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Peter Kocsis : T-34 on the Battlefield (World War Two Photobook Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised T-34 on the Battlefield (World War Two Photobook Series):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic collection of derelict and captured T34 photos! HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! By NachtjagerI received a number of the books in this series as Christmas gifts because they were on my wish list - thank you ! Being a fanatic on WWII armor, I will leave reviews on each of the books in this series I received. As others have said, the author is Hungarian, and the photo captions are done in Hungarian and in English - the English translations are rather poor, but you certainly can understand them. What I will say about the author, to his great credit, is that he has apparently done an incredible amount of research on Russian tank production. The captions largely deal with the specific variation of the T34 you're looking at, where it was produced, when it was produced, and the author points out subtle construction details which prove his case. That is very impressive to me because he notices some interesting little bits about T34s that I'd not paid much attention to before, and those tiny things, apparently, can allow you to determine which plant built the tank and when. I would HIGHLY advise the viewer to study the photos at length and not just read the captions, if that's your normal route, this entire series will get boring extremely fast, even if you're fascinated with WWII armor. The captions are informative, but dull - no better way to say it. The photos themselves, however, are VERY interesting, very well reproduced, and well worth the price of the book. The Wehrmacht went to war heavily armed with cameras - I've read before that as many as one man in five had a camera at the beginning of Barbarossa. That being the case, there are thousands upon thousands of photos showing damaged, captured, and absolutely destroyed Russian tanks; most of these are in private collections now (I own quite a few myself) and all of the examples in this series come from private collections, thus, hardly any of these photos have been printed before. Add to that, they've never been seen in a format this large and with this much clarity - the books are superbly done. Buy these books for the photos, the information contained in the captions is just something of an added bonus. If you have eyes and a bit of knowledge, you will figure the rest of it out. Dead tank photos are haunting and sobering. Some are burned out but intact, others are blown into pieces, others are barely recognizable as having been

tanks at all. Each tells a horrid story, and each photo places you into that horrible place where Russian tankers lived and died. The captions make no attempt to explain what your eyes will see - tanks in absurd situations, placed there, no doubt, by ill-trained crewmen, where they had absolutely no chance. T34's driven into swamps, groups of T34's caught in the open and massacred, T34's sunk in streams, and T34's even rammed into German tanks in what had to be acts of pure desperation or panic. Russian tank crews suffered staggering losses due to their poor training, and this book, along with the KV tanks companion book, graphically illustrates that. The only negative thing I can say about this book, and perhaps it is because the author is more interested literally in the nuts and bolts of the tanks than the situations of the photographs, is that he misses the mark most of the time when he does comment on a tank's damage. There are several photos where he mentions the tank was knocked out by an aerial bomb and there are clearly punched projectile holes in the tank, or captions where he says the tank looks to be merely abandoned because of a mechanical problem, and again, it is not hard to spot holes in the hull or turret that were placed there by a hostile round. This same trait carries through in the entire series, but again, observe the photos for yourself, they tell the story that you don't need words for. Over all, I HIGHLY recommend this book and the entire series. This is an invaluable photo resource, and more than a photo book on the T34, this particular volume tells what a grisly price the poorly trained Soviet tankers paid during WWII. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This isn't bad, after all you ARE talking about photos from ...By Douglas Grigg The photos are superb. They are so sharp, I wonder if they were touched up a bit with computers. This isn't bad, after all you ARE talking about photos from the 40s. This book is a tremendous asset for a model builder who wants to do Russian armor, or damaged armor. I do wish it had more data, but it is a PHOTOGRAPHIC SERIES, and a review should be based on what it is, not what I wanted. The book set out to show pics of the T-34, and that is what they did. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great pictures of mainly destroyed and some captured T-34s By Chaz Spaulding Great pictures of mainly destroyed and some captured T-34s. Sometimes the captions are a little goofy for us English speaking folks but are adequate.

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