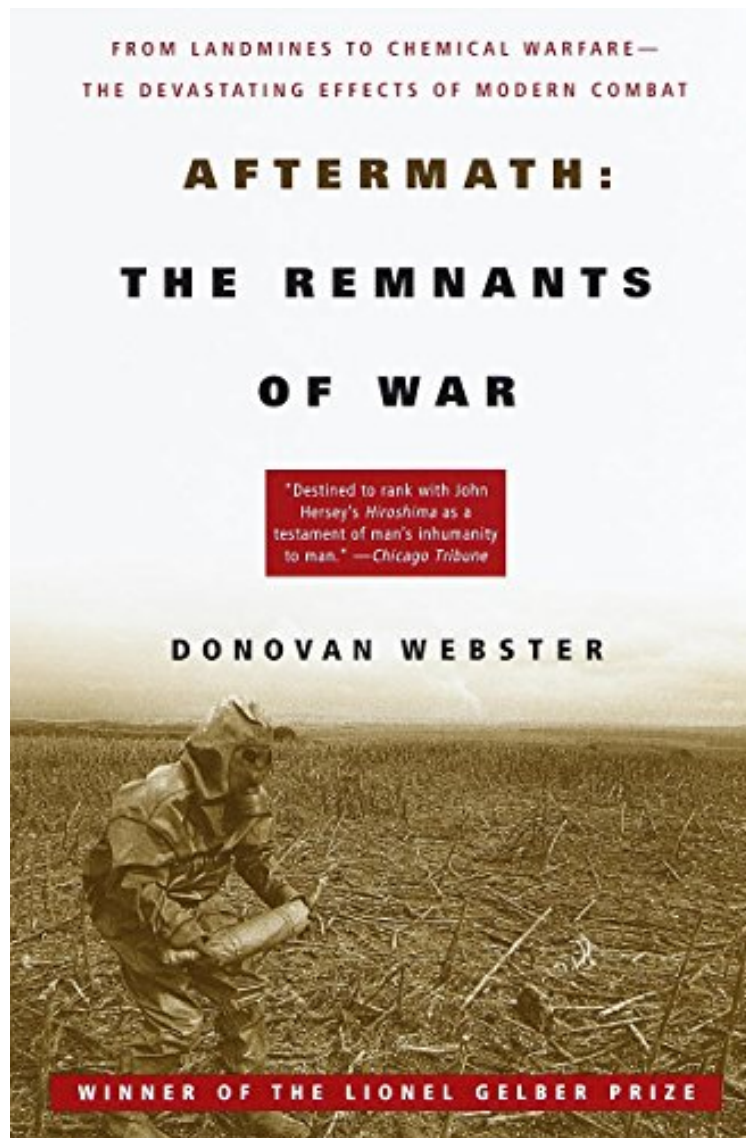


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A compelling investigative workVon Dennis J. BuckleyThe substance of this book has been covered by other reviewers. This intriguing generalist's work documents the author's on-site investigation of the lethal persistence of modern weapons dating from the First World War. Beyond this, Webster has communicated to American readers what happens after a modern war is fought on your soil. Webster's writing style is pleasing and readily accessible by any reader, and in one chapter he builds on his very well-written and moving piece on Verdun which ran in *Smithsonian* some time ago. The reason that this reviewer has not accorded a "five star rating" is simple: this work leaves the expert hungry for more. Webster is an intelligent and articulate man who could easily expand on this work. Overlooking a number of essentially editorial errors (such as Tiger and Panther tanks rolling across France in 1940), one wishes that Webster had further developed his theme of the violation of the social compact through the use of persistent agents and explosives. The work as written should be read by any historian who is serious about the study of modern war. Beyond any one overarching theme, Webster has uncovered the answers-- or at least more evidence-- to a number of "mysteries" of military history. Webster's compelling chapter on the fate of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad may answer the question of what happened to many of the 250,000 Axis soldiers who "disappeared" on the Russian steppe in 1942-1943: those who did not perish in Soviet camps were literally left to rot where they fell. This unpalatable but now evident conclusion is borne out by the author's visits to the "bone fields" around the sites of the German military airfields and evacuation sites at Pitomnik and Gumrak. Webster reports the view of his Russian hosts that the dead fell defending those airports, but their contention falls flat in the face of eyewitness accounts and the acres of unburied bones seen by the author. Webster is, first and foremost, a chronicler. Without passing judgment on any particular "side" in the wars he covers, Webster chronicles the physical aftermath on the battlefield. This reviewer would have valued more of Webster's own analysis and critical commentary than is offered. He has, after all, walked the ground and has thoughts to share on the horrific aftermath of modern warfare.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Thought provoking (to the point of being shocking)!Von Ein KundeAftermath, which Webster researched personally and in incredible detail, is thought provoking to the point of being shocking. The history and scale of this century's warfare that he reveals has given me, a former US Navy officer, a new-found respect for foot soldiers and their terrible burdens. As a father of young children, Aftermath left me with a sadness for those people of France, Kuwait, Viet Nam, and a thousand other battle sites, who have grown up with the explosive and toxic remnants of modern man's conflicts. Be warned. Don Webster's prowess as a writer (National Geographic, NY Times, etc.) is obvious. You won't want to put the book down once you start.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. killer writingVon Dimitry Aronskyexcellent book when i started reading i could not put it down,i wish it had more pictures in it, i'm russian born and while in russia till 1978 never visited the sites that mr.webster spoke about.

KurzbeschreibungIn riveting and revelatory detail, Aftermath documents the ways in which wars have transformed the terrain of the battlefield into landscapes of memory and enduring terror: in France, where millions of acres of farmland are cordoned off to all but a corps of demolition experts responsible for the undetonated bombs and mines of World War I that are now rising up in fields, gardens, and backyards; in a sixty-square-mile area outside Stalingrad that was a cauldron of destruction in 1941 and is today an endless field of bones; in the Nevada deserts, where America waged a hidden nuclear war against itself in the 1950's, the results of which are only now becoming apparent; in Vietnam, where a nation's effort to remove the physical detritus of war has created psychological and genetic devastation; in Kuwait, where terrifyingly sophisticated warfare was followed by the Sisyphean task of making an uninhabitable desert capable of sustaining life. Aftermath excavates our century's darkest history, revealing that the destruction of the past remains deeply, inextricably embedded in the present..deDonovan Webster, a former editor at Outside magazine, has written an eyewitness account of the impossible tasks involved with removing armaments that continue to kill after war has ceased. Between 110 and 120 million land mines are planted in the soil of more than 64 countries. The exponential numbers point to the staggering difficulties Aftermath details: each year more than 5 million new land mines are laid, and only 100,000 are cleared; a new mine costs \$3, but removing one costs between \$200 and \$1,000. In Angola, there are more than 15 million mines, two for every citizen. Webster traces the deadly legacy from the French battlefields of World War I to Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, describing the work of sappers in a compelling story that brings to light the horrifying legacy of warfare..comDonovan Webster, a former editor at Outside magazine, has written an eyewitness account of the impossible tasks involved with removing armaments that continue to kill after war has ceased. Between 110 and 120 million land mines are planted in the soil of more than 64 countries. The exponential numbers point to the staggering difficulties Aftermath details: each year more than 5 million new land mines are laid, and only 100,000 are cleared; a new mine costs \$3, but removing one costs between \$200 and \$1,000. In Angola, there are more than 15 million mines, two for every citizen. Webster traces the deadly legacy from the French battlefields of World War I to Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, describing the work of sappers in a compelling

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