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## -New Books at Napoleon's - June 2006-

-in chronological order-

### Celtic Fortifications

Ralston,I

**\$49.95**

224pp. Thoroughly illustrated with b+w & full colour photographs & diagrams, this book serves as a guide to the construction & reconstruction methods of Iron Age hill-forts, the architecture of banks, walls, ramparts & ditches, gateways & ancillary features, the placement of these fortifications in the landscape, & the evidence demonstrating their defensive effectiveness. The book also includes a selective gazetteer providing details on twenty of the most spectacular Iron Age fortified sites that are worth a visit. Ralston is Professor of Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh.

### Soldiers of the Dragon: Chinese Armies 1500BC - 1840AD

Peers,CJ

**\$55**

248pp. This beautifully illustrated book tells the colourful story of China's armies from the first documented civilization, through the establishment of a unified empire & the Mongol domination of the 13th & 14th centuries, to the outbreak of the first Opium War with Britain in the middle of the 19th century. Packed full of colour photographs, drawings & maps. Hb.

### A War Like No Other: How the Athenians and Spartans fought the Peloponnesian War

**\$49.95**

398pp. A colourful history of the Peloponnesian War and its dramatic repercussions on the history of ancient Greece brings to life the events of the conflict, its impact on the great city-states of Athens and Sparta, and the personalities involved, including Pericles, Alcibiades, Sophocles, Thucydides, and others. Hb.

### Boudica: A Groundbreaking Biography of the True Warrior Queen

Collingridge,V

**\$24.95**

420pp. Boudica has been immortalised throughout history as the woman who dared take on the Romans - an act of vengeance on behalf of her daughters, tribe & enslaved country. Her known life is a rich tapestry of wife, widow, mother, queen & Celtic quasi-Goddess. But beneath this lies a history both dark & shocking, with fresh archaeological evidence adding new depth & terrifying detail to the worn-out myths. From the proud warrior tribes of her East Anglian childhood to the battlefields of her defeat, this is a vividly written & evocatively told story, bringing a wealth of new research & insight to bear on one of the key figures in British history & mythology. Illustrated with b+w photographs & drawings.

"Intelligent and infectiously enthusiastic", 'Collingridge writes with great verve.'

-*Sunday Times*

### Weapons of the Romans

Feugere,M/Smith,DG (Tr)

**\$60**

224pp. This is a good examination of the weapons, armour & artillery of the Roman legionaries & auxiliaries of the Republic through to the late Empire. Some artwork, many photos & illustrations of archaeological finds, plus distribution maps.

### Caesar's Legion: The Epic Saga of Julius Caesar's Elite Tenth Legion and the Armies of Rome

Dando-Collins,S

**\$24.95**

320pp. A very complete & detailed account of Julius Caesar's Tenth Legion from its beginnings, through his campaigns to those of Vespasian & Titus in Jerusalem in 71AD. He covers their recruitment, training, daily routines, & other aspects of Roman military life.

*Now available in paperback!*

**The Battle That Stopped Rome:** The Emperor Augustus, Arminius and the Slaughter of the Legions in the Teutoburg Forest Wells,PS **\$23.95**

256pp. An archaeologist explores the story of the Battle of Teutoburg Forest in 9AD, where Arminius, a traitorous German ally of the Roman Army, led the consul Varus & his three legions into a massive ambush. These 20,000 soldiers represented a quarter of the Roman army north of the Alps, & their complete slaughter at the hands of German 'barbarians' stopped the expansion of the Empire east of the Rhine. With the site of the battle only discovered fifteen years ago, the story of this pivotal moment in Western history has remained relatively untold.

**The Vikings:** Voyagers of Discovery & Plunder

Magnusson,M

**\$54.95**

208pp. A beautifully presented history of the Vikings, including an insight into their experiences in North America & the lives they led at home, with particular emphasis placed on the Viking *hersir* (the raiding warrior of the Viking world), & the famed Viking longship. Thoroughly illustrated with full colour photographs, drawings & diagrams. Hb.

**The Royal Book of Horsemanship, Jousting & Knightly Combat:** Dom Duarte's 15th century Bem Cavalgar

Duarte,D/Preto,A/Preto,L (Trs)/Muhlberger,S (Ed)

**\$55**

180pp. A chivalric treatise written by a renowned medieval king who was an expert in his subject matter. Superbly educated, the king wrote about fundamentals of medieval horsemanship--including specifics about clothing, shoes, saddles & tack--about the seat & riding securely in the saddle, details about the medieval hunt, about how to joust, including roles for the knight's assistants & squires, about different kinds of lances, & about wrestling & fighting with the sword. For the first time, the King of Portugal's 1438 treatise, "Livro Da Ensinança De Bem Cavalgar Toda Sela", will be available in English. Never before translated even into modern Portuguese, Antonio Franco Preto has delivered a superb rendition of this most important treatise. Hb.

**Leonardo's Machines:** Da Vinci's Inventions Revealed

Laurenza,D

**\$39.95**

240pp. Combining the original coded notebooks and modern computer imaging, over 30 of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions are pieced together in this work, in never-before-seen, mechanically accurate, computer generated artworks. Annotated diagrams show each working part of the contraptions, demonstrating in incredible detail how the machines would have operated. It also includes fascinating recreations of the finished inventions that show how they would have been used in contemporary life - from manned flying machines and mechanical bridges to musical instruments and devastating circular tanks. In-depth analyses of da Vinci's inventions reveal the stories that led to the finished designs.

**Leonardo da Vinci:** The Complete Works

Cremante,S

**\$29.95**

This captivating book provides the reader with a unique insight into the life and work of one of history's most intriguing figures. All of Leonardo da Vinci's work is presented in this compact volume - from his paintings and frescos, to detailed reproductions of his remarkable encrypted notebooks. As well as featuring each individual artwork, sections of each are shown in isolation to reveal incredible details - for example, the different levels of perspective between the background sections of the "Mona Lisa", and the disembodied hand in "The Last Supper". 640 pages of colour artworks and photographs of Da Vinci's original notebooks, accompanied by fascinating biographical and historical details are here. Very, very good value. Hb.

**Freemasons for Dummies**

Hodapp,C

**\$35**

368pp. Hodapp, a 32nd Degree Mason and past Master of the Knights Templar, explains the history, beliefs and rituals of Freemasonry.

**Freaks:** The Pig-Faced Lady of Manchester Square & other Medical Marvels

Bondeson,J

**\$25**

334pp. Incredible tales of deformed individuals, those with horns, gigantism, hog's faces, excessive facial hair, parasitic twins or extra heads, forced to lead often appalling lives of exhibition & examination. Then there are those who created their very own freakishness, such as Louis Delair, a Frenchman who swallowed & regurgitated live frogs for a living. Well written & well illustrated, this book provides an intriguing insight into the human appetite for the strange & shocking.

**Black Watch:** The Inside Story of the Oldest Highland Regiment in the British Army

Parker,J

**\$50**

The Black Watch is one of the finest fighting forces in the world and has been engaged in virtually every worldwide conflict for the last three centuries. Named after the dark tartan of the soldiers' kilts, its unique formation—raised from loyal Scottish clans in the wake of the 1715 Jacobite Rebellion—make it the oldest Highland regiment.

**The Wicked Lord Lyttelton**

Frost,T

**\$32.95**

238pp. The libertinism displayed by this fascinating eighteenth century personage earned him the title 'the wicked Lord Lyttelton' & the renown of being one of history's genuine hell-raisers. Devilish, debauched & drug-addled, the Second Baron Lyttelton lost the prospect of a good marriage to a general's daughter due to his rakish behaviour, instead marrying the widow of a Governor of Calcutta whom he later deserted for a barmaid. After his father's death in 1774 he took his seat in the House of Lords, displaying flashes of rhetorical brilliance, but died at the age of thirty-five after apparently foreseeing his death in a dream. Truly this is one of history's intriguing characters.

**A Brief History of British Sea Power: How Britain became Sovereign of the Seas**

Howarth,D

**\$29.95**

464pp. Charts the development of British sea power from the 5th-century boats of skin sailed by Irish monks to the battleships of WW2. He reconstructs the expansion of trade routes & the great 18th -century days of the line-of-battle ships. Howarth's natural love for the sea shines through at all time; he knows its colours & moods & has an instinctive sympathy with the men who sail on it. His history is scholarly & yet as exciting as the best adventure stories. Contains several pages of b+w illustrations.

**Conquering the American Wilderness: The Triumph of European Warfare in the Colonial Northeast**

Chet,G

**\$44**

208pp. A study of military tactics in colonial New England dispels myths that settlers adopted methods used by Native Americans, demonstrating their increasing reliance on British troops and conventional European principles of warfare.

**Campaign Chronicles: Napoleon's Polish Gamble- Eylau & Friedland 1807**

Summerville,C

**\$54.95**

168pp. An extensive account of the bitter Polish Campaign of 1806-07, as told in a clear, concise, day-by-day format, & compiled from compelling eyewitness accounts. Illustrated with b+w drawings, portraits, & maps. Hb.

**The Fatal Knot: The Guerrilla War in Navarre & the Defeat of Napoleon in Spain**

Tone,TL

**\$77**

240pp. The militarisation of the Spanish peasantry in northern Spain, & particularly Navarre, when Napoleon invaded in 1808 initiated a kind of warfare so unprecedented that it required a new name: *guerra de guerrillas*, or guerrilla war. Tone argues that the insurgents were neither booty-hungry bandits nor patriots fighting for king, country & church. Rather, they were landowning peasants who fought against the invasion in an effort to protect their own interests within a regime marked by a true "moral economy". The awful, incredibly bloodthirsty guerrilla war in Northern Spain against Napoleon is detailed herein, with specific reference to Francisco Espoz y Mina, 1781-1836. Hb.

**Female Caligula: Ranavalona, the Mad Queen of Madagascar**

Laidler,K

**\$39.95**

232pp. As European colonists scrambled for control of Africa, a leader arose in the red island of Madagascar who, through ruthless determination thwarted the combined ambitions of all the major world powers. That leader and the author of this holocaust was no warrior but a diminutive woman of middle years, Ranavalona- Manjaka Queen of Madagascar, known to her subjects more simply as Ma Dieu. Under Ranavalona's despotic rule, hundreds of thousands of her people, possibly one-half of Madagascar's entire population, were murdered, starved or simply worked to death by her express command, while she enjoyed an eccentric and debauched lifestyle. For these characteristics, European history has remembered her reign as that of the Female Caligula. Hb.

**Brunel's Kingdom: In the footsteps of Britain's greatest engineer**

Christopher,J

**\$34.95**

192pp. Isambard Kingdom Brunel changed the world as we know it. He was responsible for building the Great Western Railway main line, introducing regular steamship travel across the Atlantic, building the first tunnel under a major river, & for constructing docks, harbours & bridges that made it possible for Britain to expand & grow as the powerhouse of the world. Fully illustrated throughout with b+w & colour photographs & diagrams.

**The Last Samurai: The Life & Battles of Saigo Takamori**

Ravina,M

**\$27**

266pp. The real-life story that inspired the hit movie "The Last Samurai", starring Tom Cruise.

**Pen and Sword Military Classics: Brave Men's Blood- The Epic of the Zulu War 1879**

Knight,I

**\$29.95**

222pp. This large format paperback is extensively illustrated with b+w photographs, drawings & maps, providing a comprehensive account of both the history of the Zulu state & the causes of the war.

**The Last Kaiser:** William the Impetuous

MacDonogh,G

**\$39.95**

Prussia's last King & Germany's last Kaiser was born in Potsdam in 1859, the son of Prince Frederick of Prussia & Princess Vicky, Queen Victoria's eldest child. William was born with a withered arm & suffered from cerebral palsy. Believed mad by some, eccentric by others, he possessed a ferocious temper, was rumoured to have sired numerous illegitimate children (and suspected of homosexual affairs) & yet appeared a prig. A power grabber who built a fleet targeted at Britain, he nevertheless idolised Queen Victoria who, he claimed, died in his arms. Giles MacDonogh is a historian & journalist. His biography of Frederick the Great was on the Evening Standard bestseller list. He contributes regularly to the Financial Times, The Times, Guardian & Evening Standard.

**For Lust of Knowing:** The Orientalists & their Enemies

Irwin,R

**\$49.95**

410pp. Orientalists, driven by their passion for the East, have been variously accused of imperialism, colonialism, & of distorting history. Robert Irwin has spent a lifetime investigating & imagining the history of the Islamic world. In For Lust of Knowing, the culmination of that lifetime's devotion, he makes the definitive case for the Orientalists. Irwin charts the origins of Orientalism - in this case, the study of the Middle & near East - & its foremost practitioners, from Ancient Greece up to the present day. In doing so, he finally banishes the ghosts of Edward Said's Orientalism, which branded this rich & wondrous field of study a weapon of imperialism. Irwin shows that, whether making philological comparisons between Arabic and Hebrew, cataloguing the coins of Fatimid Egypt or establishing the basic chronology of Harun al-Rashid's military campaigns against Byzantium, these scholars have been unified not by politics or by ideology but by their shared obsession. For Lust of Knowing is an extraordinary, passionate book; both a sustained argument & a brilliant work of original scholarship. Hb.

**American Gothic:** A Life of America's Most Famous Painting

Biel,S

**\$34**

216pp. A study of the origins and multiple meanings of Grant Wood's portrait of the pitchfork-holding Iowa farming couple document how the piece has represented midwestern Puritanism, hard-working endurance, and the often-parodied American heartland throughout different periods in history. Hb.

**True North:** Peary, Cook, & the Race to the Pole

Henderson,B

**\$23.95**

331pp. An account of one of the most enduring & vitriolic feuds in the history of exploration. Frederick Cook & Robert Peary had started out as friends & shipmates, but by the fall of 1909, all goodwill was gone. Peary came out of the north claiming to have discovered the Pole in April 1909, but Cook had already announced to the world his own discovery of the Pole in April 1908. Henderson has brought together a narrative of the claims & counterclaims of the explorers; presenting fascinating scientific & psychological evidence to put the harrowing details of polar exploration in a new context.

**The Fate of the Romanovs**

King,G/Wilson,P

**\$30**

657pp. The official version of the Romanov murders was thrown into disrepute in 1989 when the bones of the imperial family (bar those of Alexei & one of his sisters) were discovered in the woods outside Ekaterinburg. The story of their tragic fate has left behind a legacy of conspiracy theories & scholarly debate that continues to fascinate & perplex us. Based on the analysis of over 500 previously unpublished archival documents, this book attempts to sift through the mythology surrounding the murder of Tsar Nicholas II & his family in 1918 to provide an extensively researched examination of one of the twentieth centuries most intriguing & controversial events. Includes three appendices listing the Ekaterinburg Guards, the possessions of the Romanovs found at the Ipatiev House in Ekaterinburg, & a listing of the Romanovs' jewels. Illustrated with several b+w photographs.

**The Great Pretenders:** The True Stories Behind Famous Historical Mysteries

Bondeson,J

**\$23.95**

326pp. Jan Bondeson, MD, uses his expertise as clinical senior lecturer at the University of Wales College of Medicine to explore some of the past two hundred years' most intriguing unsolved mysteries of disputed identities. Included among others are the cases of the Lost Dauphin, Kaspar Hauser, & the Tichborne Claimant. Illustrated with b+w photographs & artworks.

**The 33 Strategies of War**

Greene,R

**\$39.95**

472pp. Spanning world civilizations, synthesizing dozens of political, philosophical, & religious texts & thousands of years of violent conflict, 'The 33 Strategies of War' is a comprehensive guide to the subtle social game of everyday life informed by the most ingenious & effective military principles in war. Abundantly illustrated with examples from history, including the folly & genius of everyone from Napoleon to Margaret Thatcher, Shaka the Zulu to Lord Nelson, Hannibal to Ulysses S. Grant, as well as movie moguls, Samurai swordsmen, & diplomats, each of the thirty-three chapters outlines a strategy that will help you win life's wars. Hb.

**The Greatest War Stories Ever Told:** Twenty-Four Incredible War Tales

Underwood,L(Ed)

**\$29.95**

336pp. Includes contributions from Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, Victor Hugo, CS Forester, Leo Tolstoy, Stephen Ambrose, Theodore Roosevelt, Michael Herr, Rudyard Kipling, & more.

**Pen & Sword Military Classics: The War Lords-** Military Commanders of the Twentieth Century

Carver,M

**\$34.95**

624pp. A series of short, detailed biographies of 43 of the dominant military commanders of the twentieth century as assembled by Field Marshal Lord Carver, & written by the likes of Nigel Nicolson, Gavin Lyall, Martin Blumenson, Alistair Horne & others. Commanders covered include Rommel, MacArthur, Patton, Montgomery, Yamamoto, Stilwell, Nimitz, Eisenhower, Zhukov, Halsey, Foch, Pershing, Ludendorff, Hindenburg & others. Contains several pages of b+w photographs.

**Pen and Sword Military Classics: Plumer-** The Soldier's General

Powell,G

**\$25**

362pp. According to Powell, the archetypal 'Colonel Blimp' appearance of Plumer belies his reputation as one of the best-performing & best-regarded officers on the Allied side during WW1. Famously considerate of his men, & known to have been at odds with Haig, Plumer proved indispensable during the German offensive of March 1918. His crowning glories were the attack on Messines Ridge in 1917, & his successful implementation of the 'bite & hold' strategy that contributed so much to final victory.

**Return to Gallipoli:** Walking the Battlefields of the Great War

Scates,B

**\$39.95**

274pp. As seen on TV! Historian Bruce Scates (winner of the NSW Premier's History Award) allows us to travel alongside Australia's Gallipoli pilgrims on their journeys, from the bereaved relatives of fallen soldiers in the 1920's to the backpackers of today.

Every year tens of thousands of Australians make their pilgrimages to Gallipoli, France and other killing fields of the Great War. It is a journey steeped in history. Some go in search of family memory, seeking the grave of a soldier lost a lifetime ago. For others, Anzac pilgrimage has become a rite of passage, a statement of what it means to be Australian.

This book explores the memory of the Great War through the historical experience of pilgrimage. It examines the significance these 'sacred sites' have acquired in the hearts and minds of successive generations and charts the complex responses of young and old, soldier and civilian, the pilgrims of the 1920s and today's backpacker travellers. This book gives voice to history, retrieving a bitter-sweet testimony through interviews, surveys and a rich archival record. Innovative, courageous and often deeply moving, it explains why the Anzac legend still captivates Australians.

**Depth Charge:** Royal Naval Mines, Depth Charges & Underwater Weapons 1914-45

Henry,C

**\$65**

198pp. This history of the Royal Navy's underwater weapons in both world wars details the design, testing & development of the depth charge, & celebrates the achievements of the inventors whose work was essential to Britain's survival. Illustrated throughout with b+w photographs & diagrams. Hb.

**American Shogun:** MacArthur, Hirohito and the American Affair with Japan

Harvey,R

**\$80**

480pp. From the mid-nineteenth century on, America and Japan were caught in an extraordinary political, military and economic duel. This clash was characterised by a cultural incompatibility that was to haunt the negotiations of their two leaders, Emperor Hirohito and General MacArthur. Hirohito was a remarkable man. Diffident, uncharismatic and apparently obtuse, he survived as god-ruler of Japan for six decades through internal strife, war, defeat, occupation and economic victory. But Hirohito met his equal in MacArthur. Brash and domineering, MacArthur merited the honorary Japanese epithet shogun or 'army leader' for his almost single-handed six year rule over Japan. In this absorbing dual biography Robert Harvey traces their tense and complex relationship. His broad scope encompasses two great nations in war and peace- a momentous period of history which provides illuminating insight into American actions across the world today. Hb.

**Moon Over Malaya:** A Tale of the Argylls & the Marines

Moffatt,J/McCormick,A

**\$25****Spearhead 20: Hohenstaufen-** The 9th SS Panzer Division

Hook,P

**\$45**

96pp. This edition of the fantastic Spearhead series covers the 9th SS Panzer Division, from its initial action on the Eastern Front, through to the important role it played in the Arnhem and Ardennes campaigns. Packed with superb photographs and easy-to-read maps, this will be a great buy for any enthusiast, reenactor, or wargamer interested in the 'Hohenstaufen'.

**Tanks & Armour:** Panzerkampfwagen I & II

Gander,TJ

**\$49.95**

96pp. Details the development, design, armament, service history & variants of the Panzer I & II tanks (PzKpfw I & II, Panzerhaubitze 18 Wespe, Panzerjager I, Panzerspahwagen II Luchs Marder II, sIG 33Gw, Munitionspanzer, Bergepanzer II, Flammpanzer II), & is comprehensively illustrated with archive photographs, line drawings & colour artwork.

**Tanks & Armour:** Panzerkampfwagen 38(t)

Gander,TJ

**\$49.95**

96pp. Details the development, design, armament, service history & variants of the PzKpfw 38(t) (PzKpfw 38(t), Aufklarungspanzer 38(t), Marder III (Ausf H & M), Flakpanzer 38(t), Flammpanzer 38(t), Bergepanzer 38(t) Hetzer, sIG 33/IGw38(t) (Ausf H & M), & is comprehensively illustrated with archive photographs, line drawings & colour artwork.

**X-Craft Versus Tirpitz:** The Mystery of the Missing X5

Jacobsen,AR

**\$60**

288pp. Norwegian investigative journalist Alf Jacobsen relates one of the most incredible tales of the Second World War, in which Royal Navy X-craft midget submarines attacked the German battleship Tirpitz in Norway. Contains several pages of b+w photographs & maps. Hb.

**Hitler's U-Boat Fortresses**

Bradham,R

**\$29.95**

196pp. The story of the French naval bases at St Nazaire & Lorient, occupied by the Germans in 1940 & then quickly becoming the sites of massive U-Boat fortresses built mostly by slave labour. It was from these bases that merchant ships from the Mediterranean to the North Sea were attacked, resulting in the Royal Air Force beginning an all-out bombardment of the two ports. Illustrated throughout by b+w photographs.

**U-505:** The Final Journey

Wise,JE Jr

**\$70**

204pp. The Grey Wolf of Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry. The U-505 was a German submarine that was captured in battle by the US in June of 1944. Wise (a former US naval intelligence officer) narrates the life of the vessel from its 1941 construction in Hamburg to its more recent home at the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago. Including numerous photographs throughout, he describes the u-boat's fortunes in World War II, the circumstances of its capture, & the long journey down the St. Lawrence River & through four of the Great Lakes to Chicago. He also offers two appendices discussing operating & living on board the U-505 & the historical evolution of the submarine. Beautifully presented & illustrated throughout with b+w & full colour photographs & maps. Hb.

**Bomber Command 1936-68:** An Operational & Historical Record

Delve,K

**\$75**

306pp. This book acts as a comprehensive reference to the Bomber Command, from its formation in 1936 through to 1968 when it became part of Strike Command. The book includes a general historical introduction & overview, operations, operational groups, aircrew training & technical details of each aircraft type. Thoroughly illustrated with b+w maps, photographs & tables. Hb.

**Control in the Sky:** The Evolution & History of the Aircraft Cockpit

Coombs,LFE

**\$80**

320pp. In the first early years of aviation, the control systems and instruments found in a typical aircraft cockpit were few and simple, but did form the basic pattern of requirements still used today. Instruments and controls were designed and positioned for mechanical convenience rather than pilot comfort. This situation continued well into the 1930s and then the remarkable increase in aircraft performance created during World War II generated an altogether different working environment for pilots who now had to cope with a multitude of information sources and far more sophisticated control mechanisms. Aircraft designers now considered how best to organise cockpits and flight decks to assist the pilot. This is the history of how ergonomically designed civil and military aircraft cockpits and flight decks evolved. Hb.

**Big Wings:** The Largest Aeroplanes Ever Built

Kaplan,P

**\$75**

272pp. Explores the sometimes brief but always fascinating careers of aviation's behemoths, including bombers, flying boats, heavy lifters & airliners. Beautifully illustrated with b+w & full colour photographs & various pieces of contemporary propaganda posters, stickers, magazines, comics, badges, etc. Hb.

**Warbirds Alive:** The World's Top 25 Flyable Historic Military Aircraft

Coggan,P

**\$54**

128pp. The histories of 25 of the world's most well-known aircraft - the Messerschmitt Bf-109E-7, the Bristol Blenheim, the Goodyear FG-1D Corsair, the Republic P-47D Thunderbolt, the Martin B-26 Marauder, the Mitsubishi A6M5 Zero, the Hawker Sea Hurricane, the Gloster Gladiator I, & more. Also included are two appendices covering principal piston-engined warbird aircraft recoveries, & collections & restorers. Fully illustrated throughout with colour photographs.

**The Other Few:** The Contribution Made by Bomber and Coastal Aircrew to the Winning of the Battle of Britain

Donnelly,L DFM

**\$99.95**

290pp. The unusual story of the role of the other wings of the RAF, namely the Fleet Air Arm and Bomber Command, played during the Battle of Britain. Always overshadowed by the efforts of Fighter Command, these 'other few' played a vital role in the confrontation. This title is a long overdue chance to record and celebrate these forgotten heroes. Includes countless photographs and a role of honour. Hb.

**Stirling in Combat**

Falconer,J

**\$70**

266pp. Loved or loathed by its crews, the Stirling was a British bomber aircraft that engendered strong feelings in those who flew it and serviced it. When it first entered RAF service in 1940, the Stirling was a symbol of British defiance and the nation's ability to inflict injury from the air on an enemy who, until then, had seemed unassailable. The author has interviewed dozens of former Stirling 'people' whose detailed eyewitness accounts tell the story of the aircraft in RAF service. These accounts are supported by a rich selection of photographs drawn from a range of official and private sources. Hb.

**KG-200:** The Luftwaffe's Most Secret Unit

Thomas,GJ/Ketley,B

**\$100**

192pp. Shrouded in secrecy & intrigue during its lifetime, & in myth & legend since dissolution, KG-200 still remains one of the most fascinating units of the Luftwaffe. Delivering spies while flying captured Allied aircraft, clandestine reconnaissance missions over land & sea far from the Reich, testing new weapons such as the 'Mistel' composite bomber & the piloted V-1, & undertaking extremely long-range liaison flights were just some of their tasks. But there was also a more sinister aspect; KG-200 played a significant part in the notorious action against the French Resistance on the Vecors plateau, while others were involved in what were effectively suicide missions. This deeply researched text throws new light on this enigmatic unit, dispelling a number of myths in the process. Thoroughly illustrated throughout with b+w photographs, full colour profiles, & a number of tables. Hb.

**Luftwaffe Camouflage & Markings 1933-45, Volume 2:** Code Systems & Markings, Night Fighters, Ground-Attack, Reconnaissance, Bombers, Maritime, Transports, Trainers

Merrick,K/Kiroff,J

**\$149.95**

224pp. Volume 2 in the series that is proving indispensable to modellers who value realism. Fills in the gaps from the first volume, including night-fighters, ground-attack aircraft, reconnaissance and maritime aircraft. Also, perhaps more importantly, it covers the BOMBERS. Finally get that realistic finish on your Do-19, accurate unit markings on your He-274, and the perfect pattern on your Fw-200. Includes two colour cards with over 45 paint chips manufactured to original RLM Luftwaffe paint specifications. Cool! Hb.

**Air Combat Legends 1:** Supermarine Spitfire & Messerschmitt Bf-109

Donald,D (Ed)

**\$82.95**

256pp. This unique & incredibly well-presented book is based on highly detailed reports first published in *Wings of Fame & International Air Power Review*. They profile the development, service history & technical aspects of the Supermarine Spitfire & Messerschmitt Bf-109 - two of the best-known & most successful fighters ever built, & two of the bitterest rivals that have ever entered combat. This book is undeniably well-illustrated throughout with a wealth of superb period photos (both b+w & full colour), colour artwork, & detailed cutaways. A very good book representing excellent value. Hb.

**Among The Dead Cities:** Was the Allied Bombing of Civilians in WWII a Necessity or a Crime?

Grayling,AC

**\$50**

352pp. Among the Dead Cities is a re-examination of the Allied Forces' aerial bombing campaign of World War II. The purpose of this book is not to question the moral courage of the soldiers who fought in the war and it is clear that the author has deep admiration for these men. However, he argues that we in the 'victor nations' have never really had to examine the morality of the Allies' policies during the war and that ours is the generation who now must undertake this examination.

**The Secret Camera: A Marine's Story:** Four Years as a WW2 POW

Kirk,TS

**\$34.95**

260pp. From his capture on Pearl Harbor Day through the bombing of Nagasaki, Corporal Terence S Kirk spent years as slave labour for the Japanese war machine. Watching himself & his fellow Marines wither from strapping young men to mere skeletons, ravaged by starvation, abuse, & disease, he decided to make a difference: to record the atrocities they all endure. With the help of a Japanese interpreter & several other brave Marines, Kirk managed to build a pinhole camera from scraps of cardboard, take a handful of photos, & then hide them away until the end of the war. These rare images are among the few photos ever taken inside a Japanese POW camp.

***Now available in paperback!*****\*\*\*Mao: The Unknown Story**

Chang, J/Halliday, J

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