

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Lots of books from the US in this issue.

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The Boy Behind the Mask: Meeting the Real Tutankhamun

By Charlotte Booth

\$39.95

Publisher – Oneworld, 176 pages, ISBN 9781851685448, hardback

The name Tutankhamun conjures up images of gold treasure, a secret tomb, an ancient curse, and a life surrounded by rumour and mystery. What caused his sudden death? Why was the tomb hastily closed? And while alive, what was his relationship with loved ones and allies? Personal items and photographs of Howard Carter's finds - available here for the first time for the general public - breathe brilliant new life into an iconic king.

The Campaigns of Hannibal

By Patrick Leonard Macdougall

\$32.95

Publisher – Westholme, 216 pages, ISBN 9781594160561, paperback

The Campaigns of Hannibal begins with an account of the organisation, weapons, and chief tactics of both the Romans and Carthaginians, and then proceeds in chronological order through the thirteen campaigns waged by Hannibal against Rome over the course of 218-207 B.C., including the battles of Trebbia and Cannae. After each campaign, the author discusses the salient points that students of strategy and the history of warfare should recognise. The book concludes with Hannibal's return to North Africa, his final defeat at Zama in 203 B.C., his subsequent exile and death. This book was originally published in 1858.

Augustus: The Life of Rome's First Emperor

By Anthony Everitt

\$33.95

Publisher – Random House, 377 pages, ISBN 9780812970586, paperback

He found Rome made of clay and left it made of marble. As Rome's first emperor, Augustus transformed the unruly Republic into the greatest empire the world had ever seen. His consolidation and expansion of Roman power two thousand years ago laid the foundations, for all of Western history to follow.

Medieval and Renaissance

Ancient and Medieval Wargaming

By Neil Thomas

\$59.95

Publisher – Sutton, 276 pages, ISBN 9780750945721, hardback

Re-fight some of the bloodiest battles of the ancient and medieval worlds! Seasoned wargamer and author Neil Thomas brings historical perspective to the hobby with a description and interpretation of significant military developments from 3,000BC to AD1500. Neil Thomas' new book provides specific coverage of ancient and medieval wargaming, thanks to its division into biblical, classical, Dark Age and medieval sections. Each section has its own set of rules and much expanded army lists. The wargamer gains additional perspective from data panels containing facts about weaponry, personalities and chroniclers, and quotations from original document sources.

17th-19th Century

Benedict Arnold's Army: The 1775 American Invasion of Canada During the Revolutionary War

By Arthur S. Lefkowitz

\$64.95

Publisher – Savas Beatie, 384 pages, ISBN 9781932714036, hardback

A brilliant American combat officer and this country's most famous traitor, Benedict Arnold is one of the most fascinating and complicated people to emerge from American history. His contemporaries called Arnold "the American Hannibal" after he successfully led more than 1,000 men through the savage Maine wilderness in 1775. The objective of Arnold and his heroic corps was the fortress city of Quebec, the capital of British-held Canada. The epic campaign is the subject of *Benedict Arnold's Army*, a fascinating campaign to bring Canada into the war as the 14th colony.

Custerology: The Enduring Legacy of the Indian Wars and George Armstrong Custer

By Michael A. Elliott

\$49.95

Publisher – University of Chicago, 336 pages, ISBN 9780226201467, hardback

On a hot summer day in 1876, George Armstrong Custer led the Seventh Cavalry to the most famous defeat in U.S. military history. In this in-depth study, the author tackles the far more complicated question of why the battle of Little Bighorn retains such power for Americans today.

Diamonds, Gold and War: The British, the Boers, and the Making of South Africa

By Martin Meredith

\$69.95

Publisher – Public Affairs, 570 pages, ISBN 9781586484736, hardback

Based on significant new research and filled with atmospheric detail, this history makes palpable the cost of greed to Africa's native peoples, and explains the rise of the virulent Afrikaner nationalism that eventually had taken in South Africa, with repercussions lasting nearly a century.

The River War: A Historical Account of the Reconquest of Sudan

By Winston Churchill

\$400.00

Publisher – St Augustine's Press, 1350 pages, ISBN 9781587317002, hardback

Building on Churchill's newspaper dispatches for the *Morning Post*, this book tells the exciting story of the reconquest of the Sudan by an Anglo-Egyptian army led by Lord Kitchener in the late 1890s, including the 1898 cavalry charge at Omdurman in which the young Churchill fought as a lieutenant. *The River War* is an indispensable source for people who want to understand Churchill. Those interested in military history will relish the story of war on the Nile, with all of its colourful incidents, but the book is much more than just a campaign history.

American Civil War

Civil War and the Indian Wars

By Roy Bird

\$19.95

Publisher – Pelican, 128 pages, ISBN 9781589804807, paperback

This fascinating and brief history looks at how the Civil War impacted Indian tribes in the Western United States from California to the Mississippi River. With a chapter for each year of the Civil War, it examines a prewar incident that sparked an Apache war in New Mexico and Arizona, moves on to the Navajo war that concluded in 1864, and ends with skirmishes and raids throughout the Midwest in 1865.

Twilight at Little Round Top: July 2, 1863: The Tide Turns at Gettysburg

By Glenn W. Lafantasia

\$29.95

Publisher – Vintage Books, 315 pages, ISBN 9780307386632, paperback

On July 2nd, 1863, forces from the Confederacy's Army of Northern Virginia and the Union's Army of the Potomac clashed over the steep, rocky hill known as Little Round Top. This battle was one of the most brutal and devastating engagements of the American Civil War, and the North's bloody victory there insured their triumph at Gettysburg, setting the stage for the South's ultimate defeat.

World War I

Aces Falling: The Last of the First World War Fighter Aces, 1918

By Peter Hart

\$59.95

Publisher – Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 416 pages, ISBN 9780297846536, hardback

By 1918, the war was nearing its end and the legendary knights of the sky--names like Richthofen, Edward Mannock, Herman Goering, Billy Bishop, among others--were writing its bloody final chapters. Author Peter Hart, the Oral

Historian at Britain's Imperial War Museum, has been granted unprecedented access to the museum's archives; through these rare manuscripts and firsthand accounts, he provides a riveting perspective on the first true "air war." From the swirling dogfights to the bombing missions that became ever more deadly, the book reveals the terrible scope of aerial combat and commemorates the men who fought, killed, and died in the clouds above.

World War II

The Library of Congress World War II Companion

Edited by David Kennedy, Margaret E. Wagner, Linda Barrett Osborne & Susan Reyburn \$89.95
Publisher – Simon & Schuster, 982 pages, ISBN 9780743252195, hardback

From the Library of Congress and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Kennedy comes this lavishly illustrated fascinating collection of essential information on World War II. 200 b&w photos and maps.

The Essential Vehicle Identification Guide: Waffen-SS Divisions 1939-45

By Chris Bishop \$69.95
Publisher – Amber, 192 pages, ISBN 9781905704552, hardback

Illustrated with detailed artworks of vehicles and their markings, *The Essential Vehicle Identification Guide: Waffen-SS Divisions, 1939-45* is the definitive study of the equipment and organisation of Germany's elite Waffen-SS divisions during World War II. Organised chronologically by division and formation date, the book describes in depth the various models of tank and other armoured and soft vehicles in service with the 'fighting' SS, with listings of unit commanders, vehicle types and numbers, and unit structure.

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German Order of Battle Vol 3: Panzer, Panzer Grenadier and Waffen-SS Divisions

Samuel W. Mitcham Jr \$39.95
Publisher – Stackpole, 301 pages, ISBN 9780811734387, paperback

This is the definitive book on the organisational and technical aspects of the German ground forces--the infantry, panzer, panzer grenadier, motorised, Waffen-SS, mountain, parachute, Jaeger, light, Luftwaffe field, and flak divisions--that swept across Europe with such ruthless efficiency in 1939 and 1940 and battled Allied forces until the bloody end. It is the most comprehensive and accessible reference work on the German Army during World War II yet published, unmatched in the information it compiles while tracing each German division from inception to destruction.

Death of the Wehrmacht: The German Campaigns of 1942

By Robert Michael Citino \$69.95
Publisher – University of Kansas, 431 pages, ISBN 9780700615315, hardback

For Hitler and the German military, 1942 was a key turning point of World War II, as an overstretched but still lethal Wehrmacht replaced brilliant victories and huge territorial gains with stalemates and strategic retreats. In this major re-evaluation of that crucial year, Robert Citino shows that the German army's emerging woes were rooted as much in its addiction to the "war of movement"--attempts to smash the enemy in "short and lively" campaigns--as they were in Hitler's deeply flawed management of the war. From the overwhelming operational victories at Kerch and Kharkov in May to the catastrophic defeats at El Alamein and Stalingrad, *Death of the Wehrmacht* offers an eye-opening new view of that decisive year.

The Day of the Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy 1943-44

By Rick Atkinson \$69.95
Publisher – Henry Holt, 816 pages, ISBN 9780805062892, hardback

Flushed with the defeat of Rommel's Afrika Corps in North Africa, Winston Churchill looked ahead to attacking "the soft underbelly of Europe." He believed that the conquest of Sicily, followed by a rapid advance up the Italian peninsula, could reduce the necessity for a massive invasion across the English Channel. Atkinson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, has written a comprehensive account of the campaign, which is the second volume of a planned trilogy covering the Allied liberation of Europe. (The first volume, *An Army at Dawn*, examined the North African campaign.) As he illustrates with masterful use of primary sources, British and American war planners were deeply divided over the necessity of the campaign. Once launched, Allied attacks were frequently improvised and poorly coordinated.

Anzio: Italy and the Battle for Rome 1944

By Lloyd Clark

\$32.95

Publisher – Grove Press, 392 pages, ISBN 9780802143266, paperback

About six months before D-Day, in January 1944, a united force of 36,000 soldiers launched one of the first attacks on continental Europe at Anzio, a small coastal city thirty miles south of Rome. But the advance stalled, and the Allies were unable to exploit initial German weakness that could have led to a decisive strike to liberate the undefended Italian capital. As the Germans gained strength, Anzio beach became a death trap. After five months of fighting, and monumental casualties on both sides, the Allies were able to successfully crack the German line, capturing Rome on June 4, just two days before D-Day.

Anzio: The Soldier's Stories from the Front Lines

By T.R. Fehrenbach

\$24.95

Publisher – Ibooks, 176 pages, ISBN 9781596873810, paperback

When the Allied troops launched the surprise assault on January 22, 1944, they did it with too few men, too few supplies, and too little support. The result was a desperate battle fought by men who knew there were only two options: victory or death. Utilising first-hand accounts of front-line soldiers, after-action reports, and official histories, T.E. Fehrenbach vividly recreates that period where brave men rose to the challenge against incredible odds, and wrested victory from the jaws of certain defeat.

The Brigade: The 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade in World War II

By Terry Copp

\$33.95

Publisher – Stackpole, 208 pages, ISBN 9780811734226, paperback

Consisting of the Calgary Highlanders, the Black Watch, and the French-speaking Regiment de Maisonneuve, the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade landed in France in early July 1944 as part of British General Bernard Montgomery's 21st Army Group. That summer, the brigade participated in hellish battles in Normandy, including Caen and Verrires Ridge. The 5th went on to distinguish itself in Belgium, where it endured foul weather and fierce resistance near Antwerp in October 1944, and ended the war with harrowing streetfighting in the towns of Holland.

Into the Fire: Ploesti, the Most Fateful Mission of World War II

By Duane Schultz

\$52.95

Publisher – Westholme, 288 pages, ISBN 9781594160516, hardback

Schultz recreates the great World War II battle of Ploesti, Romania, combining original research and interviews with survivors in order to capture the tension, drama, and heroics of the warring sides.

Warsaw 1: Tanks in the Uprising August-October 1944

By Janusz Ledwoch

\$74.95

Publisher – Leandoer and Eckholm, 224 pages, ISBN 9789197589536, hardback

Many books have been written about the Uprising in Warsaw, but none have been written in this detailed manner describing the use of the armoured weapons of war. Tanks in city environments had, earlier during World War II only been used very rarely, since it is very difficult to use them properly in built up areas. The Uprising in Warsaw was unique, as both sides used tanks in the battle. This book gives a concise picture of the vehicles and the weapon systems that were used.

Warsaw 2: The Battle of Praga July-September 1944

By Norbert Bacyk

\$74.95

Publisher – Leandoer and Eckholm, 272 pages, ISBN 9789197589543, hardback

It is a common misunderstanding that the Red Army, on Stalin's order, halted outside Warsaw in August 1944 to let the German troops suppress the Polish uprising in the capital. Joseph Stalin of course didn't want to let a pro-British Polish government get a foothold in Warsaw. The fact is that on the last day of July (the night before the start of the uprising) the Red Army was on its way into Praga (the east part of Warsaw on the east bank of Vistula) when the German troops mounted a violent counter attack. This started the bitter fight that came to be called "The Battle for Praga" and was to continue until the end of September when the Red Army finally conquered Praga. By then it was too late for the Polish resistance inside the city.

The Ghost Mountain Boys: Their Epic March and the Terrifying Battle for New Guinea

By James Campbell

\$49.95

Publisher – Crown, 378 pages, ISBN 9780307335968, hardback

During the battle for New Guinea, a unit of American soldiers was assigned the most gruelling mission of the entire Pacific campaign: to march over the 10,000-foot Owen Stanley Mountains and to protect the right flank of the Australian army. This is their story.

Marines!: The Inside Story

By Robert Leckie

\$19.95

Publisher – Ibooks, 158 pages, ISBN 9781596873841, paperback

From the rain forests of Guadalcanal to the hell-hot coral sands of Peleliu, the men of the First Marine Division were there. This is their own story.

Post World War II**B-52: A History of the American Icon**

By Anthony M. Thornborough & Tony Cassanova

\$79.95

Publisher – Westholme, 288 pages, ISBN 9781594160240, hardback

A profile of the B-52, having flown in six wars, the longest serving military aircraft in the world and arguably the most influential weapon of the past fifty years.

To the Limit: An Air Cav Huey Pilot in Vietnam

By Tom A. Johnson

\$32.95

Publisher – New American Library, 396 pages, ISBN 9780451222183, paperback

During the Vietnam War, one out of every eighteen helicopter pilots never made it home alive. At age nineteen, Tom Johnson flew in the thick of it, and lived to tell his harrowing tale. Johnson piloted the UH-1 "Iroquois"-better known as the "Huey"-as part of the famous First Air Cavalry Division. His battalion was one of the most decorated units of the Vietnam War, and helped redefine modern warfare.

Arsenals of Folly: The Making of the Nuclear Arms Race

By Richard Rhodes

\$57.95

Publisher – Knopf, 386 pages, ISBN 9780375414138, hardback

The story of the entire postwar superpower arms race, climaxing during the Reagan-Gorbachev decade when the United States and the Soviet Union came within scant hours of nuclear war--and then nearly agreed to abolish nuclear weapons. Rhodes reveals how the Reagan administration's unprecedented arms buildup in the early 1980s led ailing Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to conclude that Reagan must be preparing for a nuclear war. In the fall of 1983, when NATO staged a larger than usual series of field exercises that included, uniquely, a practice run-up to a nuclear attack, the Soviet military came very close to launching a defensive first strike on Europe and North America.

The War on Lebanon: A Reader

Edited by Nubar Hovsepien

\$39.95

Publisher – Olive Branch, 422 pages, ISBN 9781566566803, paperback

Israel's 34-day bombardment of Lebanon in the summer of 2006--in which more than 1,000 Lebanese civilians lost their lives--is one of the most tragic events to take place in the Middle East in this century. It was unleashed in the context of the continued Israeli assault on the Palestinians, particularly in Gaza, as well as the US effort to "bring democracy" and redraw the map of the Middle East from Afghanistan to Iraq and perhaps to Iran. What explains Hezbollah's capture of two Israeli soldiers and the scale of Israel's retaliation? Why did the US reject an early ceasefire? And where will it all lead? These and other vital questions are addressed in this collection of essays by internationally respected scholars and experts from around the world who examine the ethical, legal and strategic issues of the conflict, and analyse the consequences facing the region and the world in the wake of the Israeli invasion.

Ambush Alley: The Most Extraordinary Battle of the Iraq War

By Tim Pritchard

\$14.95

Publisher – Presidio Press, 364 pages, ISBN 9780891419112, paperback

March 23, 2003: U.S. Marines from the Task Force Tarawa are caught up in one of the most unexpected battles of the Iraq War. What started off as a routine manoeuvre to secure two key bridges in the town of Nasiriyah in southern Iraq degenerated into a nightmarish twenty-four-hour urban clash in which eighteen young Marines lost their lives and more than thirty-five others were wounded. It was the single heaviest loss suffered by the U.S. military during the initial combat phase of the war.

America and the Islamic Bomb: The Deadly Compromise

By David Armstrong & Joseph J. Trento

\$49.95

Publisher – Steerforth Press, 292 pages, ISBN 9781586421373, hardback

Armstrong and Trento argue convincingly that Pakistan's leaking and selling of atomic secrets across the region have increased nuclear proliferation by 'small, weak states' and the likelihood of 'terrorists or unfriendly regimes getting their hands on an atomic device.' The United States 'aided and abetted' this exchange by remaining allied to

Pakistan, which harboured one of the worst culprits, A.Q. Khan, leader of a nuclear smuggling ring, and by not taking a stronger stance against nuclear proliferation.

General Histories

Annals of a Fortress: Twenty-Two Centuries of Siege Warfare

By Eugene-Emmanuel Viollet-Le-Duc & Benjamin Bucknall

\$39.95

Publisher – Dover, 432 pages, ISBN 9780486461687, paperback

Written by a famous architect and military engineer, this accessible, well-researched book charts the development of fortification and the art of the siege. It chronicles 2,000 years in the life of a fictional castle, combining the excitement of a novel with the authenticity of a historical document.

The World Encyclopedia of Pistols, Revolvers & Submachine Guns

By William Fowler, Anthony North & Charles Strong

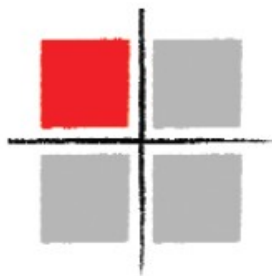
\$69.95

Publisher – Lorenz, 256 pages, ISBN 9780754817246, hardback

A comprehensive illustrated encyclopedia of 500 arms from the different countries of the world, organised according to country of manufacture and featuring key specifications for each gun of calibre, magazine capacity, barrel length and unloaded weight.

Well, that's it for this newsletter, good reading and look forward to another small newsletter next week.

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