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Led by the USA with Western European partners, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed in 1949 to counter the Soviet threat. In response the Soviet Union assembled and dominated the Warsaw Pact in 1954. The mainstay of both alliances' groundforces were their main battle tanks (MBTs). Initially both sides relied on Second World War MBTs; in NATO's case the Sherman medium tank and its successor the M26

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Pershing together with the British Centurion and the heavy Conqueror. The Soviets originally fielded the T-34-85 medium tank and the IS-2 and IS-3 heavy tank replaced by the T-10. Next came the T-54 followed by the T-55 and 155mm armed T-63 (1965). The final WP Cold War MBTs were the T-64, T-72 and T-80 all with 122mm main armament. By contrast, NATO nations increasingly deployed a range of MBTs; the widely used American Patton series (M46 through M48), British Chieftain (1963) and Challenger (1982), French AMX-13 (1950) and AMX-30. From 1963 the Bundeswehr was equipped with the homegrown

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Leopard 1 and 2. The US M60 series and M1 Abrams came into service from 1980. These and more MBTs and variants are covered in expert detail in this superbly illustrated book.

Based on Emily Schuman ' s popular lifestyle blog of the same name, Cupcakes and Cashmere is the must-have guide for those looking to establish their own sense of style, organize and decorate their home, or throw an easy and stylish party.

Organized by season, the book expands on Schuman ' s blog by including DIY projects, organization tips, party-planning ideas, beauty how-tos, and seasonal recipes. Cupcakes and Cashmere

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features original material that has not been previously published on the site. With her signature photographic layouts, Emily creates a lifestyle that is chic and achievable for every reader, making this the ultimate style guide for living a fashionable life. Praise for Cupcakes and Cashmere: “ Inspiration for anyone looking to update her wardrobe, decorate her home, or throw a fab party. ” —Shape magazine

The T-54 and T-55 tanks are the most widely manufactured tanks of all time. They have become ubiquitous to wars around the globe since the 1950s, starting with Hungary in 1956, and including the the Arab-Israeli wars of 1967, 1973

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and 1982, the Vietnam war of 1967-75, the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88, the Afghanistan conflict, Operation Desert Storm, the Yugoslav Civil Wars, and the recent conflict in Iraq. This book will examine the roots of this prolific tank family, starting with the Soviet Army's first attempts to replace the legendary T-34 during World War II, and covering the T-43 and the T-44, the more successful T-54, and its ultimate evolution into the T-55.

Since the Gulf War, the Abrams tank has undergone a transformation, while fighting in conflicts across the world. Its M1A1 and M1A2

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variants have seen great improvements made to this iconic tank, including in fire-control, armour protection, and thermal imaging technology. Involvement in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan necessitated a number of upgrades and modifications as the United States fought two of its longest wars. Recent years have seen new variants of the series such as the ABV Assault Breacher Vehicle and M104 Wolverine Heavy Assault Bridge. Over the past few decades, the M1A1 Abrams has also been extensively exported and is license produced in Egypt. The long-awaited follow-up to NVG 2 M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank

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1982 – 92 (1993), this fully illustrated study examines the Abrams tanks' last quarter-century of service with both the United States and its various foreign operators with a focus on its combat history.

Challenger Main Battle Tank 1982 – 97

Dutch Leopard 1

The Tank Book

History, Variants and Combat Operations of the German Leopard 1 & 2 Main Battle Tanks

HMMWV Humvee 1980 – 2005

Hearing Before the Committee on Armed Services,
United States Senate, Ninety-fourth Congress,

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Second Session ...

Lessons from the U.S.-German Experience,
1963-1978

All across West Germany divisions are being mobilised and reservists flock to their barracks for assignment to the front. In the sector of the cities of Hannover and Braunschweig the men of 1. Panzerdivision stand ready to face the Soviet hordes as they pour across the border from East Germany. North of them 3. Panzerdivision hold the Soviets while the Dutch deploy to the sector. With their powerful Leopard tanks and panzergrenadiers mounted

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in the Marder infantry fighting vehicles, they fight with skill and cunning to slow the Soviet advance, determined to protect their homes and families... A copy of the World War III: Team Yankee rulebook is necessary to use the contents of this book. Inside you will find: Background on the West German army, 1. Panzerdivision, 3. Panzerdivision, Kampfgruppe Müller, and Panzerlehrbrigade 9. Instructions on how to build Leopard 2A5, Leopard 2, & Leopard 1 Panzer, Marder 2, Marder 1, & M113 Panzergrenadier, & three different Panzeraufklärungs companies. Three Scenarios to test your skills with your West German force.

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A detailed painting guide to help you prepare your West Germans for combat.

First trialled in Europe in the spring of 1945, but formally introduced into British Army service in December 1946, not only is the Centurion one of the most important tanks in the history of the British armoured fighting vehicle (AFV), but it is also one of the most significant post-war Western tanks. Between 1946 and 1962, 4,423 Centurions were built in 13 basic marks and numerous variants, with the chassis also adapted for several other AFV roles. A small number of the Beach Armoured Recovery Version (BARV) served with the

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British forces during the Iraq War of 2003, some 58 years after the Centurion first entered service! The Centurion has seen extensive combat in the Korean War (Britain), Vietnam (Australia), the Middle East (Israel) in the 1967 Six Day War, 1973 Yom Kippur War, and during the 1978 and 1982 invasions of Lebanon, and in the Indo-Pakistan War (India) in 1965 where it fought against US-supplied M47 and M48 Patton tanks.

The menacing silhouette of the T-54 tank prowling down streets of Eastern European capitals or roaring across fields in massive exercises remains one of the most enduring

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images of Soviet power in the early years of the Cold War. Its sleek and unmistakable shape was a warning to any nation that wanted to stand against the USSR. Yet all of this masked a flawed, outdated design, and when T-54s began to clash with the Western armoured vehicles in proxy wars in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, they were found to be on the losing side of many of the battles. Containing over 500 stunning contemporary and modern photographs, and written by two experts on Soviet armour, this authoritative book tells the complete story of the T-54, one of the most widely produced tanks of all time, including

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many previously unheard of variants.

The successor to the Chieftain from the 1960's, work began in 1976 on development of a new MBT specifically for the Iranian army, who needed a more capable tank than the Chieftain to suit their climatic and geographical conditions. However, once the revolution occurred in 1979 the British army was reluctantly forced to accept this new design themselves. Once in service there were technical problems resulting in various modifications. However, the Challenger would go on to great success in the Gulf War, playing crucial roles in both Desert Storm and Desert

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Sabre operations. In this book, Simon Dunstan examines this tank in detail, evaluating its performance both on the test range and in the field of battle.

The Stryker and LAV III in US and Canadian Service, 1999–2020

T-54 and T-55 Main Battle Tanks 1944–2004
Chieftain Main Battle Tank 1965–2003

Canadian Armoured Fighting Vehicle Museums and Monuments

Armoured Fist of the Dutch Army

Collaborative Development of Main Battle Tanks

In 1963 West Germany and the United States signed an

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agreement to develop the best tank in the world the MBT/KPz-70. Though by 1970 this project was stopped, West Germany used the components created for the MBT/KPz-70 to develop a new main battle tank the Leopard 2. Since 1979, when the first Leopard 2 rolled off the production line, the Leopard 2 has undergone various modifications, and has been exported to various European countries. Enhanced by Osprey's signature colour plates and cutaway artwork, this book examines the development of the Leopard 2 from the first batch to its evolution into the improved Leopard 2 A5, detailing its features and variants.

Named after Kliment Voroshilov, the People's

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Commissar for Defence, the KVs proved a nasty surprise for German tank crews during the early days of Operation Barbarossa. Although slow, they were extremely heavily armoured. This volume examines the transition from multi-turreted tanks to heavy single-turret vehicles, consisting of the KV-1 and 2, and the increased favour given to the heavy single-turret after the Germans began to develop ammunition capable of penetrating even the thickest armour, whilst detailing the design, development and operational history of the Soviet Union's monstrous KV series of tanks.

Major Hal Skaarup has woven together an informative and detailed synopsis of the carefully preserved and

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restored armoured fighting vehicles on display in Canada. He highlights the importance of these upon key turning points in history when these AFVs were in use as tools of war at home and overseas. We often associate the evolution of military prowess with the advancement of sophisticated technology. Major Skaarup's descriptions of Canadian armour as it evolved to the level it has today reveals that military planners have had to be continuously creative in adapting to the changes in modern combat. They had to devise many intricate techniques, tactics and procedures to overcome the insurgents and opposition forces faced in Afghanistan and future overseas missions where Canadian armour

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will be brought into play. This guide book will show the interested reader where to find examples of the historical armour preserved in Canada, and perhaps serve as a window on how Canada's military contribution to safety and security in the world has evolved.

A study of the Soviet and NATO armored forces that faced each other off in Central Europe in the early Cold War, and how their technology, tactics, and doctrine were all rapidly developed. For 45 years, the most disputed point in the World was the dividing line between East and West in Europe; here the use and development of tanks was key. In this fully illustrated study, author Steve Zaloga, describes how Soviet and NATO tanks

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were deployed in the early years of the Cold War, and how a generation of tanks such as the Soviet T-44/T-54 and IS-3, British Centurion, US Army M26/M46 Pershing (all developed during World War II) saw extensive service after the war had ended. Initial post-war generation tanks including the Soviet T-54A, T-10 heavy tank, British late-model Centurions, Conqueror, US Army M41, M47, M48 and the French AMX-13 are examined in detail alongside the most important technical trends of the era: the development of shaped-charge anti-tank projectiles, the influence of anti-tank missiles, and the introduction of chemical/nuclear protection and night fighting equipment. The book also considers the

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influence of post-war doctrine and tactics on tank technology and the effect of regional conflicts such as the 1950 Korean War, the war in Indo-China, and the 1956 Mid East War on tank warfare.

Challenger 1

Stryker Interim Combat Vehicle

NATO's First Line of Defence, 1979-2020

AMX30 Main Battle Tank Enthusiasts' Manual

1960-2019 (AMX30B, AMX30B2 and derivatives) * An insight into the development, construction and operation of the AMX30 family of vehicles

Tanks at the Iron Curtain 1946-60

Leopard Tanks in Action

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The Russian T-72 Ural tank is the most widely-deployed main battle tank of the current generation. Used by the armies of the former Warsaw pact and Soviet Union, it has also been exported in large numbers to many of the states in the Middle East. This book reveals the previously secret history behind the tank. Steven J Zaloga examines the conditions under which the T-72 was designed and produced. Technical aspects of the weapon are also discussed, including its EDZ reactive armour which, when it first appeared in December 1984, gave NATO a nasty shock.

The American M1 Abrams main battle tank is a revolutionary design: it broke an evolutionary development lineage from the M20 medium tank of 1941 to the M60 (which it replaced, and which stayed in production until 1987). The M1 remains the

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only main battle tank in the inventories of the US Army and the US Marine Corps, with years of service to come, while no replacement has been procured. It is believed that the M1 will easily serve for more than 50 years in the US alone. The US retains about 6,000 M1s, while almost 2,000 are in use with the armies of other countries including Australia, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.

To counter the Soviet threat and that of their client States during the Cold War years 1949-1991, the American military deployed an impressive range of main battle tanks (MBTs) and armored fighting vehicles (AFVs). The Patton series of medium MBTs (including the M46, M47 and M48) supplemented by the M103s Heavy Tank initially formed the core of the US tank fleet. In 1960 the M60 MBT with its British

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designed 105mm gun entered service and, in turn, was replaced by the M1 Abrams in 1980. In support were armored reconnaissance vehicles, progressively the M41 bull dog (1951); the M114 (1961), the M551 Sheridan (1967) and M3 Bradley Cavalry Fighting Vehicle (1981). The armored personnel carrier (APC) range included the ubiquitous M113 and its replacement the M2 Bradley, cousin of the M3. Expert author Michael Green covers all these vehicles and their variants in this informative and superbly illustrated Images of War series work.

Invented during World War I to break the grim deadlock of the Western Front trenches, tanks have gone on to revolutionise warfare. From the lightning Blitzkrieg assaults of World War II to the great battles in the Middle Eastern desert and the

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largest ever tank battles on the Eastern Front, tanks have become one of the key components of the 'combined arms' philosophy of warfare. This pocket guide gives the reader all of the essential information on 40 of history's premiere tanks, including the Tiger, Sherman, Panther and M1A1 Abrams. Each tank is presented with a detailed drawing to aid recognition.

The British Main Battle Tank

From 1980 (M1, M1A1 and M1A2 Models)

Early Cold War armor in Central Europe

The Soviet T-54 Main Battle Tank

Leopard 2 Main Battle Tank 1979–98

US Cold War Tanks and Armoured Fighting Vehicles

The Definitive Visual History of Armoured Vehicles

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Over the last two decades, the Israel Defence Force (IDF) has introduced a variety of new AFVs. Old models such as the M48 and M60 have been improved beyond recognition, in the form of the Magach 7. The performance of Israel's indigenous Merkava tank has been similarly enhanced with new variants and the new Merkava 4 MBT has recently entered service. Israeli infantry have also received machines such as the Achzarit assault carrier, the Puma combat engineer vehicle and the Nagmachon and Nakpadon (tank-based carriers intended for low intensity conflicts). This book examines the design, modification and combat

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history of these formidable fighting machines. Challenger 2 (CR2) is the British Army's main battle tank. CR2 is based on the Challenger 1 tank, which served with distinction on operations in the Gulf War and the Balkans. Although a logical development of Challenger 1, CR2 is greatly superior. It is protected by second generation Chobham Armour and features a new digital fire control system that includes a panoramic commander's sight, a laser range finder and a new version of the Thermal Observation and Gunnery Sight (TOGS II). The turret mounts the high pressure L30 120mm gun that fires conventional APDS-FS,

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HESH, smoke and depleted uranium projectiles with great accuracy.

Examines the U.S.-West German effort to collaborate in the development of main battle tanks. The effort began in 1963 with the MBT-70 program, an ambitious cooperative attempt to develop a single tank. Because the two armies could not reconcile their differing concepts of tanks and tank warfare, this effort produced a complex and expensive tank and increasing duplicative development work in each nation. In 1969 the program was abandoned and each nation set about developing its own tank. Collaboration was

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suggested again in 1973, this time as an effort either to sell West Germany's Leopard II to the U.S. Army or to trade components across ongoing national development programs. The latter effort produced an agreement to mount the German 102mm gun on later versions of the U.S. XM-1 tank, but this amount of collaboration succeeded only after substantial political debate in the Congress. The note discusses major impediments to collaboration in these cases, and suggests strategies for future collaboration on armored vehicles. (Author).

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**Gamma-ray Explosive Hazard Due to Stowage of
M-774 APFSDS Rounds in a Leopard C-1 Main
Battle Tank**

World War III: West German

**Leopard 1 Main Battle Tank Owners' Workshop
Manual**

M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank 1982-92

M1 Abrams

From Cold War to Modern Day

**1998 to present - An insight into the design,
construction, operation and maintenance of the
British Army's Main Battle Tank of the 21st
century**

The British Chieftain - designed in the late 1950s as

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the replacement for the Centurion - was perhaps the best main battle tank in service with Nato during the 1960s and 1970s. Its 120mm rifled main gun and advanced armor made it one of the most formidable tanks of its time, and Robert Jackson's book is an authoritative introduction to it. Although it was intended to fight Soviet armor on the plains of northern Germany, it was in the heat and sand of the Middle East that the Chieftain fought its major battles during the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s, and it proved to be very effective during the Gulf War of 1991. Variants of the Chieftain were exported to Iran, Oman, India, Kenya and Nigeria, and its chassis was adapted to fulfill a variety of tasks, including armored recovery

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and bridge-laying As well as tracing the history of the Chieftain, Robert Jackson's work provides an excellent source of reference for the modeler, providing details of available kits and photographs of award-winning models, together with artworks showing the color schemes applied to these tanks. Each section of the book is supported by a wealth of archive photographs. For much of the Cold War, the British Army's main battle tanks (MBT) were first the Centurion and then the Chieftain. The question of the latter's replacement became urgent when in 1980 MBT80 was canceled. While the Royal Ordnance Challenger (originally the Shir 2) was acquired as a stop gap its design and capability limitations quickly became

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apparent. Vickers then took over the Royal Ordnance tank building facility and against stiff foreign competition developed the Challenger 2. This superbly researched and illustrated book tells the story of the evolution and subsequent successful career of Challenger 2 which has seen distinguished service in war and peace since 1990 and has proved itself one of the worlds most formidable fighting vehicles. The authors do not shy away from technical detail and make comparisons with competitors. The result is an objective and authoritative work which will delight military equipment buffs, modelers and wargamers. Pivotal to modern warfare, tanks have dominated the battlefield for over a century. Get up close to more

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than 400 military colossuses with this definitive visual guide to armoured vehicles. In 1916, the British built a vehicle that could pound the battlefield impervious to enemy fire, crushing obstacles and barbed wire in its path. The first tank, or "Mother" as it was known, had arrived. In The Tank Book you can view it in detail, along with other iconic models including the German Panzer, the legendary Tiger, the Vickers Medium Mark II, the Centurion, and the Hellcat - the fastest armoured fighting vehicle ever. This comprehensive volume takes you through the most exciting story in recent military history with the development of heavy artillery, anti-tank weaponry, and the men - such as Mikail Koshkin and Sir William

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Tritton - who designed these awe-inspiring beasts. Produced with The Tank Museum, The Tank Book traces the tank's development in response to two world wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War and many other conflicts. It shows each model in detail, highlighting details such as their performance, specification, armour, weaponry, and much more. If you are interested in modern warfare, The Tank Book is truly unmissable reading.

The HMMWV, better known as the Humvee or Hummer, has set the world standard for army tactical vehicles since its introduction into the US Army in the 1980s. Designed to be the successor to the jeep of World War II with a greater load-bearing capacity, the

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Humvee has proven to be adaptable to a wide range of roles, including weapons carrier, missile launcher, command vehicle and other specialized types. This book traces the development and use of the Humvee and its variations, including the latest families of armored Humvees used in Iraq in 2003-05, and its adoption in a peacekeeping role the world over.

Leopard 2

M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank Manual

Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank 1987-2006

1946 to present

U.S. Army XM-1 Tank Program

British Cold War Main Battle Tank

Tank Spotter's Guide

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Development of the Leopard 1 can be traced back to November 1956, when the operational requirement for a new battle tank was formulated by the Federal German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr). Originally a Franco-German project, the tank under design was named the 'Standard-Panzer'. The French later dropped out, however, and on 1 October 1963 the 'Standard' tank was officially named 'Leopard', an appropriate choice considering Germany's wartime pedigree with the formidable Tiger and Panther. This book traces the development and service record of the Leopard 1, detailing its control systems, modifications and variants. An in-depth look at this sophisticated armored vehicle

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with photos, technical details, and modeling information. During the 1980s and early 1990s the Challenger 1 main battle tank played a central role in Britain's armored forces and achieved remarkable success in combat, destroying around 300 Iraqi tanks in the Gulf War. With its advanced Chobham armor and hydropneumatic suspension system, it was one of the most sophisticated and effective armored vehicles of the time and, in a modified form, it is still in service with the Jordanian army. It is also a popular subject with tank modelers and enthusiasts. Archive photos of the Challenger 1 in service and extensively researched color profile illustrations depict the tank throughout its operational life.

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A large part of the book showcases available model kits and aftermarket products, complemented by a gallery of beautifully constructed and painted models in various scales. Technical details as well as modifications introduced during production and in the field are also examined, and provide everything the modeler needs to recreate an accurate representation of the Challenger 1. The concept of the Main Battle Tank emerged from the Centurion Universal tank that was developed at the end of World War II. Development of its successor began as early as 1951. The Chieftain incorporated significant innovations including a reclining driver position and two-piece ammunition for greater survivability. The tank

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entered service in 1967 and was the heaviest armed and armoured MBT within the NATO alliance. The Chieftain saw combat during the Iran-Iraq War, with the Kuwaitis during the 1990 Iraqi invasion and with the British Army during the Gulf War of 1990 – 91 as special-purpose variants. This book explores the design, development and operation of one of the most influential vehicles used in modern warfare.

Leopard 1 and Leopard 2 MBTs are of course completely different vehicles in concept- and they come from different stages of the Bundeswehr's Cold War armaments program. They nonetheless have a number of similarities and are together the most commercially

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successful and widely sold European tank designs from the 1960s to the present day. This is a brief discussion of the iconic Leopard 1 and Leopard 2 tank families, touching on some of its best-known members.

M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank 1993 – 2018

KV-1 & 2 Heavy Tanks 1939 – 45

"Ironsides"

Rare Photographs from Wartime Archives

Centurion Main Battle Tank

World War III Team Yankee

NATO and Warsaw Pact Tanks of the Cold War

The Stryker interim combat vehicle was a stop-gap measure, designed to meet the needs of

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the United States to project its military force quickly by air into hotspots around the world. In 2003 it had its baptism of fire in Iraq and has since proved itself an integral part of the US's warfighting capability and now, two decades into its service, the Stryker has been adapted to face the new threat of a resurgent Russia. This volume in the LandCraft series of modeling guides examines the Stryker and LAV III in US, Canadian and New Zealand service. In addition to describing in detail the design, development and operational history of the Stryker and LAV III, David Grummitt gives a full account of the wide range of modeling kits and accessories

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available and features six builds covering the most important variants. Detailed color profiles provide both reference and inspiration for modelers and military enthusiasts alike.

The Challenger 2 is the current Main Battle Tank of the British Army and represents the culmination of 80 years of tank design. In 1987, its design was presented to the Ministry of Defence in response to a requirement to replace the Chieftain MBT that had been partially superseded by the Challenger 1 MBT. Production began in 1993, and the tank finally entered service in 2002. The tank recently appeared in Iraq, where it proved indispensable

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during the battle of Basra. This book covers the evolution of the Challenger 2, from its origins and testing to its involvement in the Middle East and Iraq.

A history of the iconic vehicle: “This modeler's delight showcases the M1 and its variations with all sorts of camouflage schemes.”

—Historical Miniatures Gaming Society Since its introduction in 1981, at the height of the Cold War, the Abrams main battle tank has been one of the most visible symbols of American military power, and it is the fascinating subject of this heavily illustrated historical and modeling guide in the TankCraft series by David

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Grummitt. Designed to meet head-on the massed tank forces of the Warsaw Pact, its combat debut actually came in a different scenario in 1991, during the First Gulf War. Since then it has served in a peacekeeping role in the former Yugoslavia and seen combat in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Yemen. It has gone through a series of modifications and modernizations that see it set to remain the backbone of the US Army until at least 2050. As well as charting the development and combat history of the vehicle, this book is illustrated throughout with color photos and specially commissioned color profiles. Five different

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models, covering the service history of the Abrams, are featured, as is a modeler's guide to the existing kits and accessories in the all the popular scales.

**A modeler's guide to one of the most powerful tanks operating today: "Highly recommended."
—AMPS Indianapolis When the Leopard 2, a third-generation main battle tank, first entered service with the Bundeswehr in 1979, at the height of the Cold War, it was indisputably the most advanced and potent tank in the world. Over four decades it has undergone numerous upgrades and modifications to ensure it remains one of the most powerful tanks**

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operating today. It currently serves with the armies of seventeen nations, from Canada to Turkey and many European states. The Leopard 2 is also a popular subject for modelers, which is why David Grummitt's highly illustrated expert guide is so valuable. As well as describing in detail the Leopard 2's design, development, and combat history, he gives a full account of the wide range of modeling kits and accessories available in all the popular scales. Included is a modeling gallery, which features six builds covering a range of Leopard 2s serving with different nations and a section of large-scale color profiles which provide both

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**reference and inspiration for modelers and
military enthusiasts alike.**

The Leopard 1 and Leopard 2

**A Guide for Defining Your Style, Reinventing
Your Space, and Entertaining with Ease**

**Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank Owners'
Workshop Manual**

**The US's Main Battle Tank in American and
Foreign Service, 1981-2019**

**Modern Israeli Tanks and Infantry Carriers
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Chieftain

T-72 Main Battle Tank 1974-93

Dive deep into the fascinating world of German tanks in this

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definitive textbook about the Leopard 1 and 2. Known as one of the most for their prominence in peacetime, there's more to these trusty machines than meets the eye. Follow them on their journey around the globe as we guide you through every combat mission ever ventured upon by the mighty machines. The wide range of conflicts they have been in creates a fascinating reading experience for history lovers and war fanatics. Read in raw, uncut detail the savage battle reports from these fierce tanks as you're taken deep into each conflict they took part in. From being pitted against Bosnian Serb battle tanks to their involvement in the invasion of Kosovo, this book covers the complete combat operation history of the Leopard 1 and Leopard 2. Also, their deployments in more modern times are discussed, with them being used to fight

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against the Taliban in Afghanistan and ISIS in Syria. The amount of missions these tanks have embarked upon is endless, and you will learn about them all in this definitive book. This is the only book of its kind. A one-off concise guide outlining everything you would ever need to know about the Leopard 1 and 2. First, we go into the history behind the German panzers from its beginnings in World War I as well as an insight into all the upgrades and user states. In the conclusion, we explore the significance of the Leopard tanks in modern warfare. Finally, in the afterword, Danish tank expert Thomas Antonsen graces us with a few thoughts. Brimming with umpteen references and sources, this is one book tank enthusiasts don't want to miss out on. Leopard 1 and 2 main battle tanks took part in combat operations under

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the flag of Canada, Turkey, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Denmark.

At the end of 1969, the first of 468 Leopard 1 tanks from the German manufacturer Kraus-Maffei were transferred to the Royal Dutch Army. The Dutch cavalymen had waited anxiously for this new, reliable and above all, mobile tank which would partially replace Centurion. The superiority of the Warsaw Pact saw NATO forced to act in a mobile fight. In the eighties, the Leopard underwent an extensive improvement involving the military, the press and politics. After the fall of the iron curtain, and after twenty years of service, the end came for this defining tank within the Dutch Army. With hindsight, did the Leopard 1 meet its high expectations? We must be honest and say the answer is no. Why? Read the book and all will be

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revealed! The author, Willem Smit, affiliated with the Netherlands Institute of Military History, pays tribute to the operational deployment of this battle tank and also focuses on the development, testing, troubled service and phasing out of the Leopard 1 tank. Armoured Fist of the Royal Dutch Army is a richly illustrated book, accessible to both the uninitiated, the modeller and the enthusiast. This book was first published in 2008 in the Dutch language. The original book is now out-of-print and difficult to find, especially outside it's country of origin. This expanded English-language edition adds some new information and photos in a redesigned format.

In Challenger 1 Volume 2 Robert Griffin outlines the service career of the Challenger 1 Main Battle Tank and Challenger Repair and Recovery Vehicle. This exciting Photosniper title

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includes numerous period photographs in color and in black and white, ten color plates and vehicle plans for the Challenger 1 Mk.3 as deployed into combat during Operation Granby. The photos selected for this book include original images from the vehicle's trials, its service in BAOR, in Bosnia and in Operation Granby. The Challenger 1 and CRARRV are documented in many unpublished photos and detailed walk around photos include examples taken of the Challengers employed in Operation Granby in 1991 and of the CRARRV in its most recent guise. The highs and lows of the Challenger 1's career in the British Army are described in detail. This work is an excellent reference for the modeler, AFV enthusiast and former crewman, and follows Challenger 1 Volume 1, also available from Kagero Publishing's Photosniper series.

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REVIEWS an excellent companion to the first volume and one that will be a boon to modelers, as well as being of interest to many ex-servicemen who will remember the time they spent working with them. Military Modeling

The M1 Abrams was the most radical departure in US tank design since World War II. Until the advent of the M1 in the early 1980s, the US Army had relied on the steady evolution of the M26 Pershing tank, through the M46, M47, M48 and M60. The M1 design came at a time when there were a host of important new tank technologies coming to fruition, in terms of structure and weaponry: these were integrated into it. This book details the design, development and operational use of one of the world's best main battle tanks.

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US Army tactical vehicle

Following the re-integration of West Germany into NATO in the mid-1950s, the Bundeswehr was equipped with American tanks under the Military Aid Program. Quickly realising they were not suitable, Germany began the design of their own main battle tank in 1956. The Leopard 1 family of vehicles became the first fully-German developed series of armoured

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combat vehicles to be built after the Second World War, and it owes much to the design concepts developed through combat experience during the latter stages of that war. Using the German-built version of the British L7 105mm gun for its main armament, the Leopard focused on firepower and with its impressive cross-country performance it was unmatched by most other tank designs of the era. The first production Leopard 1 left the line in September 1965 and since then Leopards have seen operational service in Afghanistan (Canadian Leopard C2 MEXAS), Bosnia and Croatia (UNPROFOR Danish Leopard 1A5-DK MBT), Kosovo (KFOR: Danish 1A5-DK; Canadian C1 and Italian 1A5), and Somalia (UNOSOM German Bergpanzer and Pionierpanzer). In 2003 the German Army relinquished its Leopard 1s, and in

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2011 the Canadian Battle Group withdrew its Leopard 1s from Afghanistan.