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***The Crimea has been the scene of conflict throughout its history. First occupied by the Russians in the 18th***

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*century it was the scene of the Crimean War, and was drawn into the Russian Civil War, as well as World War II. Today it remains a much disputed region with the Crimea at the center of ongoing tensions between*

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*East and West. Throughout World War II the Crimea was a microcosm of the more general war on the Eastern Front, reflecting the ebb and flow of fortunes of that conflict. It was a crucible that saw first Soviet and*

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*then German armies surrounded, overwhelmed, and then destroyed. The nature of the fighting in the Crimea was unusual for the Eastern Front, with naval forces playing an important role, as the Crimea's*

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*position in the Black Sea gave rise to a major role for naval supply, amphibious landings, and, ultimately, evacuation. However, in other ways it was more characteristic of the Eastern Front, and the*

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*fighting for and occupation of the region saw the same level of atrocity and ethnic cleansing commonplace throughout the war in the East, with each side reaching the depths of barbarity in their treatment*

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*of the civilian population.  
Based on extensive new  
archival research, this  
incredible narrative history  
by acclaimed historian  
Robert Forczyk sheds new  
light on this vital aspect  
of the Eastern Front that*

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*has not been covered in  
English before.*

*The purpose of this study is  
to describe German planning  
and operations in the first  
part of the campaign against  
Russia. The narrative starts  
with Hitler's initial plans*



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*for an invasion of Russia  
and ends at the time of  
Germany's maximum  
territorial gains during the  
battle for Stalingrad.  
Widely regarded as the most  
accomplished general of  
World War II, the Soviet*

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*military legend Marshal  
Georgy Zhukov at last gets  
the full-scale biographical  
treatment he has long  
deserved. A man of  
indomitable will and fierce  
determination, Georgy Zhukov  
was the Soviet Union's*

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***indispensable commander through every one of the critical turning points of World War II. It was Zhukov who saved Leningrad from capture by the Wehrmacht in September 1941, Zhukov who led the defense of Moscow in***

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***October 1941, Zhukov who spearheaded the Red Army's march on Berlin and formally accepted Germany's unconditional surrender in the spring of 1945. Drawing on the latest research from recently opened Soviet***

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*archives, including the uncensored versions of Zhukov's own memoirs, Roberts offers a vivid portrait of a man whose tactical brilliance was matched only by the cold-blooded ruthlessness with*

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*which he pursued his  
battlefield objectives.  
After the war, Zhukov was a  
key player on the  
geopolitical scene. As  
Khrushchev's defense  
minister, he was one of the  
architects of Soviet*

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*military strategy during the  
Cold War. While lauded in  
the West as a folk hero—he  
was the only Soviet general  
ever to appear on the cover  
of Time magazine—Zhukov  
repeatedly ran afoul of the  
Communist political*

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*authorities. Wrongfully  
accused of disloyalty, he  
was twice banished and  
erased from his country's  
official history—left out of  
books and paintings  
depicting Soviet World War  
II victories. Piercing the*



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*hyperbole of the Zhukov personality cult, Roberts debunks many of the myths that have sprung up around Zhukov's life and career to deliver fresh insights into the marshal's relationships with Stalin, Khrushchev, and*

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*Eisenhower. A remarkably intimate portrait of a man whose life was lived behind an Iron Curtain of official secrecy, Stalin's General is an authoritative biography that restores Zhukov to his rightful place in the*

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*twentieth-century military  
pantheon.*

*A German capture of Moscow  
in 1941 would have knocked  
Russia out of the war; a  
riveting narrative of this  
crucial battle by a British  
officer with a deep*

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*knowledge of the East*

*European sources.*

*The Life of Georgy Zhukov*

*Operation Typhoon*

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*Stand against Operation*

*Typhoon*

*Fighting the Russians in*

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***Winter: Three Case Studies  
Hitler's Invasion of Russia  
1941***

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1941***

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forces on the Soviet Union.

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outskirts of Leningrad, Moscow and Rostov in the shockingly brief period of less than six months. The sudden, deep, relentless German advance virtually destroyed the entire peacetime Red Army and captured almost 40 percent of European Russia before expiring

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inexplicably at the gates of Moscow and Leningrad. An invasion designed to achieve victory in three to six weeks failed and, four years later, resulted in unprecedented and total German defeat. David Glantz challenges the time-honoured explanation that poor



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weather, bad terrain and Hitler's faulty strategic judgement produced German defeat, and reveals how the Red Army thwarted the German Army's dramatic and apparently inexorable invasion before it achieved its ambitious goals. Get the summary from Dmitry Degtev

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and Dmitry Zubov's Air Battle for  
Moscow 1941-1942 #1 The German  
military planned an air campaign  
against Moscow, but the Soviet capital  
was well defended. Only when the  
Germans captured the city of Stalingrad  
in 1942 did they succeed in taking and

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destroying Moscow. #2 During the summer of 1941, the Germans flew a number of reconnaissance flights over Moscow, taking photographs of the city. The first attack on the Soviet capital was planned for 21 July, but was called off at the last minute when Hitler

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saw a report that claimed the operation would accelerate the catastrophe of the Russians. #3 The German attack on the Soviet Union was a complete and utter failure.

In October 1941, Operation Typhoon and the battle for Moscow began.

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According to Hitler's plan, it was to be the 'last offensive', after which nothing could stop Germany from conquering Britain and the rest of Europe – but first he had to overcome the Soviets and especially their air force. Air Battle for Moscow is the first detailed

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description of one of the most vital, yet little known, air battles of the Second World War. The battle for Moscow opened with the flights of long-range reconnaissance aircraft, which photographed Moscow and the Kremlin. Then, on 22 July 1941,

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Operation Clara Zetkin, the Luftwaffe's aerial assault on Moscow, began. But the Luftwaffe was opposed by the 'Stalin's Falcons', the elite 6th Air Defence Corps, which defended the Soviet capital with a determination which saw bitter duels to the death and

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horrendous casualties on both sides.

The book presents new facts about this dramatic battle and describes in detail the actions of the aircrew on both sides. Yet this is not just the story or the air war. The authors also describe the lives of people during the war, of suppressed



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anti-Soviet opposition in Moscow, and of the bloodthirsty and inhuman actions of the Stalin regime. The book also tells of the fate of German pilots caught in Russian captivity, and the adventures of those who were able to survive and escape from the Russian executioners.

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Many myths concerning the battle are also challenged, such as the often-stated belief that Moscow's anti-aircraft defenses were the most powerful in the world and that it was the Soviets who were the finest pilots. In this comprehensive account, details of

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losses, biographical outlines of the key individuals, analyses of the different aircraft and a full chronology of the battle are presented, as well as numerous exclusive photos, documents and drawings. But it is the stories of those who fought in the Battle for

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Moscow that, undeniably, have the greatest impact. The harrowing tales of death and survival in conditions that are almost beyond description demonstrate just how important this conflict was to both Russia and the Third Reich and, ultimately, to the outcome of the

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\*Includes pictures \*Includes accounts of the battle written by participants on both sides \*Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading \*Includes a table of contents "We underestimated the enemy's strength, as

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well as his size and climate." - Heinz Guderian World War II was fought on a scale unlike anything before or since in human history, and the unfathomable casualty counts are attributable in large measure to the carnage inflicted between Nazi Germany and the Soviet

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Union during Hitler's invasion of Russia and Stalin's desperate defense. The invasion came in 1941 following a nonaggression pact signed between the two in 1939, which allowed Hitler to focus his attention on the west without having to worry about an attack from

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the eastern front. While Germany was focusing on the west, the Soviet Union sent large contingents of troops to the border region between the two countries, and Stalin's plan to take territory in Poland and the Baltic States angered Hitler. By 1940, Hitler viewed



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Stalin as a major threat and had made the decision to invade Russia: "In the course of this contest, Russia must be disposed of...Spring 1941. The quicker we smash Russia the better." While a legend exists today that Hitler's strategic fecklessness destroyed

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Germany's chances, despite the wise objections of the Wehrmacht general staff (OKW), the actual situation in 1941 resembled the precise reverse of this familiar historical trope. The historian Robert Forczyk argues convincingly that the Fuhrer retained

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his full strategic acumen in 1941, until he ill-advisedly adopted the suggestions of the OKW and diverted forces in a winter campaign to seize the Soviet capital, leading to the Battle of Moscow. The Third Reich's dictator initially viewed Moscow as a relatively

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trivial objective, only to be seized once the Red Army suffered defeat in detail. In fact, he planned a pause during the bitter Russian winter, conserving German strength for a fresh offensive in spring of 1942. Wisely, According to Chief of Operations Colonel Heusinger,

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Hitler manifested "an instinctive aversion to treading the same path as Napoleon [...] Moscow gives him a sinister feeling." Despite the obstructionism of the OKW General Staff - centered around Fedor von Bock, Franz Halder and Brauschitsch,

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who obsessed over taking Moscow and reacted to the Fuhrer's focus on the south with open rage and contempt - the southern offensive went ahead, securing another stunning victory over the Soviets and seizing the economically vital Donets Basin. In the

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meantime, Stalin immolated hundreds of thousands of his own soldiers in futile attacks against Army Group Center, holding the German front facing Moscow. Halder ultimately drafted the plan for Operation Typhoon, the October 1941 thrust

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towards Moscow, and Hitler showed considerable reluctance to agree to the attack, believing it best if the Germans suspended operations until spring. Halder and his OKW clique persisted, however, badgering the Fuhrer until Hitler imprudently yielded to their



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demands. The head of the Third Reich apparently succumbed to Halder's and Bock's importuning mostly due to unrestrained ebullience over the southern success. He felt that at this stage, "nothing could go wrong." In doing so, he forgot the keenly insightful

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precept of the 17th century samurai general Oda Nobunaga, who declared, "After a victory, tighten your helmet straps." Far from maintaining his focus, however, Hitler relaxed and let his guard down. His surrender to Halder's impractical plan signaled the beginning

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of an ominous reversal of Wehrmacht fortunes whose seeds sprouted at the Battle of Moscow. The Greatest Battles in History: The Battle of Moscow During World War II chronicles the operations that saw the Soviets push back the Nazis from their capital.

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account of the defense of  
Moscow, and English  
historian has combined his  
own accomplished talents  
with those of Mashal***

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***Zhukov to produce something not to be found anywhere else. This book must rank as the outstanding authority on one of the greatest and most terrible campaigns of***

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***this or any other  
century."--Back cover.  
A famous Soviet general  
who fought in the Battle of  
Moscow (1941/1942) and  
the siege of Leningrad  
(1941-1944), Andrey Vlasov***



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***(1901-1946) was captured  
by Nazi troops and then  
defected to the Third Reich.  
Supported by Nazi  
propaganda, he created a  
“Russian Liberation  
Committee” that later***

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***became the “Russian Liberation Army” (RLA). The RLA was a body of several hundred officers and several thousand troops who had defected from the USSR and served***

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***Nazi purposes on Soviet territory. Vlasov was arrested by Soviet troops in Czechoslovakia while trying to escape to the Western Front and was subsequently tried for***

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***treason and executed by  
Soviet authorities. In 2015,  
the Russian State Archive  
of Social and Political  
History (RGASPI) released  
three volumes of archives  
documenting the infamous***

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***“Vlasov Case,” the main instance of Soviet collaborationism with Nazi Germany. With this volume, which draws on the archives of Russia, Belarus, Germany, and the US, the***

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***English-speaking audience  
can now access the most  
important documents on  
this topic for the first time.  
The documents tell the  
story of Vlasov's betrayal,  
from the moment he***

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***became a prisoner, to his service under the Nazis, and up through the trial in Moscow in 1946. Volume 1 is comprised of archival documents on Vlasov's activities from 1942 to***

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**1945. Volume 2 explores  
the Soviet investigations of  
Vlasov during the  
1945-1946 trial.**

**10) Army Group South (7  
April-7 May 1945) by Lothar  
Dr. Rendulic (army group**



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**commander).**

***The first half of a two-part study on Operation Barbarossa, Hitler's plan to invade Soviet Russia during World War II, and what went wrong. At dawn on 10***

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***July 1941, massed tanks  
and motorized infantry of  
German Army Group  
Center's Second and Third  
Panzer Groups crossed the  
Dnepr and Western Dvina  
Rivers, beginning what***

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***Hitler and most German officers and soldiers believed would be a triumphal march on Moscow, the Soviet capital. Less than three weeks before, on 22 June Hitler***

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***had unleashed his  
Wehrmacht's massive  
invasion of the Soviet  
Union, code-named  
Operation Barbarossa,  
which sought to defeat the  
Soviet Red Army, conquer***

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***the country, and unseat its  
Communist ruler, Josef  
Stalin. Between 22 June  
and 10 July, the Wehrmacht  
advanced up to 500  
kilometers into Soviet  
territory, killed or captured***

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***up to one million Red Army soldiers, and reached the western banks of the Western Dvina and Dnepr Rivers, by doing so satisfying the premier assumption of Plan***

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***Barbarossa that the Third Reich would emerge victorious if it could defeat and destroy the bulk of the Red Army before it withdrew to safely behind those two rivers. With the***

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***Red Army now shattered,  
Hitler and most Germans  
expected total victory in a  
matter of weeks. The  
ensuing battles in the  
Smolensk region frustrated  
German hopes for quick***



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***victory. Once across the  
Dvina and Dnepr Rivers, a  
surprised Wehrmacht  
encountered five fresh  
Soviet armies. Quick victory  
eluded the Germans.  
Instead, Soviet forces***

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***encircled in Mogilev and  
Smolensk stubbornly  
refused to surrender, and  
while they fought on,  
during July, August, and  
into early September, first  
five and then a total of***

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***seven newly mobilized  
Soviet armies struck back  
viciously at the advancing  
Germans, conducting  
multiple counterattacks  
and counterstrokes, capped  
by two major***

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***counteroffensives that sapped German strength and will. Despite immense losses in men and materiel, these desperate Soviet actions derailed Operation Barbarossa. Smarting from***

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***countless wounds inflicted on his vaunted Wehrmacht, even before the fighting ended in the Smolensk region, Hitler postponed his march on Moscow and instead turned his forces***

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***southward to engage  
“softer targets” in the Kiev  
region. The “derailment” of  
the Wehrmacht at  
Smolensk ultimately  
became the crucial turning  
point in Operation***

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***Barbarossa. This groundbreaking study, now significantly expanded, exploits a wealth of Soviet and German archival materials, including the combat orders and***

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***operational of the German  
OKW, OKH, army groups,  
and armies and of the  
Soviet Stavka, the Red  
Army General Staff, the  
Western Main Direction  
Command, the Western,***



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***Central, Reserve, and  
Briansk Fronts, and their  
subordinate armies to  
present a detailed mosaic  
and definitive account of  
what took place, why, and  
how during the prolonged***

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***and complex battles in the  
Smolensk region from 10  
July through 10 September  
1941. The structure of the  
study is designed  
specifically to appeal to  
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two-volume chronological  
narrative of the course of  
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by a third volume and a  
fourth, containing archival  
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***collection of specific orders  
and reports translated  
verbatim from Russian. The  
maps, archival and archival-  
based, detail every stage of  
the battle.***

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in virtually all the principal battles on the Eastern Front during the Second World War, Georgy Zhukov played a major role. He was Stalin's pre-eminent general throughout the conflict, and in his autobiography he

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chronicled his brilliant career as he saw it and wanted it to be seen. His memoirs are fascinating reading because they portray in first-hand detail, through the entire course of the war, the thinking and decision-making

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at the highest level of the Soviet command. They are one of the indispensable sources for studying the struggle in the east, and they give the reader an intriguing insight into Zhukov the man as well as Zhukov the

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commander. This new edition of the memoirs, which were first published in heavily censored form in Russian in 1969, features a new introduction by Professor Geoffrey Roberts who summarizes important additional

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material that was omitted from previous editions. He also provides, in an appendix, a translation of Zhukov's account of the 1953-7 period as well as an interview with Zhukov that has previously not been available in



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English. Zhukov's autobiography is an essential text for readers who are keen to deepen their understanding of how Stalin and his generals conducted the war on the Eastern Front.

Based on a wealth of source

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material, the author sets out to refute the widely held view among historians and military experts that the German defeat at Stalingrad in the winter of 1942/43 marked the turning-point in the war. He shows how Hitler's

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attempt to crush the Soviet Union in a Blitz campaign was doomed to failure from the beginning and how defeat outside Moscow compromised his plans for a successful conclusion to the war. The Russian Front was the

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decisive theatre of World War II, with the great mass of the German Army and Luftwaffe locked in battle with the Red Army in the largest land campaign in history. On a 1,200 mile front, from the Arctic Circle to the Caspian Sea,

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in baking summer heat and freezing winter temperatures, millions of men and women fought the most vital battle of the war. Had the Germans won in the East, a Nazi victory would have been almost inevitable. This book

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examines the German campaign on the Eastern Front, from their first significant defeat at the gates of Moscow in 1941 to the defeat at Stalingrad and the Russian capture of Berlin marking the end of the war in Europe, exploring

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*befell the Soviet defenders.*

*German panzer spearheads cut through enemy defenses and thrust deeply to encircle most of the Soviet soldiers on the approaches to Moscow. Within a few weeks, most of the Russian soldiers*

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*marched into captivity, where a grim fate awaited them. Despite the overwhelming initial German success, however, the Soviet capital did not fall. German combat units, as well as supply transport, were bogged down in mud caused*

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*by autumn rains. General Zhukov was called back to Moscow and given the desperate task to recreate defense lines west of Moscow. The mud allowed him time to accomplish this, and when the Germans again began to attack in*

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*November, they met stiffer resistance. Even so, they came perilously close to the capital, and if the vicissitudes of weather had cooperated, would have seized it. Though German units were also fighting desperately by now, the*



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*Soviet build-up soon exceeded their own. The Drive on Moscow, 1941 is based on numerous archival records, personal diaries, letters, and other sources. It recreates the battle from the perspective of the soldiers as well as the generals.*

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*The battle had a crucial role in the overall German strategy in the East, and its outcome reveals why the failure of the German assault on Moscow may well have been true turning point of World War II.*

*Om vinterkrigsførelse, kamp om*

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*vinteren, kamp i sne, kulde, frost,  
m.v. med russiske hær, sovjetiske  
hærsstyrker, sovjetrussiske hær,  
røde hær, røde armee, etc. i  
Rusland/Sovjetunionen, beskrevet  
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a preemptive strike against  
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and Stalingrad showed that Hitler could not win the war in the East, the outcome of Kursk demonstrated beyond a doubt that he would lose it. This study was compiled by the Red Army General Staff's military-

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section is devoted to an exceedingly detailed day-by-day, tactical-operational account of the struggle, particularly along the southern face of the salient, where the Germans came closest to

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succeeding. The second part will be more of a revelation to the Western reader, who is likely to be more familiar with the defensive phase of the battle. Here the authors once again, in great detail, lay out

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the Red Army's preparations for and conduct of a massive counteroffensive to clear the Orel salient, which soon degenerated to a grinding struggle, which while ultimately successful, cost the Soviets

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dearly. Likewise, the authors detail the Voronezh Front's preparations to reduce the Belgorod salient and seize the industrial center of Khar'kov. This offensive, in conjunction with a simultaneous offensive



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in the Donets industrial region, pushed the German lines to the breaking point and set the stage for the follow-on advance to the Dnepr River and the eventual liberation of Ukraine. During World War II, American

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*with their persistence eventually leading to the Battle of Stalingrad. The successful expulsion of the German troops from Moscow in the winter of 1941 came at a cost for the Red Army. Weaknesses in the Soviet camp inspired the Wehrmacht, under*



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*Adolf Hitler's close supervision, to make preparations for offensives along the Eastern Front to push the Russians further and further back into their territory. With a complex set of new tactics and the crucial aid of the Luftwaffe, the German army*

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*began to formulate a deadly two-pronged attack on Stalingrad to reduce the city to rubble. In the lead-up to this, Timoshenko's failed attack on Kharkov, followed by the Battle of Sebastopol in June 1942, prompted Operation Blue, the German*

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*the climax of Hitler's "Operation Barbarossa," which sought to destroy the Soviet Union in a single campaign and ensure German hegemony in Europe. The failure to do so condemned Germany to a prolonged war it could not win. This work*

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*originally appeared in 1943, under the title "Razgrom Nemetskikh Voisk pod Moskvoi" (The Rout of the German Forces Around Moscow). The work was produced by the Red Army General Staff's military-historical section, which was charged with*

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*collecting and analyzing the war's experience and disseminating it to the army's higher echelons. This was a collective effort, featuring many different contributors, with Marshal Boris Mikhailovich Shaposhnikov, former chief of the Red Army General*



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*Staff and then head of the General Staff Academy, serving as general editor. The book is divided into three parts, each dealing with a specific phase of the battle. The first traces the Western Front's defensive operations along the Moscow direction during*

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*Army Group Center's final push toward the capital in November–December, 1941. The study pays particular attention to the Red Army's resistance to the Germans' attempts to outflank Moscow from the north. Equally*

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*Rzhev–Vyaz'ma salient. It is from this point that the front essentially stabilized, after which events shifted to the south. This new translation into English makes available to a wider readership this valuable study.*

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*the unfathomable casualty counts are attributable in large measure to the carnage inflicted between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during Hitler's invasion of Russia and Stalin's desperate defense. The invasion came in 1941 following a*



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*nonaggression pact signed between the two in 1939, which allowed Hitler to focus his attention on the west without having to worry about an attack from the eastern front. While Germany was focusing on the west, the Soviet Union sent large*

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*contingents of troops to the border region between the two countries, and Stalin's plan to take territory in Poland and the Baltic States angered Hitler. By 1940, Hitler viewed Stalin as a major threat and had made the decision to invade Russia: "In the*

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*course of this contest, Russia must be disposed of...Spring 1941. The quicker we smash Russia the better." (Hoyt, p. 17) The surprise achieved by the German invasion in 1941 allowed their armies to advance rapidly across an incredibly wide front, but once*

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*winter set in, the two sides had to dig in and brace for German sieges of Russian cities. In the spring of 1942, Germany once more made inroads toward Stalingrad, Stalin's own pet city. Not surprisingly, he ordered that it be held no matter what. There was*

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*more than vanity at stake though.  
Stalingrad was all that stood between  
Hitler and Moscow. It also was the  
last major obstacle to the Russian oil  
fields in the Caucasus which Stalin  
needed and Hitler coveted. If the city  
fell, so would the rest of the country,*

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*and Hitler would have an invaluable resource to fuel his armies.*

*Meanwhile, Leningrad, which had a population of roughly three million on the eve of the German attack, was one of the victims of the Russian unpreparedness, but once the siege*

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*began in the fall of 1941, the Soviets knew they were in a desperate struggle to the death. In fact, the Russians wouldn't have even been given a chance to surrender if they had wanted to, because the orders to the German forces instructed them to*

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*completely raze the city: "After the defeat of Soviet Russia there can be no interest in the continued existence of this large urban center...Following the city's encirclement, requests for surrender negotiations shall be denied, since the problem of*



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*relocating and feeding the population cannot and should not be solved by us. In this war for our very existence, we can have no interest in maintaining even a part of this very large urban population." The Third Reich's dictator initially viewed Moscow as a*

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*relatively trivial objective, only to be seized once the Red Army suffered defeat in detail. In fact, he planned a pause during the bitter Russian winter, conserving German strength for a fresh offensive in spring of 1942. Wisely, According to Chief of*

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*Operations Colonel Heusinger, Hitler manifested "an instinctive aversion to treading the same path as Napoleon [...] Moscow gives him a sinister feeling." At the Battle of Kursk, the vast expanses of southern Russia and the Ukraine provided the Eastern*

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*Front arena where the armies of  
Third Reich dictator Adolf Hitler and  
Soviet dictator Josef Stalin wrestled  
lethally for supremacy in 1943.  
Endless rolling plains - ideal "tank  
country" - vast forests, sprawling  
cities, and enormous tracts of*

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*agricultural land formed the environment over which millions of men and thousands of the era's most formidable military vehicles fought for their respective overlords and ideologies. The battle for Berlin would technically begin on April 16, 1945,*

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*and though it ended in a matter of weeks, it produced some of the war's most climactic events and had profound implications on the immediate future. It ushered in over 45 years of the Cold War.*

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Hitler's Invasion of Russia, 1941  
In October 1941 Hitler  
launched Operation Typhoon*



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***the German drive to capture  
Moscow and knock the Soviet  
Union out of the war. As the  
last chance to escape the dire  
implications of a winter  
campaign, Hitler directed  
seventy-five German divisions,***

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***almost two million men and  
three of Germany's four  
panzer groups into the  
offensive, resulting in huge  
victories at Viaz'ma and  
Briansk - among the biggest  
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soldiers, revealing that despite***

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***success on the battlefield the wider German war effort was in far greater trouble than is often acknowledged. Germany's hopes of final victory depended on the success of the October***

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***offensive but the autumn conditions and the stubborn resistance of the Red Army ensured that the capture of Moscow was anything but certain.***

***The battle for Moscow was the***

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***biggest battle of World War II --  
the biggest battle of all time.  
And yet it is far less known  
than Stalingrad, which  
involved about half the  
number of troops. From the  
time Hitler launched his***

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***assault on Moscow on  
September 30, 1941, to April  
20, 1942, seven million troops  
were engaged in this titanic  
struggle. The combined losses  
of both sides -- those killed,  
taken prisoner or severely***

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***wounded -- were 2.5 million, of which nearly 2 million were on the Soviet side. But the Soviet capital narrowly survived, and for the first time the German Blitzkrieg ended in failure. This shattered Hitler's dream***



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***of a swift victory over the  
Soviet Union and radically  
changed the course of the war.  
The full story of this epic  
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because it undermines the  
sanitized Soviet accounts of***

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***the war, which portray Stalin as a military genius and his people as heroically united against the German invader. Stalin's blunders, incompetence and brutality made it possible for German***

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***troops to approach the outskirts of Moscow. This triggered panic in the city -- with looting, strikes and outbreaks of previously unimaginable violence. About half the city's population fled.***

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***But Hitler's blunders would soon loom even larger: sending his troops to attack the Soviet Union without winter uniforms, insisting on an immediate German reign of terror and refusing to heed his***

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***generals' pleas that he allow them to attack Moscow as quickly as possible. In the end, Hitler's mistakes trumped Stalin's mistakes. Drawing on recently declassified documents from Soviet***

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***archives, including files of the  
dreaded NKVD; on accounts of  
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top Soviet military and  
government officials; and on  
reports of Western diplomats  
and correspondents, The***

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***Greatest Battle finally  
illuminates the full story of a  
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relentless slaughter. Even as  
Moscow's fate hung in the  
balance, the United States and***

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***Britain were discovering how wily a partner Stalin would turn out to be in the fight against Hitler -- and how eager he was to push his demands for a postwar empire in Eastern Europe. In addition to***



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***chronicling the bloodshed,  
Andrew Nagorski takes the  
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the early negotiations between  
Hitler and Stalin, and then  
between Stalin, Roosevelt and  
Churchill. This is a remarkable***

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***addition to the history of  
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***In November 1941 Hitler  
ordered German forces to  
complete the final drive on the  
Soviet capital, now less than  
100 kilometres away. Army***

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***Group Centre was pressed into the attack for one last attempt to break Soviet resistance before the onset of winter. From the German perspective the final drive on Moscow had all the***

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***ingredients of a dramatic final battle in the east, which, according to previous accounts, only failed at the gates of Moscow. David Stahel challenges this well-established narrative by***

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German offensive of 1941 was  
a forlorn effort, undermined by  
operational weakness and  
poor logistics and driven  
forward by what he identifies  
as National Socialist military***

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***thinking. With unparalleled research from previously undocumented army files and soldiers' letters, Stahel takes a fresh look at the battle for Moscow, which even before the Soviet winter offensive,***

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***threatened disaster for  
Germany's war in the east.  
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the military action that took***

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his generals, some  
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Operation Barbarossa  
Moscow 1941***

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deaths and imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of their own people. Until recently, the magnitude of the defeats suffered by the Red Army at Viaz'ma and Briansk were simply kept hushed up. For the first

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time, in this book a full picture of the combat operations that led to this tragedy are laid out in detail, using previously unknown or little-used documents. The author was driven to write this book

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after his long years of  
fruitless search to learn  
what happened to his father  
Colonel N.I. Lopukhovsky,  
the commander of the 120th  
Howitzer Artillery Regiment,  
who disappeared together  
with his unit in the

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maelstrom of Operation Typhoon. He became determined to break the official silence surrounding the military disaster on the approaches to Moscow in the autumn of 1941. In the present edition, the author



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additionally introduces documents from German military archives, which will doubtlessly interest not only scholars, but also students of the Eastern Front of the Second World War. Lopukhovsky

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rising to the rank of  
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unbroken and poised to recapture the initiative. Hitler's strategic plan called for holding important Russian industrial cities, and the German army succeeded. The Soviets as of January 1942 aimed for

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German armies recovered sufficiently to embark on a sweeping summer offensive that carried them to the Volga River at Stalingrad and deep into the Caucasus Mountains. The Soviet armies suffered severe defeats in

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