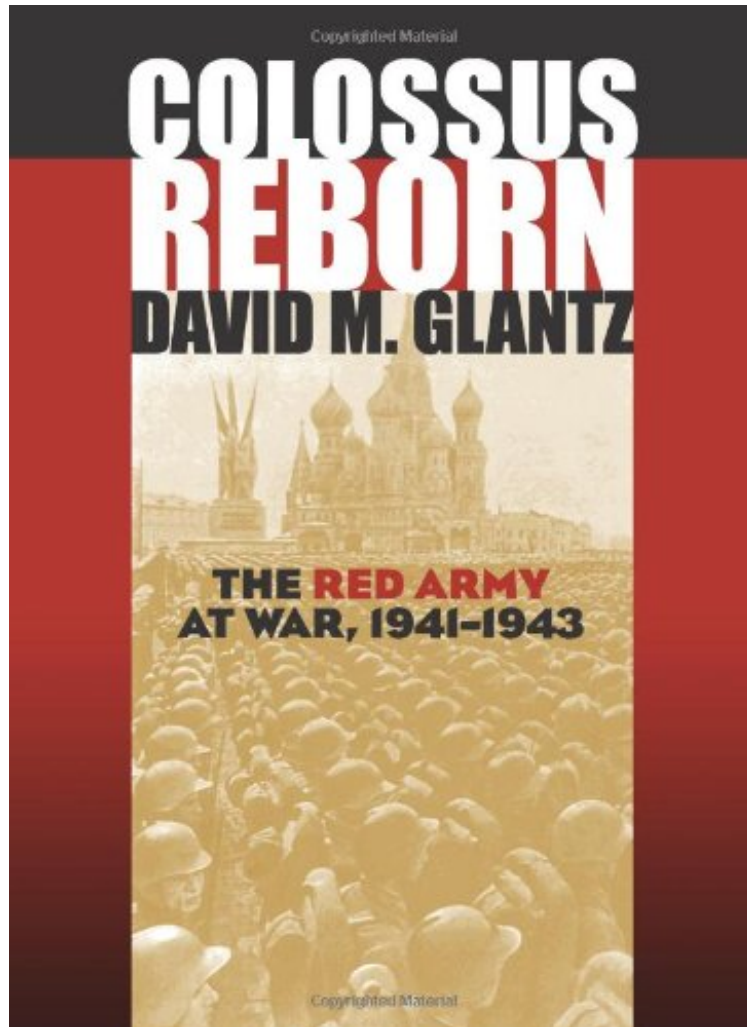


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David M. Glantz : Colossus Reborn: The Red Army at War (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Colossus Reborn: The Red Army at War (Modern War Studies (Hardcover)):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. glantz shows genius as usual By Michael Buck David Glantz may not write in the most exciting way or use tons of hyperbole or focus alot on the human facet of his stories on the Russo-German war, however as far as wealth of information on the Soviet side of things go there is no one better equipped in the western world to write about The Great Patriotic War. His access to Soviet military information is unprecedented

and his attention to detail of the military operations second to none. When I first began reading Glantz's tomes on the war I had preconceived notions about this conflict. If Hitler had stayed on course for Moscow after the battle of Smolensk, if he had not split Operation Blau into a Stalingrad and a Caucasus dual front and kept those troops together for a concerted drive to the Volga, if Barbarossa had been launched in May instead of late June, if the Rasputista and bitter Russian winter had not intervened, if if if. And I truly believed Hitler could and should have won this war. After starting on Glantz's books around the year 2000 or so, and truly realizing the awesome potential in manpower and equipment the Soviets had, and realizing in these readings how unprepared materially and logistically the Germans were to fight this war my whole mindset has changed. I believe even if the Germans had taken Moscow Russia would still have won this war. Other than the Germans developing atomic weapons before anyone I have radically altered my view on Germany's chances here. The Soviet Union was destined to win this war no matter what the cost. Barbarossa more than anything else, was Hitler's greatest mistake in the war. I owe this new view to the works of David Glantz. His information is incredible, his summaries superlative, his conclusions inescapable. Dry and technical it may be, but for my money there is no better writer on The Great Patriotic War than David Glantz. Remember, Germany lost the war and 90 percent of her casualties on the Eastern front. Remember, the Soviet Union lost 27 million dead and most of her agricultural and economic bases and STILL won this war. She probably could have done so, although at even greater cost, without a second front in Italy in 1943, and in France in 1944. The Russian contribution to World War II must not be downplayed in the west. The war against Germany was primarily a Russian one, and David Glantz deserves accolades for being one of very few western writers to acknowledge this fact. 46 of 47 people found the following review helpful. Exhaustively detailed study with no equal By Dimitrios David Glantz is today the top Western authority on the Red Army and the Great Patriotic War and this massive volume is the latest product of a long process which saw his works to become ever lengthier, more analytical, more precise and less readable unfortunately. The book leaves no unturned stone in the sparsely explored field of Red Army in the period 1941-43 and is full of statistics, tables, details and expert analysis. Although some of the chapters present little interest, like those of the rear support services and other have been the subject of thorough studies (like the tank formations and the artillery), I found the most interesting part to be that of the top military leadership and the fate of the various commanders from the level of the Corps upwards. One must be warned though that this book is not for the layman, nor for someone who has only a passing interest in the subject. For readers that want a more readable work on the Red Army I would suggest Mackintosh's "Juggernaut" and for those that love the wealth of details and are fascinated by the hard facts of statistics but do not want to pore through 700 pages, Walter Dunn's excellent book "Hitler's Nemesis: The Red Army 1933-45". 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Shows the organization of these army in detail during WW 2 By Scott Bailey After reading this book I was amazed at the organization of this army. The abilities the organize units on such a massive scale is quite the accomplishment. All units and the evolution of the army is well documented and shows the army on going issue of up-grading its formation to standard levels great read with a lot of charts.

In *Stumbling Colossus*, David Glantz explored why the Red Army was unprepared for the German blitzkrieg that nearly destroyed it and left more than four million of its soldiers dead by the end of 1941. In *Colossus Reborn* he recounts the miraculous resurrection of the Red Army, which, with a dazzling display of military strategy and operational prowess, stopped the Wehrmacht in its tracks and turned the tide of war. A major achievement in the recovery and preservation of an entire nation's military experience, *Colossus Reborn* is marked by Glantz's unrivaled access to and use of Soviet archival sources. This allows him to illuminate not only Russian victories in the Battles of Moscow, Stalingrad, and Kursk, but also to rescue a host of major "forgotten battles," many of which had been suppressed to preserve reputations and national pride. As he reveals in unprecedented detail, disastrous defeats vied with resounding victories throughout the early years of the conflict, as the Red Army struggled to find itself in the "Great Patriotic War." Beyond the battles themselves, Glantz also presents an in-depth portrait of the Red Army as an evolving military institution. Assessing more clearly than ever before the army's size, strength, and force structure, he provides keen insights into its doctrine, strategy, tactics, weaponry, training, officer corps, and political leadership. In the process, he puts a human face on the Red Army's commanders and soldiers, including women and those who served in units—security (NKVD), engineer, railroad, auto-transport, construction, and penal forces—that have till now remained poorly understood. The world's top authority on the Soviet military, Glantz has produced a remarkable study that adds immeasurably to our understanding of the one part of World War II that's still struggling to emerge from the shadows of history.

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subject."-The Atlantic "Glantz's unrivalled command of Soviet sources has produced a body of work that has fundamentally revised our knowledge of the Eastern Front in World War II." -Slavic "The world's top scholar of the Soviet-German War."-Journal of Military HistoryAbout the AuthorDavid M. Glantz is founder and former director of the U.S. Army's Foreign Military Studies Office. His many books include Stumbling Colossus, Zhukov's Greatest Defeat, The Battle of Kursk, The Battle for Leningrad, and When Titans Clashed.