihiro Aoki, Susumu Ito and Susumu Ishihara all claimed significant scores in the Raiden.

Kawanishi's N1K family of fighters were privately developed by the manufacturer from the N1K Kyofu floatplane fighter. Again plagued by structural and engine maladies, the N1K1-J Shiden eventually entered frontline service in time to see considerable action in the doomed defence of the Philippines in October 1944. Despite suffering heavy losses, the units equipped with new fighter proved that the N1K could more than hold its own against P-38s and F6Fs. The improved N1K2-J Shiden-KAI started to reach the frontline by late 1944 – in time for defence of the Home Islands.

Here, it proved to be the best IJN fighter of the war.

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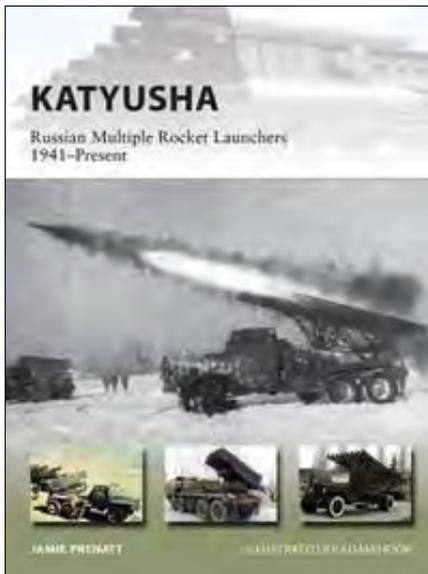
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Although military rockets have been used since the Middle Ages, it was not until the Soviet Union pioneered the concept of Multiple Rocket Launchers (MRLs) in the late 1930s that they emerged as a decisive weapon.

In the modern era, these Soviet/Russian Katyushas have served in combat in Afghanistan, Chechnya, and Georgia.

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## ***M48 Patton vs Centurion***

*Indo-Pakistani War 1965*



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The Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 witnessed the largest tank battles seen since World War II, notably between India's British-made Centurion Mk 7s and the American-made M48 Pattons fielded by Pakistan.

Following nearly two decades of tensions and sporadic conflict between India and Pakistan, in August 1965 several thousand Pakistani soldiers entered the disputed territory of Kashmir disguised as local civilians, to which India responded with a successful ground assault. The ensuing battles would demonstrate that the Centurion, with its powerful gun and heavier armour, generally proved superior to the faster, lighter but overly complex Patton.

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The Vietnam People's Air Force (VPAF) at the beginning of the Vietnam War were equipped with slow, old Korean War generation fighters – a combination of MiG-17s and MiG-19s – types that should have offered little opposition to the cutting-edge fighter-bombers such as the F-4 Phantom II, F-105 Thunderchief and the F-8 Crusader. Yet when the USAF and US Navy unleashed their aircraft on North Vietnam in 1965 the inexperienced pilots of the VPAF were able to shatter the illusion of US air superiority.

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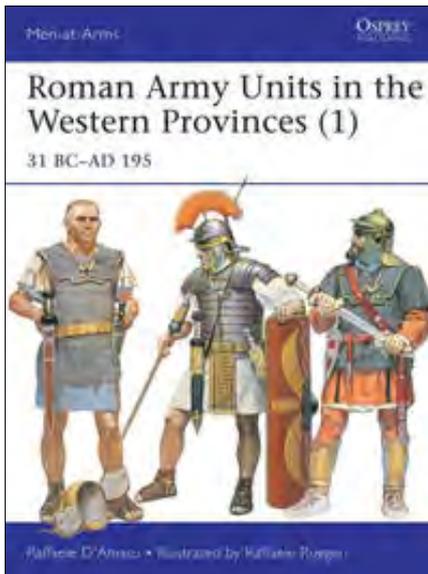
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***Roman Army Units in the Western Provinces (1)***

***31 BC–AD 195***



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At its height the Roman Empire stretched across Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, maintained by an army of modest size but great diversity. In popular culture these soldiers are often portrayed in a generic fashion, but continuing research indicates significant variations in Roman armour and equipment not only between different legions and the provincially-raised auxiliary cohorts that made up half of the army, but also between different regions within the empire.

**With reference to the latest archaeological and documentary evidence Dr D'Amato investigates how Roman Army units in the Western provinces were equipped, exploring the local influences and traditions that caused the variations in attire.**

**About Author/s:**

Dr Raffaele D'Amato is an experienced Turin-based researcher of the ancient and medieval military worlds. After achieving his first PhD in Romano-Byzantine Law, and having collaborated with the University of Athens, he gained a second doctorate in Roman military archaeology. He currently works as vice-head of the Laboratory of the Danubian Provinces at the University of Ferrara, under Professor Livio Zerbini.

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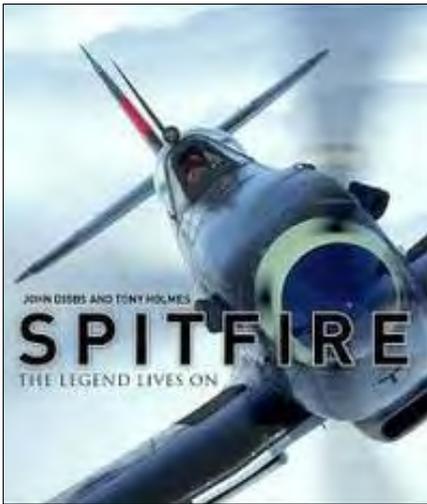
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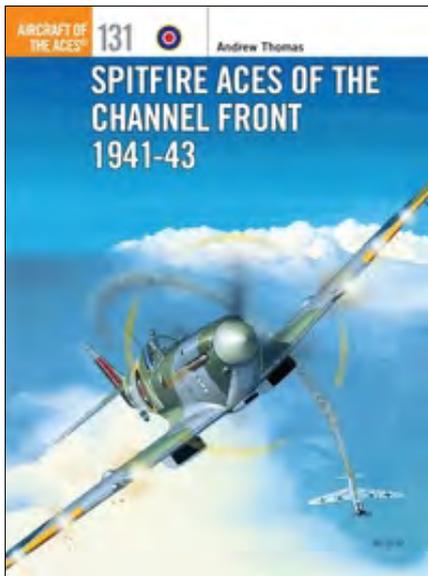
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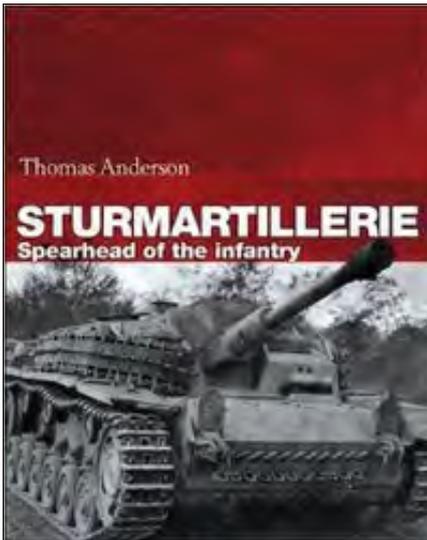
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It will also describe the technical development and evolution of the vehicles employed, as well as including combat action reports and excerpts from interviews with veterans.

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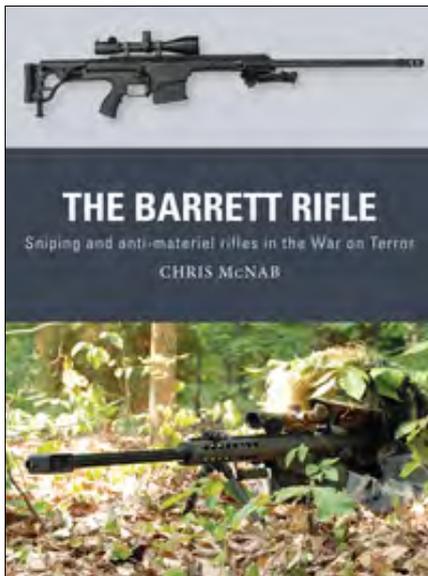
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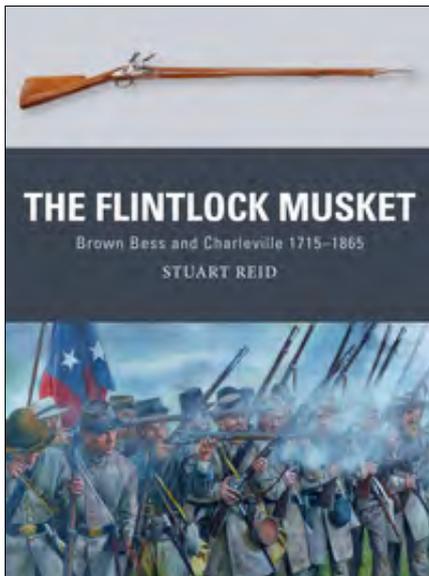
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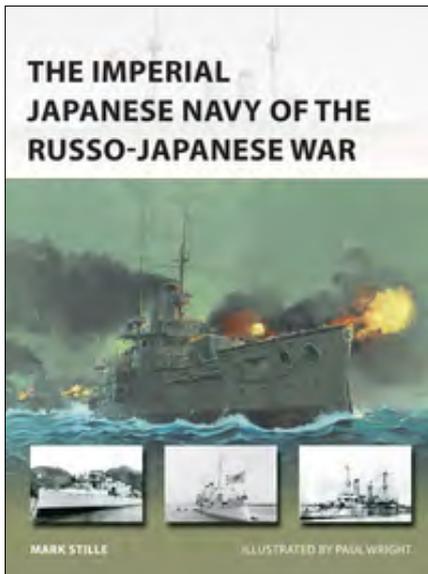
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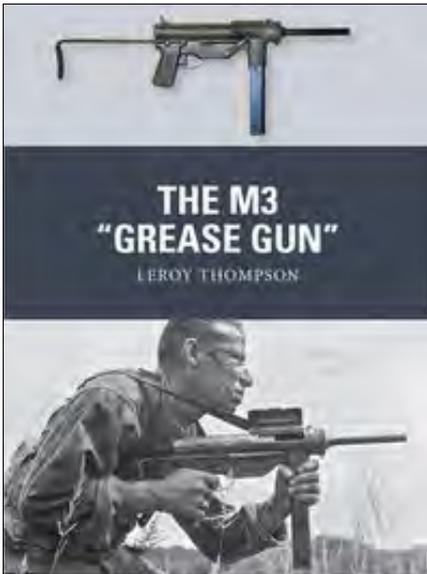
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**Featuring full-colour artwork, first-hand accounts and archive and close-up photographs, this is the engaging story of the M3 submachine gun.**

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## *Tiger Tank*

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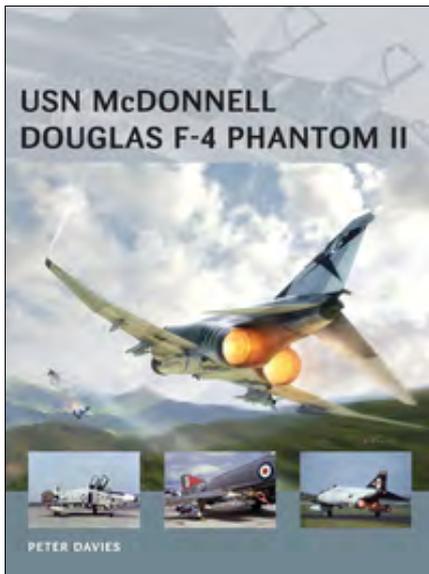
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Originally designed as a carrier-borne long-range interceptor armed with radar-guided missiles and tasked with defence against missile-launching bombers, the Phantom II went on to establish itself as one of the most important multi-role fighter, attack and reconnaissance aircraft of the 20th century.

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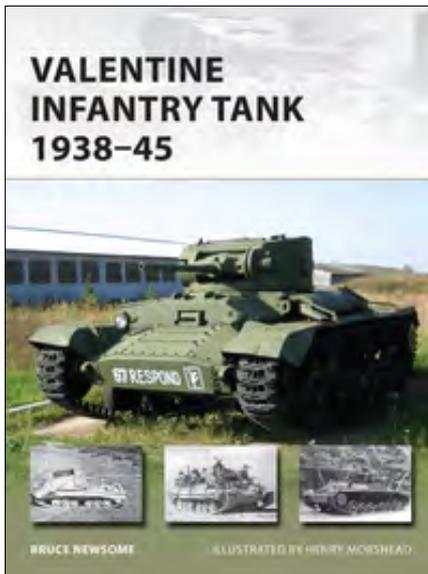
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During World War II American soldiers, or 'GIs' as they were more commonly known, headed into Europe laden with the provisions needed to survive and function in hostile territory. As they marched towards Berlin it was the equipment that they had strapped to their body that they relied on most of all.

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### **About Author/s:**

Gordon L. Rottman entered the US Army in 1967, volunteered for Special Forces and completed training as a weapons specialist. He served in the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam in 1969-70 and subsequently in airborne infantry, long-range patrol and intelligence assignments until retiring after 26 years. He was a Special Operations Forces scenario writer at the Joint Readiness Training Center for 12 years and is now a freelance writer, living in Texas.

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  - nomenclature and designations
- Materials and fittings
  - standardization and issue
  - British-made US issue items
- Equipment categories [NB within each chapter, anything between 5 and 15 separate items will be listed, described and illustrated]
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  - Ammunition carriers
  - Canteens and covers
  - Mess gear
  - First aid items
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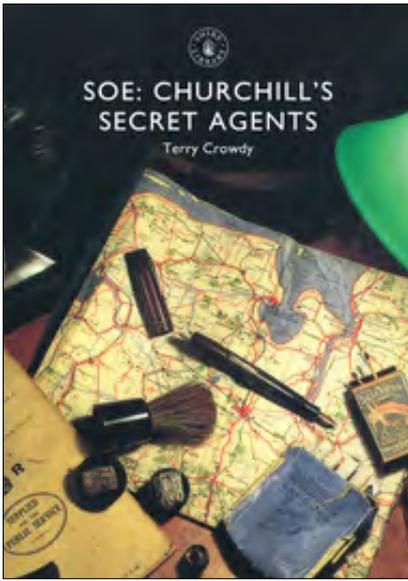
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The SOE (Special Operations Executive) was one of the most innovative British creations of the Second World War. The mission of the organisation was to export resistance, subversion and sabotage to occupied Europe and beyond, disrupting the German war effort and building a Secret Army which could one day help Europe throw off the Nazi yoke.

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Britain traded with many nations throughout history and the bulk of that trade was by sea. Our merchant seafarers formed a mighty force which was large throughout the nineteenth century and reached its peak in the 1960s. Though seemingly one body, it comprised many individual companies, each with its own traditions and identity.

This book is a celebration of this and an attempt at chronicling these characteristics that give the industry both corporate identity and an element of individuality. The rapid diminution of the British-flagged fleet in recent years has all but extinguished this structure and those who had intimate experience of it are now ageing and their memories fading. It is disappointing that so little of this story has been recorded and this book will, at least in part, make up for this omission.

#### **About Author/s:**

ALASTAIR ARNOTT became aware of the traditions and differences in dress of locally based shipping companies through meeting their cadets as an undergraduate living in central Glasgow. Later, when developing the Industrial and Maritime Museum in Swansea, he recorded the local shipping scene. His museum career led to Southampton and he was able to establish a collection of items of maritime dress. He has previously written Southampton: Gateway to the World and Maritime Southampton for The History Press.

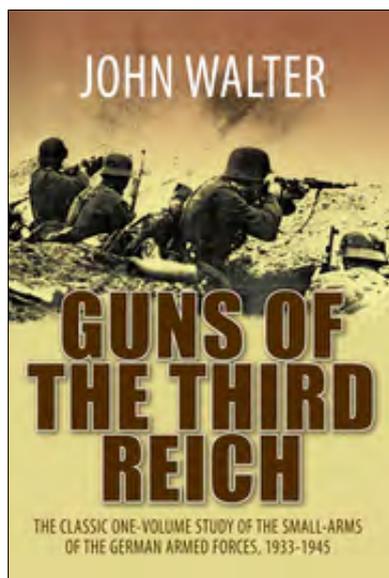
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## *Guns of The Third Reich*

*The Small Arms of Hitler's Armed Forces, 1933-1945*



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### **About Author/s:**

JOHN WALTER has been writing military history books since 1968 and has published more than 50 books, translated into 11 languages. He is a regular contributor to key military journals including GUNS DIGEST, GUN COLLECTOR'S DIGEST, SHOOTER'S BIBLE and THE ARMOURER. He is one of the world's best known authorities on guns of the twentieth century.

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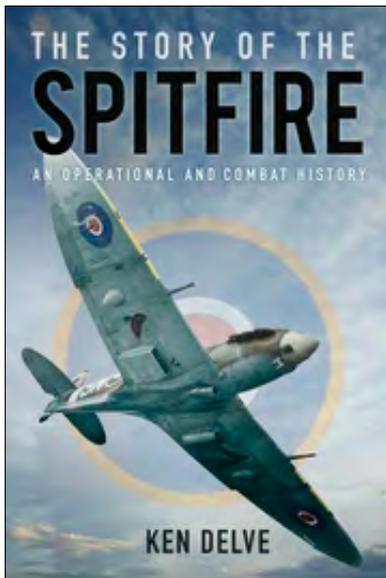
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There were 19 squadrons during the summer of 1940; it was only later the numbers swelled. At times the combat initiative was lost to Bf 109s and Fw 190s, but with better training and increased performance Spitfire clawed its way back. By 1944 it was employed as fighter-bomber in various theatres of war; many pilots thought strapping bombs below this aircraft verged on insult but with aerial targets in short supply this as the most effective way of reaching the enemy. Spitfire saw action up to 1948 and there are still around 50 airworthy today.

### **About Author/s:**

KEN DELVE joined the RAF as a navigator and in a 20-year flying career served with many squadrons (Canberra and Tornado). On leaving the RAF he became Editor of FlyPast magazine and subsequently Editor-in-Chief with Key Publishing with responsibility for eight aviation magazines. He is now a training consultant in the Middle East. His books include Bomber Command, D-Day: The Air Battle and Night Fighter.

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