

Japanese Intelligence in World War II

Western studies of Japanese Intelligence in World War II have invariably concluded that this service was very poor. However, these studies have always concentrated on the later years of the war, when Japan was fighting a multi-front war against numerous opponents. In this groundbreaking new study, Japanese scholar **Ken Kotani** re-examines Japanese intelligence beginning with the early phase of the war. He points out that without the intelligence gathered by the Japanese Army and Navy they would have been unable to achieve their long string of victories against the forces of the United States, Russia, China, and Great Britain. Notable in these early campaigns were the successful strikes against both Singapore and Pearl Harbor.

The author

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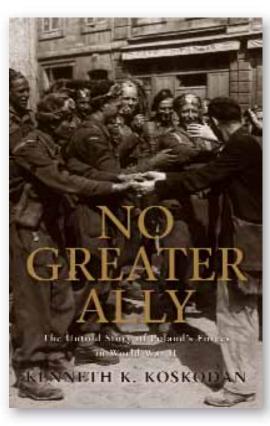
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Officers of the Kempei (military police) overseas (Ken Kotani's collection)



No Greater Ally

The Untold Story of Poland's Forces in World War II

There is a chapter of World War II history that remains largely untold. The story of the fourth largest allied military force of the war, the only nation to have fought in the battles of Leningrad, Arnhem, Tobruk and Normandy. It is the story of millions of young men and women who gave everything for freedom and in the final victory lost all. In a cruel twist of history the monumental struggles of an entire nation have been forgotten, and even intentionally obscured. This book redresses the balance, giving a comprehensive overview of Poland's participation in World War II.

Following their valiant but doomed defence of Poland in 1939, members of the Polish armed forces fought with the Allies wherever and however they could. Upon the invasion of the Soviet Union by Germany, the Polish soldiers held in the Soviet gulags even raised an army to help beat back the German Army. The Poles who remained in Poland formed the largest, most complex, and most active resistance force of the war, with a complete underground government, system of education, and military. The Underground War culminated with the Warsaw Rising of 1944. Containing information never before seen in English, and rare photographs, this title also provides a detailed analysis of the devastation the war brought to Poland, and the final betrayal when, having fought for freedom for six long years, Poland was handed to the Soviet Union.

The author

Kenneth K Koskodan graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Communications. Of Polish descent himself, he has researched Poland's participation in World War II for many years, and in the course of his research has interviewed many surviving veterans.

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German troops conducting mass round up of Polish civilians. (Kenneth K Koskodan's collection)

Young Nelsons

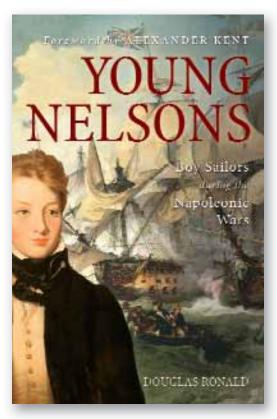
Boy sailors during the Napoleonic Wars

They 'fought like young Nelsons.' These words of a schoolmaster, writing from aboard the Mars after the battle of Trafalgar, describe the valor of his pupils in the heat of battle. Made immortal by the novels of Patrick O'Brian, C. S. Forester and Alexander Kent, these boy sailors, alongside those of every other Royal Navy ship, had entered the British Navy to fight the French across every ocean of the world. There was a long-standing British tradition of children going to sea, of boys who volunteered to fight for Britain, and along the way found adventure, glory, wealth and fame. During the Napoleonic Wars, these children, some as young as eight or nine, were also fighting for the very survival of Britain. For 20 years, the image of young Nelsons on the front line of war caught the imagination of the nation.

Drawing on many first-hand accounts, letters, poems and writings, this book tells the dramatic story of Britain's boy sailors during the Napoleonic Wars for the very first time.

The author

Douglas Ronald studied at Edinburgh University where he gained a Master of Arts Honours Degree in History and French. During a 30-year career in merchant banking, Douglas lived overseas for many years in Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, and the United States. He is now a full-time writer. He is currently researching a book on boy soldiers during the Napoleonic Wars.

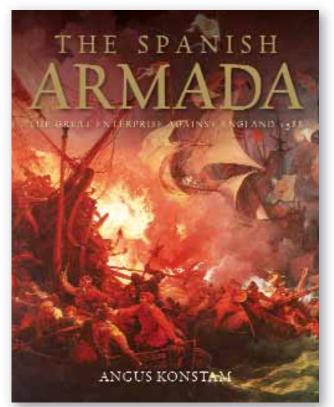


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The Spanish Armada

The Great Enterprise Against England 1588

Over four centuries have passed since King Philip II of Spain attempted to invade England and conquer the Protestants and their queen, Elizabeth I. His plan called for an armada to sail up the English Channel, then meet the Spanish Army of Flanders on the French coast and ferry them across to England. The Spanish had not banked on the tenacity of the British fleet, and Elizabeth's 'Sea Dogs', who harassed the Armada throughout its progress up the Channel, drove the Spanish from their anchorage at Gravelines, so preventing their rendezvous and forcing a full retreat. Naval expert Angus Konstam details the background to the proposed invasion, the opposing fleets, and the whole campaign, including the Armada's disastrous return voyage around Scotland and Ireland, which became one of the most tragic episodes in maritime history. Fully illustrated with photographs, maps and artwork, this book is a colorful account of one of the best-known naval campaigns in world history.

The author

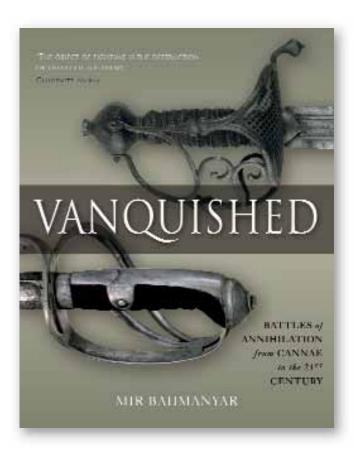
Angus Konstam hails from the Orkney Islands, and is the author of over 50 books, 30 of which are published by Osprey. This acclaimed and widely published author has written several books on piracy, including *The History of Pirates*. His most recent work is a full-length piratical biography: *Blackbeard: America's Most Notorious Pirate*. A former naval officer and museum professional, he worked as the Curator of Weapons at the Tower of London and as the Chief Curator of the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West, Florida. He now works as a full-time author and historian.

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Vanquished

Battles of Annihilation from Cannae to the 21st Century

Throughout time, violent battles and bloody clashes have changed the course of history and shaped nations or empires. Battles of annihilation are rare, but ever since antiquity a stunning victory on the battlefield, even if it has failed to win the war, has captured the imagination. In this book Mir Bahmanyar examines battles of annihilation throughout history, some well known, others less so, but all equally extraordinary, to discover what sets these engagements apart, whether they achieve a decisive strategic advantage in war, and why there are fewer battles of annihilation in modern times.

The author

Mir Bahmanyar was born in Iran, educated in Germany and received his BA in History from the University of California at Berkeley. Mir served in the US Army's 75th Ranger Regiment and has written several books on their history. Mir is also a feature film producer and screenwriter. In 2006 he produced and co-wrote the multi-award winning film Soldier of God. He currently resides in Los Angeles.

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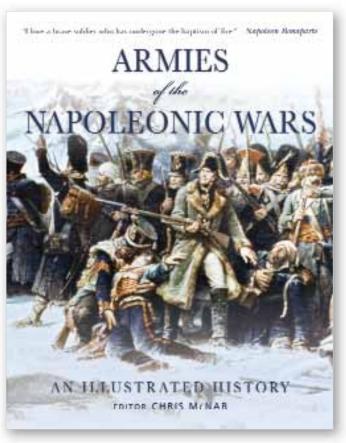
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Armies of the Napoleonic Wars

The Napoleonic Wars saw almost two decades of brutal conflict, from the frozen wastelands of Russia to the wilderness of the Peninsula, and from Egypt to the bloody battlefield of Waterloo. Fighting took place on an unprecedented scale across Europe, and over the entire period of the wars Napoleon led his Grand Armée and his allies against almost every European nation, and against varying coalitions. This book provides a comprehensive guide to all the major armies of the Napoleonic Wars, of France, Britain, Austria, Prussia, Russia, Spain and Portugal, as well as those of other smaller European armies and the United States. Covering the changes experienced by the armies over the period, the author details the organization, infantry, cavalry, and artillery of each. With stunning artwork of the glorious uniforms worn into battle, photographs and period illustrations of the equipment used, this is a beautiful and in-depth study of the armies that fought in the Napoleonic campaigns.

The editor

Chris McNab is an author and editor specializing in military history and military technology. He has had over 25 books published, including Tools of Violence (Osprey, 2008), Weapons of War: AK47 (Spellmount, 2001), How to Pass the SAS Selection Course (Sidgwick & Jackson, 2002) and The Encyclopaedia of Combat Techniques (Lewis/Bookmart, 2002). He has also contributed to The Times on the war in Iraq.



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SAS Heroes

Remarkable Soldiers, Extraordinary Men

From World War II to Iraq today, the SAS has been at the forefront of armed conflict, though most people wouldn't realise they were even there. Universally acknowledged as the best special forces in the world, every member of the Regiment is a hero in his own right. However, even amongst these remarkable soldiers there are those who stand out.

SAS Heroes contains former SAS soldier **Pete Scholey**'s memories of 20 such warriors who are true heroes, although many were never recognized as such during their lives or even in death. It is a collection of stories about soldiers who fought for their country with no desire to be famous, fêted or rewarded, some of whom died in action. A few received medals, and all earned the respect and admiration of their fellow soldiers, their names and faces etched into the true history of the SAS.

Hardback edition published as Who Dares Wins.

The author

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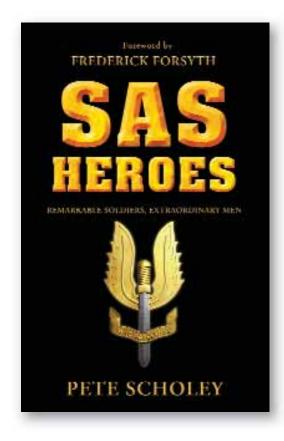
Pete Scholey was, as he puts it, 'a lifer' in the most respected, admired and toughest British Army regiment, the SAS. For 20 years Pete served in some of the world's most hostile terrain, patrolling, cooking, fighting, fixing and even laughing as enemy soldiers sought to expel him and his small band of fellow soldiers from whatever foxhole, jungle or sand dune they were holed up in. Pete served in Borneo, Aden, Oman and Northern Ireland as well as with the regiment's CRW anti-terrorist team. On leaving the regiment in 1982, Pete worked as a security consultant.

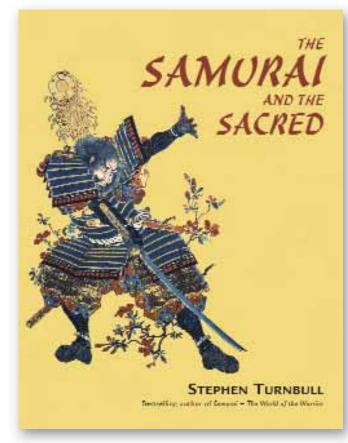
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The Samurai and the Sacred

The fierce loyalty and self-sacrificing attitude of the Samurai have made them both a legend and a cult. Yet although their military prowess and skills in the martial arts have been studied exhaustively, an understanding of their belief system still eludes many. This original and exciting work examines the spiritual world of the samurai, from their attachment to Japan's mainstream religions of Shinto and Buddhism, to their involvement in Confucianism, Christianity and folk religion. Samurai expert **Stephen Turnbull** examines important topics such as Zen and the martial arts, modern militarism, the cult of the sword, revenge and suicide, hara kiri and the kamikaze pilots – the suicide bombers of their day. He also looks at the fascinating issue of Japanese religious terrorism, as well as the growing cult status of the Samurai both in Japan and in the West.

The author

Stephen Turnbull took his first degree at Cambridge University, and received a PhD from Leeds University for his work on Japanese religious history. He has travelled extensively in Europe and the Far East and also runs a well-used picture library. His work has been recognized by the awarding of the Canon Prize of the British Association for Japanese Studies and a Japan Festival Literary Award. He currently divides his time between lecturing in Japanese Religion at the University of Leeds and writing.

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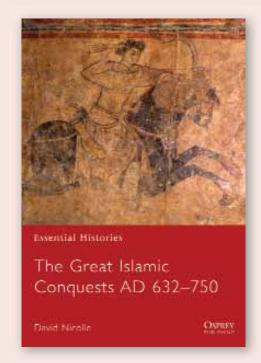
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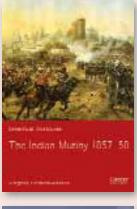
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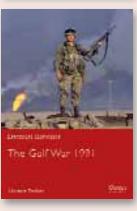
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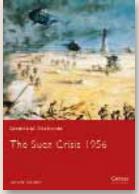
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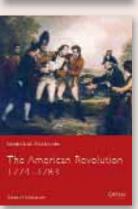






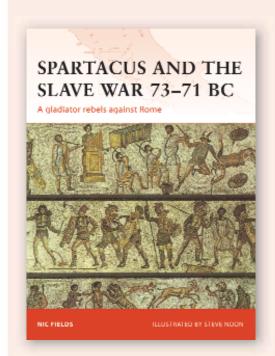


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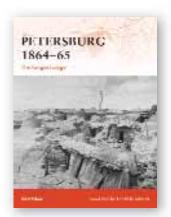








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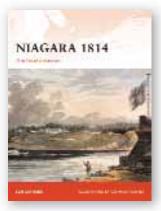
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In 1864 General Ulysses S. Grant decided to strangle the life out of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia by surrounding the city of Petersburg and cutting off General Robert E. Lee's supply lines. The ensuing siege would carry on for nearly ten months, involve 160,000 soldiers, and see a number of pitched battles including the Battle of the Crater, Reams Station, Hatcher's Run, and White Oak Road. After nearly ten months, Grant launched an attack that sent the Confederate Army scrambling back to Appomattox Court House where it would soon surrender.

Written by an expert on the American Civil War, this book examines the last clash between the armies of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.



CAM 209: Niagara 1814

The final invasion

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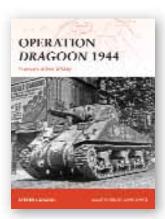
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The War of 1812 has the strange distinction of being largely forgotten by both of its main participants, and yet its outcome was critically important to the future of North America. In 1814, the Americans launched a last offensive in an attempt to seize Canada. This Niagara campaign saw a number of pitched battles including Chippawa, Lundy's Lane, and Cook's Mill, where the Americans, under competent leaders such as Winfield Scott, matched the British shot for shot. However, due to poor planning the campaign failed and Canada survived as an independent state.

A critically acclaimed researcher on the War of 1812, author **Jon Latimer** presents a new look at an often-forgotten yet crucially important campaign in the history of North America.



CAM 210: Operation *Dragoon* 1944

France's other D-Day

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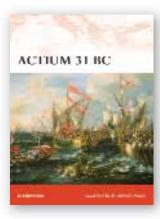
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Operation *Dragoon*, the Allied landings in southern France on August 15, 1944, was one of the most controversial operations of 1944, leading to a deep divide between United States and British planners. The US objective was to threaten the rear of the German armies occupying France by a landing on the eastern French coast and to push rapidly northward towards Lorraine to meet up with Allied forces bursting out of Normandy.

Popular Osprey author **Steve Zaloga** tells the story of this ultimately successful operation, from the acrimonious debates between the Allied commanders to the men who hit the beaches and charged ashore to help liberate occupied France.



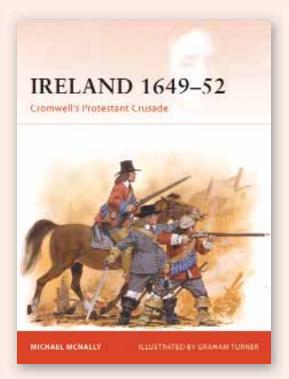
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In 32 BC, the Roman Republic descended into civil war between the forces of Octavian in the west and the famous lovers Cleopatra and Marc Antony in the East. Acting quickly, Octavian trapped his foes in the Gulf of Actium. In the ensuing battle, Antony and Cleopatra managed to escape, but their military forces and their hopes for victory in the war were crushed. Soon afterward, the lovers committed suicide, and Octavian dissolved the Republic and declared himself Emperor.

Actium has remained one of the most famous battles of the ancient world thanks to its portrayal in Shakespearian plays and Hollywood films. This new book tells the true story of the decisive and bloody battle that would once and for all seal the fate of the Roman Republic.



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Following the execution of King Charles I in January 1649, the English Parliament saw their opportunity to launch an assault on the Royalist enclave in Ireland. Oliver Cromwell was appointed as Deputy of Ireland to lead a campaign to restore direct control and quell the opposition.

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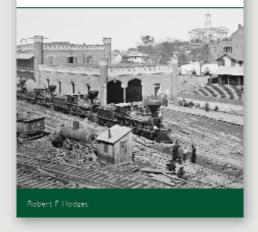
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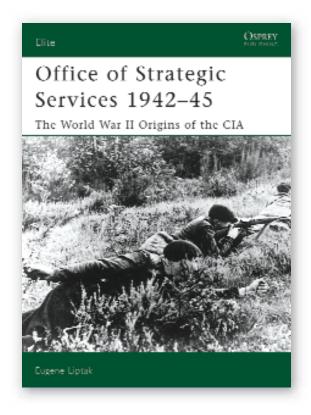
ELI 173: Office of Strategic Services 1942–45

The World War II Origins of the CIA

The Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), was founded in 1942 by William "Wild Bill" Donovan under the direction of President Roosevelt, who realized the need to improve intelligence during wartime. A rigorous recruitment process enlisted agents from both the armed services and civilians to produce operational groups specializing in different foreign areas including Italy, Norway, Yugoslavia and China. At its peak in 1944, the number of men and women working in the service totalled nearly 13,500.

This intriguing story of the origins and development of the American espionage forces covers all of the different departments involved, with a particular emphasis on the courageous teams operating in the field. The volume is illustrated with many photographs, including images from the film director John Ford who led the OSS Photographic Unit and parachuted into Burma in 1943.

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Daily lives of fighting men through their own eyes, recruitment, training, weaponry, clothing, equipment, and experiences in and out of combat

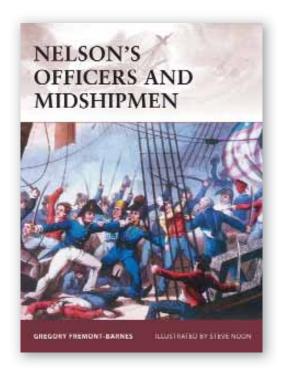
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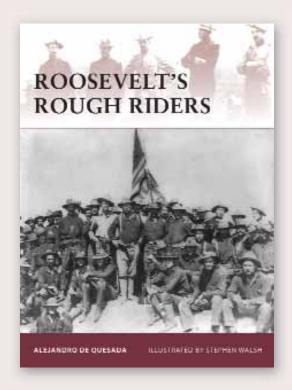
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WAR 131: Nelson's Officers and Midshipmen

Filled with the promise of adventure and glory, the Royal Navy of the Napoleonic era enticed hundreds of young men to enlist as officers in its bitter struggle against the French fleet. With some as young as nine, these boys were confronted with the harsh realities of warfare at sea: cramped conditions, fierce storms and ruthless combat. In spite of their youth, these sailors showed enormous courage and valor in the face of battle, their bravery providing inspiration for a range of fictional characters that remain popular to this day. Drawing from letters, poems and personal accounts, this book uncovers the remarkable story of those men and boys who fought aboard His Majesty's mighty fleet to defend their kingdom against the French.

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WAR 138: Roosevelt's Rough Riders

This book examines the brief but colorful history of the 1st US Volunteer Cavalry, and details the rich experiences of the men who fought in its ranks. Founded in May 1898 after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, the unit was composed of volunteers from all walks of American life. Posted to Cuba, it fought in the battles of Las Guasimas, Kettle Hill and San Juan Hill. At this time, Theodore Roosevelt assumed command, and the unit became known as "Roosevelt's Rough Riders." Eventually withdrawn, the men returned to a hero's welcome in the US. The last veteran of the unit died in 1975, but a rich body of source material has survived, and much of this is covered in this fascinating work.

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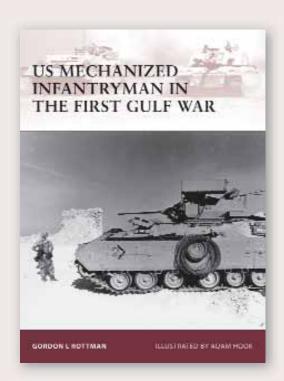
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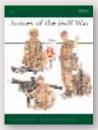
In many ways the end of the Vietnam War left the US Army a spent force. Plagued by low morale, drug and race issues, and terrible public relations, the army faced an uphill climb in the effort to rebuild itself. The story of this reconstruction is mirrored in the rise of the mechanized infantryman. Deciding that the key to winning future conflicts lay in highly trained and mobile warriors who could be delivered quickly to battle, the army adopted the mechanized infantryman as its frontline soldier. This new, all-volunteer force was given the best training and equipment that money could buy. Most notably, they were to be deployed onto the battlefield from the new M2 Bradley Armored Fighting Vehicle.

This new breed of American warrior got their first test in the First Gulf War. Fighting in the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq, these soldiers proved that the US Army was once again a force with which to be reckoned. This book tells the complete story of the rise of the US mechanized infantryman, focusing on his recruitment, training, lifestyle and combat experiences in Iraq.

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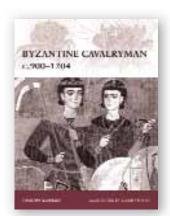








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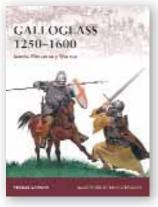
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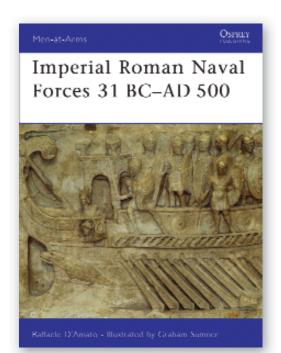
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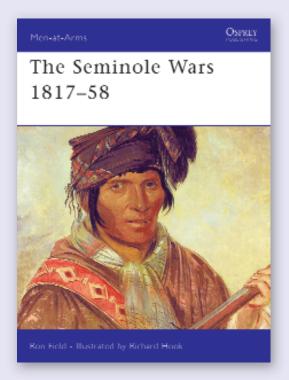
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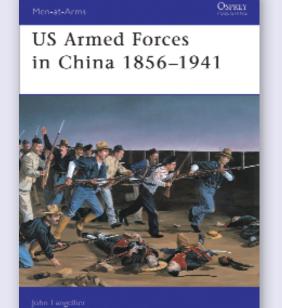












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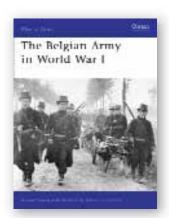










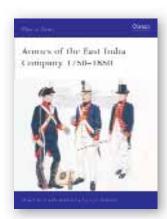


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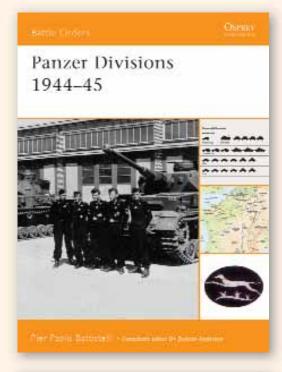
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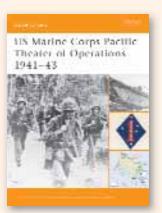
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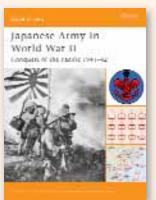
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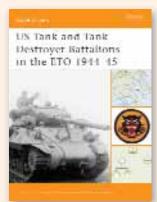


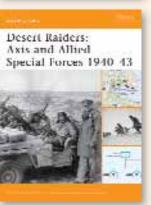




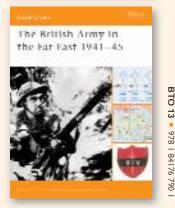
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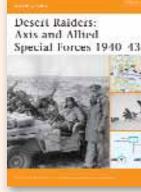


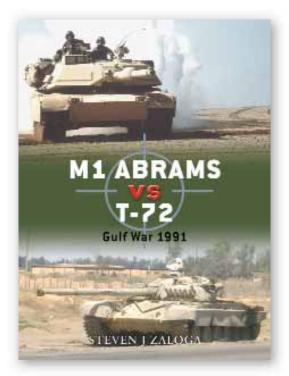




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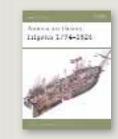
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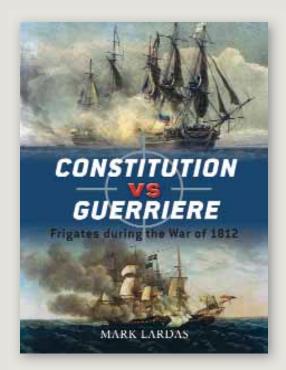












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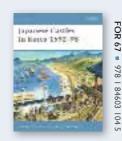
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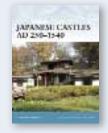
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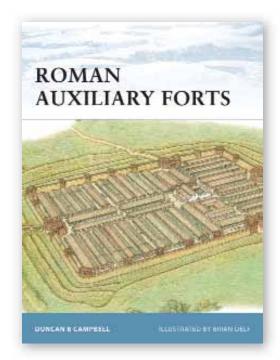








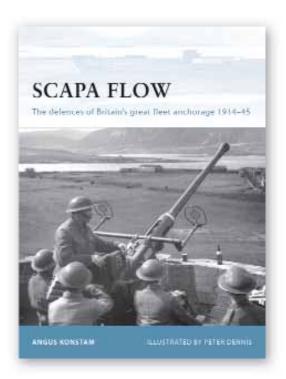




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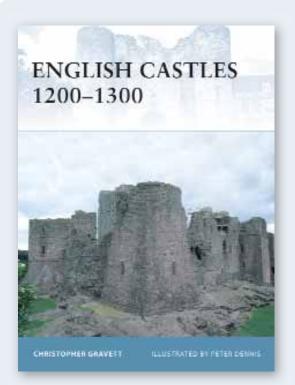
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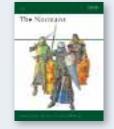
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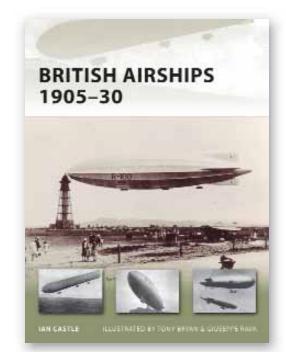


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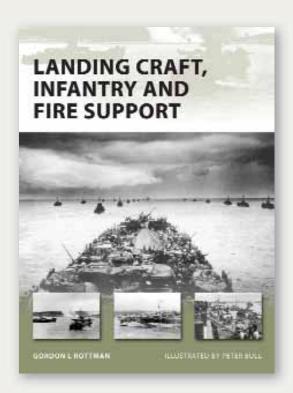




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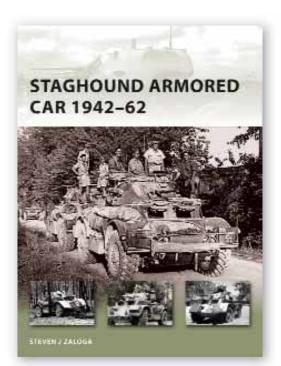












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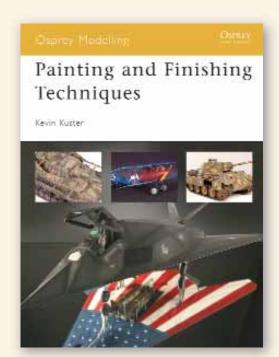
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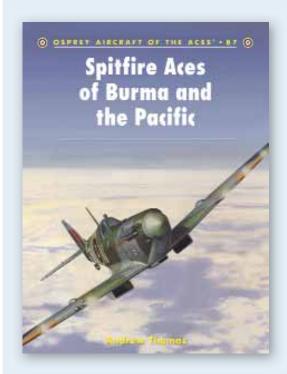




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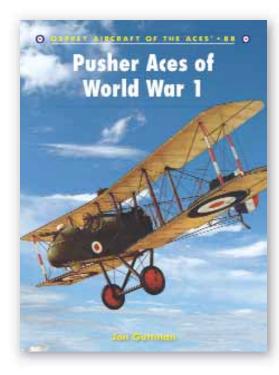
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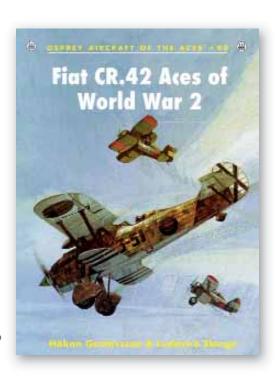
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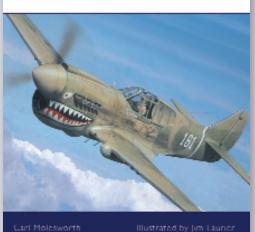
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Famous for the fearsome sharksmouths that adorned their planes, the 23rd FG fought a guerrilla war against the Japanese, steadily moving pilots and aircraft from one remote air base in China to another to keep the enemy off-balance. Because China could only be supplied by air from India, there were constant shortages of aircraft, fuel and ammunition with which to contend. The 23rd FG met these challenges head-on, and by the end of the war its pilots had compiled a score of 594 aerial victories and nearly 400 ground kills. The human cost was high, however -126 pilots lost their lives in China while serving in the 23rd Fighter Group.

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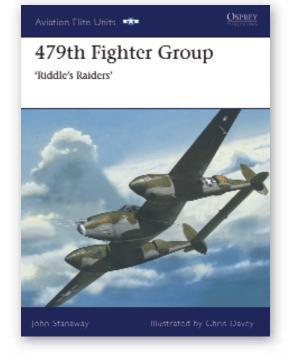
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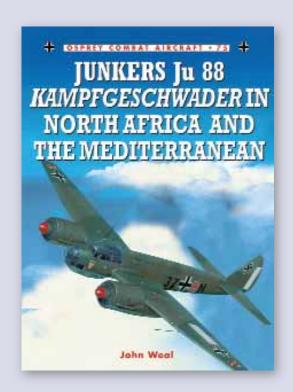
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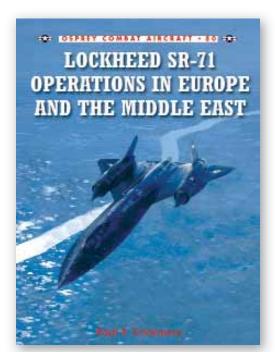












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