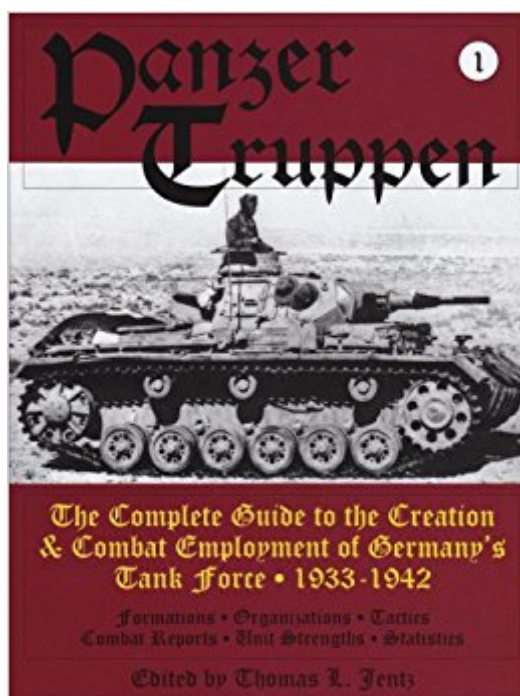


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Synopsis

In September of 1939, the world was astounded by Germany's ability to defeat Poland in less than a month. With the world still puzzled by the suddenness of this event, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, and France fell in rapid succession to the German on

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Customer Reviews

I think the book is very complete, with many data and historical references. It comes with panzerdivision equipment in every major campaign, production data, operative status of the panzer units in most important battles. It is also very focused in the development and tactical use of the panzer units, with many interesting references of the situation of those units through the war. It is a pity the lack of information of other units included in the panzertruppen, like panzergrenadier or panzerjäger, but the book is really nice.

I got a brand-new copy for a very reasonable price. I bought volume II of this two-part series some 20 years ago. I believe it is collectable quality: folio sized, maps, graphs, toe's (dear to any researcher) and full of first-hand accounts from German reports. I withheld the fifth star because the books limits to panzer units only, no motorized infantry, no assault guns, etc. But the title does say Panzertruppen, so that's what I got. Thank you printers for making my set complete.

This book tells about the development of the German Panzertroops before the WWII and of their

use in the first half of the war. Since it is based on wartime reports there is much less afterthought than in most war books based on memories. For example, it includes English translations of comments general-colonel Guderian made during the war, from German records. This book tells many interesting things to war history enthusiasts.

Both this volume and volume 2, are excellent sources of primary documentation. Both use war diary, and after-action reports to describe tactics and weapons evolution. As I said in a review of vol.2, by allowing the crews and their platoon-battalion commanders to speak the book has an immediacy that can't be duplicated in other works of the same subject. The author assumes the reader has at least general familiarity with German operations, and knowledge of German WWII military terms and ranks. Probably not for a general interest reader.

Superb data, highly recommended

More of a facts and figures kind of book. Excellent pictures, charts, tables, and operations histories. Buy both volume 1 and 2. You will want both. Recommended

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Thomas Jentz has spent over 30 years reading original German source material to create this guide to the creation and formation of Germany's tank force. Volume 1 covers the early phases from 1933- 1942. The key here is original. Jentz does not rely on anyone else's material, using only war diaries, reports and technical manuals. This is not a high level overview or grand strategy, nor is it a nuts and bolts review of each weapon system. It is also not light reading. This is very technically oriented, detailed history. Jentz sets out to tell the dates units were organized, what equipment they had, organization, tactics used (US tankers will recognize many of these). The pages are high glossy quality binding. There are many B&W photos of the different panzers, charts and maps. In the Appendices, you will find technical specifications of US, British, French and Russian tanks. The text provides a wealth of information. You get to see how the Germans created and used their tank force. The interplay of politics, economics, and technology are covered. How tank units reported back to their leaders - what worked, what did not are shown in excerpts from the official records. As a student of history, I admire the work and research that went into this book. This is a must have book for all serious armor historians and those who want to see step by step the evolution of the

panzer and blitzkrieg. Highly recommended, top notch material.

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