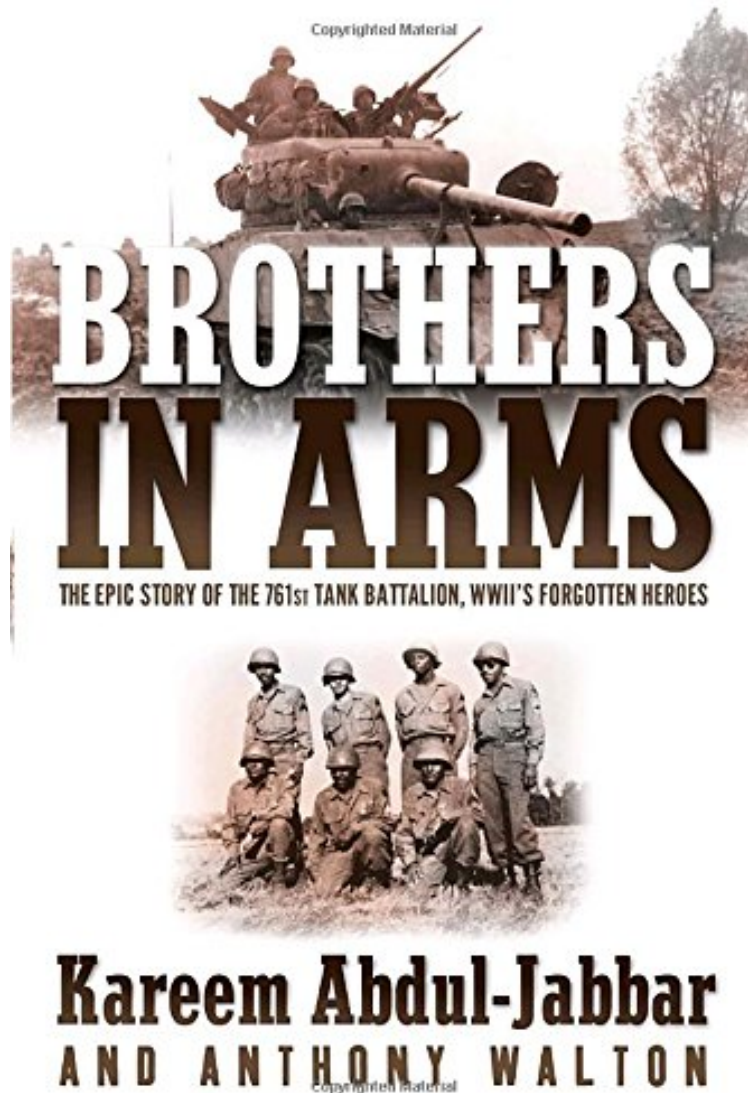


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a fantastic history lesson for all AmericansBy DenanationThis is a fantastic history lesson for all Americans. Thank you Kareem for bringing this story to life. I am a

history buff and have watched many documentaries on WW2 but for some reason in mentioning the battles, the Black Tank Battalion was never mentioned. The dedication and long hours of training hoping to get into action to prove their "citizenship", and actually being in action and still discriminated against, these soldiers are TRUE HEROES. This is the best accidental book I ever came across. I was visiting the Palm Springs Air Museum and on one of the story boards on display, the 761st story by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is mentioned. I immediately looked up the title on , bought and downloaded while finishing up my tour. A couple of other stories about Blacks in the military during WW2: Port Chicago 50, and On American Soil, ranked right up at the top of my list along side Brothers in Arms. Thanks again Kareem.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Battle On More Than One FrontBy Charles D. BurtonThe little known story of one of the few African-American combat units of WWII, a single armored battalion. They had to combat not only the Germans, but the prejudiced view of higher officers and civilians, as well as the initial distrust of white units they served with. Even Gen. Patton, under whom they served with great distinction, tried to cut them down when the war was over. Nevertheless, they won a good share of medals and honors, including a Congressional Medal of Honor, after some difficulty, and, after a time, the respect of other soldiers They also penetrated further east against often stout German resistance, than just about any other American force, meeting the Russians in Czechoslovakia. The story is largely told through the eyes of members of one of the tank crews - some of the lucky ones who survived the fighting, then returned home to face continued segregation.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must readBy NightHeronMr. Jabbar always writes well; he is a giant among men in more ways than one. Mr. Jabbar has insight, compassion, and intelligence and has done many, many things to help youths find their way. This story might have been told by others, but Mr. Jabbar does it best.

A powerful wartime saga in the bestselling tradition of *Flags of Our Fathers*, *Brothers in Arms* recounts the extraordinary story of the 761st Tank Battalion, the first all-black armored unit to see combat in World War II.

From Publishers WeeklyThe six-time NBA most valuable player teams up with Mississippi author Walton, who coauthored Al Sharpton's *Go and Tell Pharaoh*. Their chronicle of Patton's Third Army stalwarts takes in the all-black tank battalion's 183 days on the front lines of the Battle of the Bulge, with casualty rates of almost 50%, an almost impossible supply situation, sometimes inept leadership and chronic racism that inflected nearly every move they made. The third-person narrative reflects the intimacy Jabbar has with Leonard "Smitty" Smith, the loader on a 761st tank crew, with episodes and anecdotes that feel immediate and a wealth of visual and tactical detail about what it was like to work, and often live, on the inside of a tank. The authors widen the scope repeatedly to give a nuanced account of the 676 enlisted men and 36 officers of the battalion and its place in the Third Army. While it will leave aficionados satisfied, this is military history that will prove compelling to anyone with an interest in black men's experience during the 20th century. The group's liberation of Mauthausen concentration camp is covered in a few pages, but its heroism is on display throughout. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From Bookmarks MagazineFormer NBA superstar and best-selling author, Abdul-Jabbar, and Walton, author of the memoir *Mississippi*, have joined forces to chronicle the engaging, rarely-told story of how the Army's first black armored unit fought valiantly overseas during World War II. In succinct detail, the authors describe how these courageous men cut a swath across Europe and helped liberate more than two dozen towns and the Mauthausen concentration camp in Germany. Despite facing discrimination from their commanding officers and white counterparts, the "Black Panthers" became one of the most highly decorated units to fight in the war. One complaint of slow-going reading should hardly mar this inspiring and insightful history of struggle, segregation, and heroism. Copyright © 2004 Phillips Nelson Media, Inc.From BooklistA celebrity seems an unlikely coauthor of a military unit history, but basketball star Abdul-Jabbar's father's lifelong friend Leonard Smith was a gunner with the 761st Tank Battalion. With his comrades William McBurney and Teddy Windsor, Smith is the focus of Abdul-Jabbar's and Walton's account of the 761st, from training in Louisiana to demobilization after the war. Abdul-Jabbar and Walton chronicle the fight against racism within the battalion in grim detail, showing that racism kept the battalion playing "enemy" in training camps for much longer than the training period of the average tank battalion. When the 761st got overseas, it ran up an outstanding record in combat against the Germans, despite the severe limitations of the thin-skinned Sherman tank, shortages of supplies, vile winter weather, and still more racism. Compensatorily, white officers, including George Patton, demonstrated loyalty to African Americans who fought and fought well, replacements came forward, and the recognition previously denied the 761st is now coming through. Roland GreenCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved