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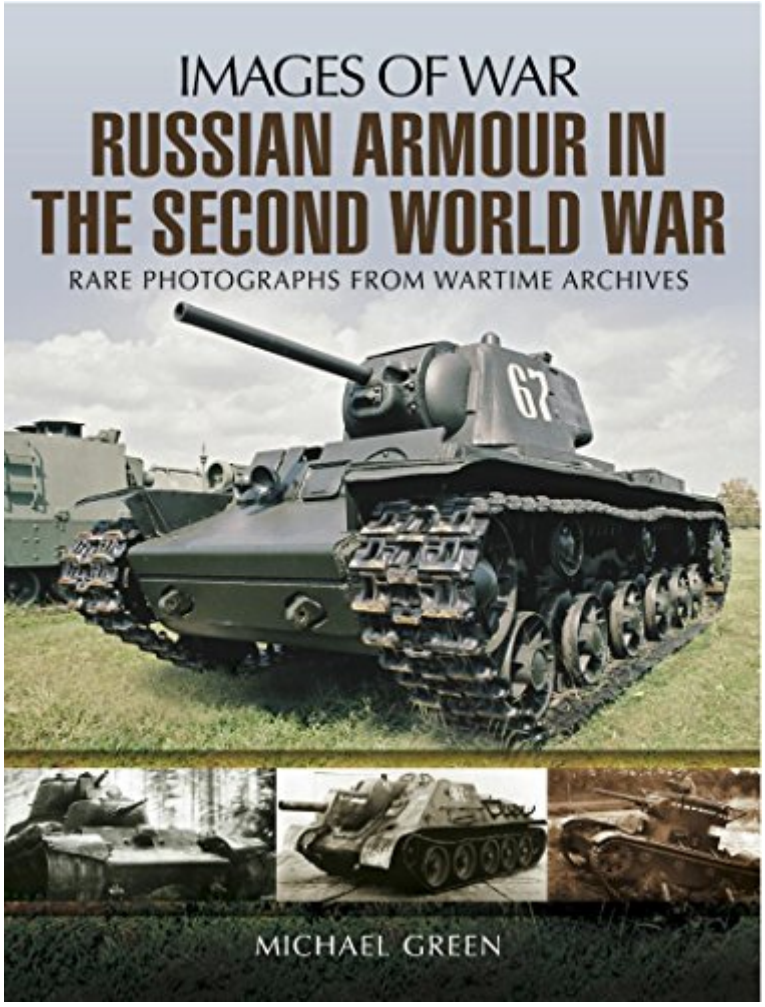

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Synopsis

It was the Stalin's tanks and armoured fighting vehicles and their crews that finally pushed the German Army back from the outskirts of Moscow in late 1941 and early 1942. Proof of the Red Army tanks' and AFVs' effectiveness came at the Battle of Kursk in the summer of 1943 when they defeated the cream of the Panzertruppen, From that point on, the tanks and armoured fighting vehicles of the Red Army continued their offensive operations until they victoriously entered Berlin in April and May 1945. This latest book in the Images of War series paints a broad picture of Russian tanks and armoured fighting vehicles that defeated the might of Hitler's Panzer Armies. American expert Michael Green provides us not only historical images of the full range of Russian armour but also exterior and interior colour photos of preserved and restored tanks and AFVs from the period.

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Customer Reviews

Nice general review of Russian armor with lots of information on the T 34 series. Lots of high quality pictures of all the mentioned tanks and information on different versions. Not quite up to the standards required to be a guide for military modelers since the book lacks information on exterior

colors and close-ups of key detail features. ’s description of the book mentions color photos of exteriors and interiors when the pictures in the paperback are all black and white except for the cover photo. I hope that Michael Green will do a book on just the T 34 like his book on the Panther with the detailed information that modelers need to truly produce a museum quality tank. This book is just what it’s title implies and worth five stars in my tanker’s library. I have now decided to order a 1/16 scale radio controlled model to do a detailed version. jot

This book covers a great many armored vehicles of the red Army in WW II. Section on pre-war, and early war tanks is very good, having pics of some very obscure and odd vehicles. Book is divided into sections, light, medium, and heavy tanks, and assault guns, with a short section of miscellaneous vehicles, mostly lend lease armor. Each section starts out with the early war vehicles, all those odd things with multiple turrets, and shows how they were changed into more useful machines. It could use a section on engineering vehicles, though, which is the only real criticism, i can give this book. Other than that it is most helpful to any modeler of early Soviet armor.

Lots of good photos of the various machines the Russians used. The KV-2 deployed around the time the Russians started pushing the Germans back is particularly noteworthy. This tank is almost ignored yet is easily better than the Tiger I and at least the equal of the Tiger 2. It certainly should have scared the Allies after the war.

Good reference material, well printed, enjoyed very much. (does lack serious specifications, so not a technical book)

Great book. Lots of information on the tanks used by Russia in WWII. This includes the lend lease tanks too. And tons of really good photographs too boot. A must buy for fans of World War 2 armor.

Excellent source for modelling.

Tank expert Michael Green offers up a photo-guide to Russian World War II ’heavy metal’ in this 2013 Pen & Sword release, part of their IMAGES OF WAR series. Tank buffs and Eastern Front enthusiasts should find Green’s book of interest.The book is divided into chapters on Light, Medium and Heavy Tanks, Self-Propelled Guns and, lastly, Miscellaneous Armoured Fighting Vehicles. Among the AFVs depicted in the 200-odd photographs are T-37s, T-40s, T-70s, T-26s, the Christie

T1/T3 knock-off BT-2, T-34s, T-34-85s, KV-1s, KV-85s, IS-2Ms, ZSU-37s, SU-152s, BA-6s, M4A2 Shermans, etc. Each photograph is nicely-captioned although I wish Green had been able to provide the identify of the units operating those AFVs.A note in passing: The title states that the pix are RARE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WARTIME ARCHIVES. I estimate at least 40% of the shots are contemporary photographs of Russian AFVs in various museums.Along with the pix, each chapter has a comprehensive history of that particular class of AFV in Russian service. In some cases, this dates back to World War I as, for instance, the Light Tank chapter which includes information on French-built FT-17s which constituted the first Russian AFVs in service.In any case, RUSSIAN ARMOUR IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR is an interesting photo-guide to the 'heavy metal' monsters designed and operated by the Red Army in the Great Patriotic War. Recommended.

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