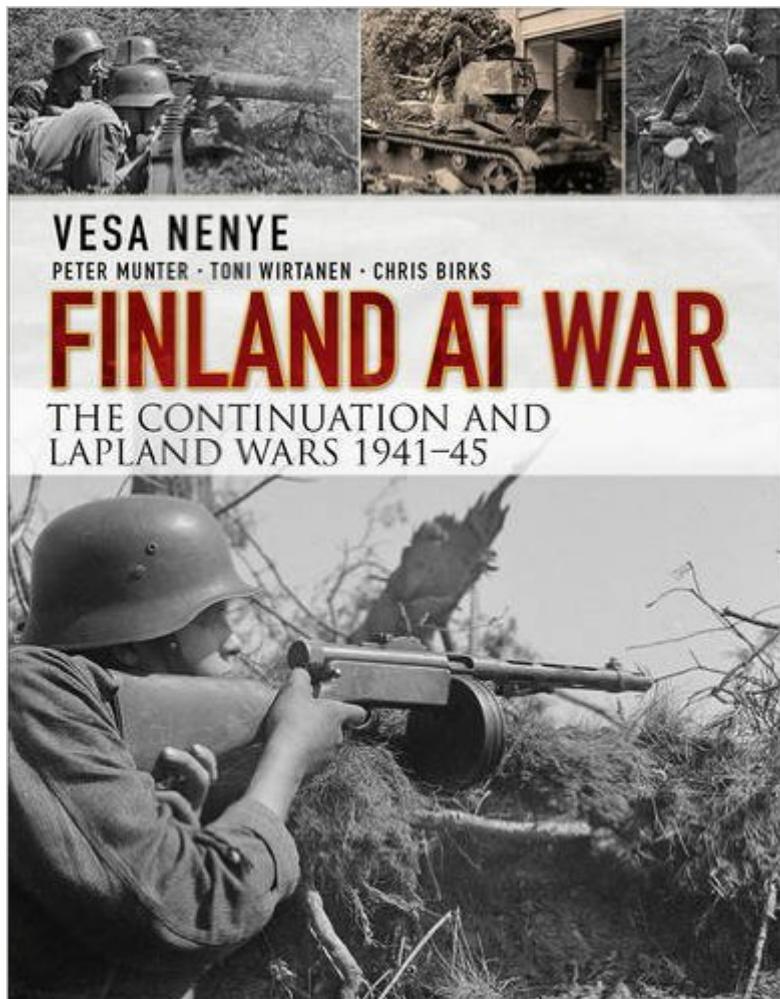


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Having foiled the Soviet invasion of the Winter War, the Finns found themselves embroiled in an ongoing conflict to maintain their borders as the Soviets recovered from the initial advances made by the Germans during the Barbarossa campaign. Yet as the red tide of Soviet forces pushed back the German army, the Finnish forces--despite their lack of equipment, obsolete machinery and minuscule manpower--held firm against the Soviets throughout the continuation of the war, ensuring their post-war independence on the Western side of the Iron curtain. But that was not the end of hostilities for the exhausted Finnish nation as they turned their attentions to the Nazi forces embedded within their territory, calling up brigades populated with teenagers to force German forces inexorably back. Featuring some incredible, never-before-seen photographs and firsthand accounts, this is the history of one of the most incredible moments in modern military history.

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While I have several other books on this subject this book provides extra detail to supplement those other books. Plus this book provides many more photos from this conflict that others didn't which adds to the value of this book. Its sad Finland was between a rock and a hard place in defending its freedom during this World War 2 period, and suffered tremendously in land, its people, and economy due to Soviet aggression and the wishy-washy support from the West. Both books in this two-part series are well worth buying.

a long delayed comprehensive account of the continuation and lapland wars. although a few others works had been made available in the recent times, this provides a substantial complement with a better map and operational review. Im thinking , for instance, in Mr Lunde`'s excellent work. This volume controls the extensive use of capsules and limits the distracting biographies. Its still a bit weak in terms of providing specific military data (forces planning, development, etc) but in general its an excellent work for anybody interested in the subject.

The writing is intersting giving a lot of not well known facts. Slightly overstating Finish achievements especially over the Germans Luftwaffe Kuhlmeijer Group. The maps are very good and large quatitity of photographs are illuminating the book. Conveying a lot of additional information.

The first book, The Winter War, was so good, I ordered this book months before it's publication. This is a high-quality book with great action photos of a brave nation's heroic struggle to defend itself from communist aggression.

I have always been fascinated by Finland's fight to remain free. This book and the other 'Finland at War' book did an excellent job in telling the story of what it took to keep Finland free. This covers both the battle field and the politics of the situation.

Again real history is much more interesting than fiction. The Finns fought the overwhelming might of the Soviet Union under Stalin very well. This is a side of WWII that no one in the US knows about, which is quite typical of our American conceit. The German-Russia War of 1941-1945, included the Finns, was far bigger and more horrible and had more deaths than anything the Americans could even dream of. The landing at Omaha Beach, as brave and loyal as the Americans were there, was chump change compared to the Eastern Front war. The Russians would lose what America lost in D Day, on any one day in the war.

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