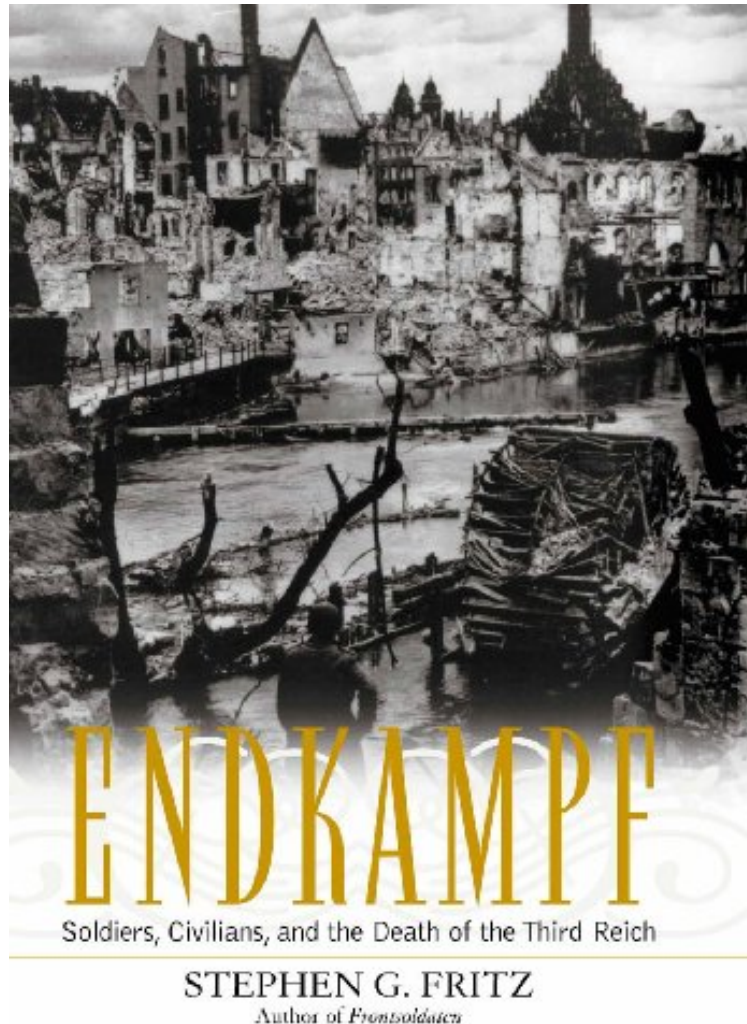


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beizukommen sein dürfte. Die zahlreichen - notwendigen - Fachausdrücke erschweren das Lesen doch ziemlich. Ich habe hier die Kindle-Ausgabe als hilfreich empfunden, da man die meisten Wörter aus dem Text heraus nachschlagen kann. Ansonsten ist ENDKAMPF ein Buch, das man vor der letzten Seite nur schwer aus der Hand legt, obwohl das Ende ja bekannt ist...

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