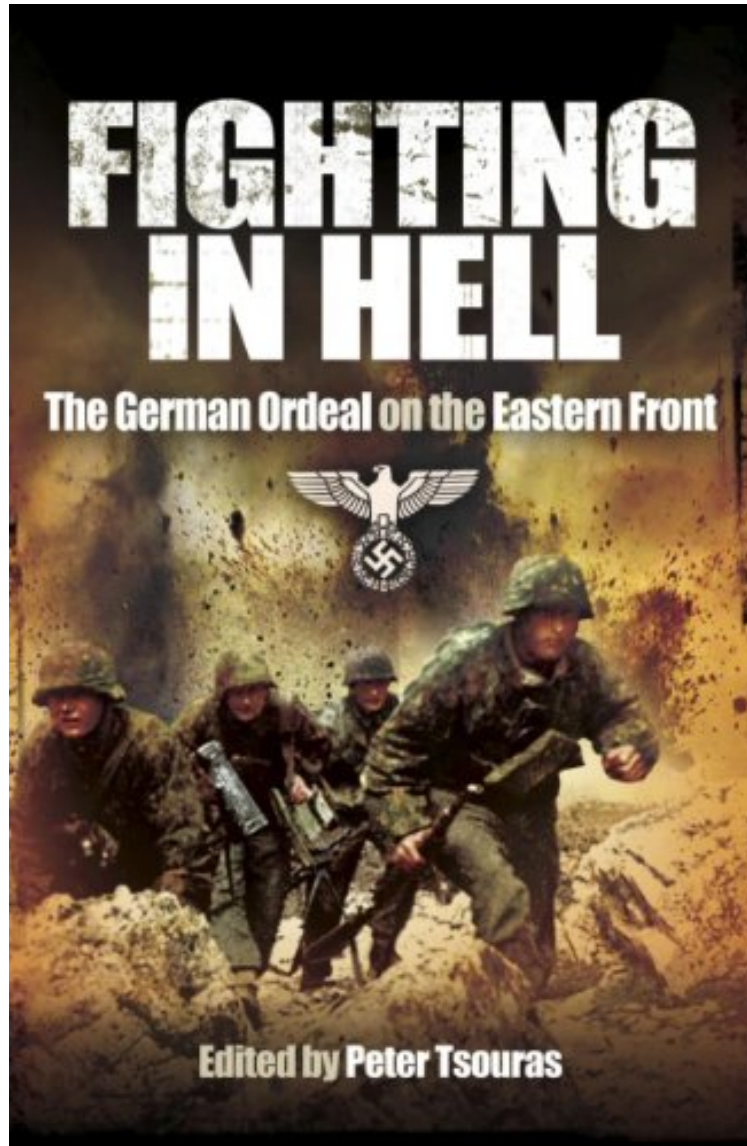


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**Von Peter Tsouras : Fighting in Hell: The German Ordeal on the Eastern Front** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fighting in Hell: The German Ordeal on the Eastern Front:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not what you might expect Von Ein Kunde This book is split into 4 segments of German officers talking about: (1) colder than expected winters (2) Numerically superior Russian forces thrown against the Germans (3) Russian haphazard

ability to use terrain to its advantage. Each "General" says the same thing - giving a repetitive feeling to the book. (It was difficult to stay attentive after section 2). NO personal account of action by anyone (save one or two anecdotes in entire book). NO general explanation of the locations of battle (how about 1 or 2 geographical maps). NO feeling of what the German or Russian soldier went through on the Eastern Front. Believe previous reviewers: this is NOT what you would expect by the title. Better title: Review of German Difficulties Fighting in Russia: A General's Perspective (Yeah, a boring title for a repetitive book). I rated 1.5 stars because I was disappointed with the lost opportunity for a great review of what the German (or Russian) soldier went through on the eastern front. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dissapointing Von Tom Munro After the war German Generals were de-briefed at length over a range of subjects. These included their fighting techniques use of weapons and their war with the Soviets. The aim of these sessions was to be able to improve the efficiency of the United States Army and to get some idea of the fighting strength of the Russians. This book is a collection of the interviews with German Generals. They are a series of essays on a range of topics. The major problem with them is that during the war the Germans themselves has little real idea of why they lost the war. This comes through in these essays. There is an impression of somehow having lost against the mongol hoards but little real understanding of the relative strengths of the forces and why the Soviets were able to resist the Germans and to then achieve a numerical preponderance. The essays also reflect the prejudices of the time with lots of discussion of the Asiatic mind and an approach that led to thinking being based on race. The book is thus disappointing as it is fragmented bound by its time and lacking in any real insight. (Except for one interesting fact and that was that the Germans had to use vegetable oil as a lubricant on their weapons as normal oils froze in the Russian winter) 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. worthless Von Roger Dupont The book itself is an anthology of racialistic Nazi apologia as recorded by and for the benefit of the US military. Except for being a testimony to the unshakable prejudices of defeated Nazis (like the description of peculiarities of Russian war mentality, Asiatic stuff and other bizarre, outrageously obscene Nazi falsehoods), the material contains no relevant historic data; neither it provides any answers to anything nor asks any meaningful questions. No one questions how did the "valiant" German army and the Nazis' faithful, enthusiastic and willing allies like the Finns manage to lose the war so completely - despite all their recorded bestiality, savagery, looting and mass murder of (Soviet and other) civilian population - the only things they apparently excelled in (and which they conveniently prefer not to mention) -- aside from the regular, boring fare of cold temperature and other esoteric "explanations" (a fallacy - since Russians "suffered" from the cold weather as much as the Nazis and their allies) and other racist irrelevancies - or how and why did they find themselves in Russia in the first place.

Kurzbeschreibung The German war in Russia was so brutal in all its extremes that all past experiences paled beside it. Everything in Russia - the land, the climate, the distances and above all the people - were harder, harsher, more unforgiving and more deadly than anything the German soldier had ever faced before. One panzer-grenadier who fought in the West and in Russia summed it up: In the West war was the same honourable old game; nobody went out of his way to be vicious, and fighting stopped often by five in the afternoon. But in the East, the Russians were trying to kill you - all the time. The four detailed reports of campaigning in Russia included in this invaluable book (Russian Combat Methods in WWII, Effects of Climate on Combat in European Russia, Combat in Russian Forests and Swamps and Warfare in the Far North) were written in the late 1940s and early 1950s, as part of the US Army programme to record the German strategies and tactics of World War II directly from the commanders. The authors were all veterans of the fighting they described, and frankly admitted that the soldiers sent to Russia were neither trained nor equipped to withstand the full fury of the elements there. The German high command had been under the impression that the Red Army could be destroyed west of the Dnepr, and there would be no need for conducting operations in cold, snow and mud. Fighting in Hell shows what really happened, through first-hand accounts of the commanders who were there. Pressestimmen Much of this book relies on eyewitness accounts, providing powerful testimony to the Germans lack of preparation for the harsh climatic conditions of the Russian winter. Military Machines International For anybody with a serious interest in this particular struggle, [these reports] are an invaluable source of information coming from a primary and well-informed source. Military Modelcraft International