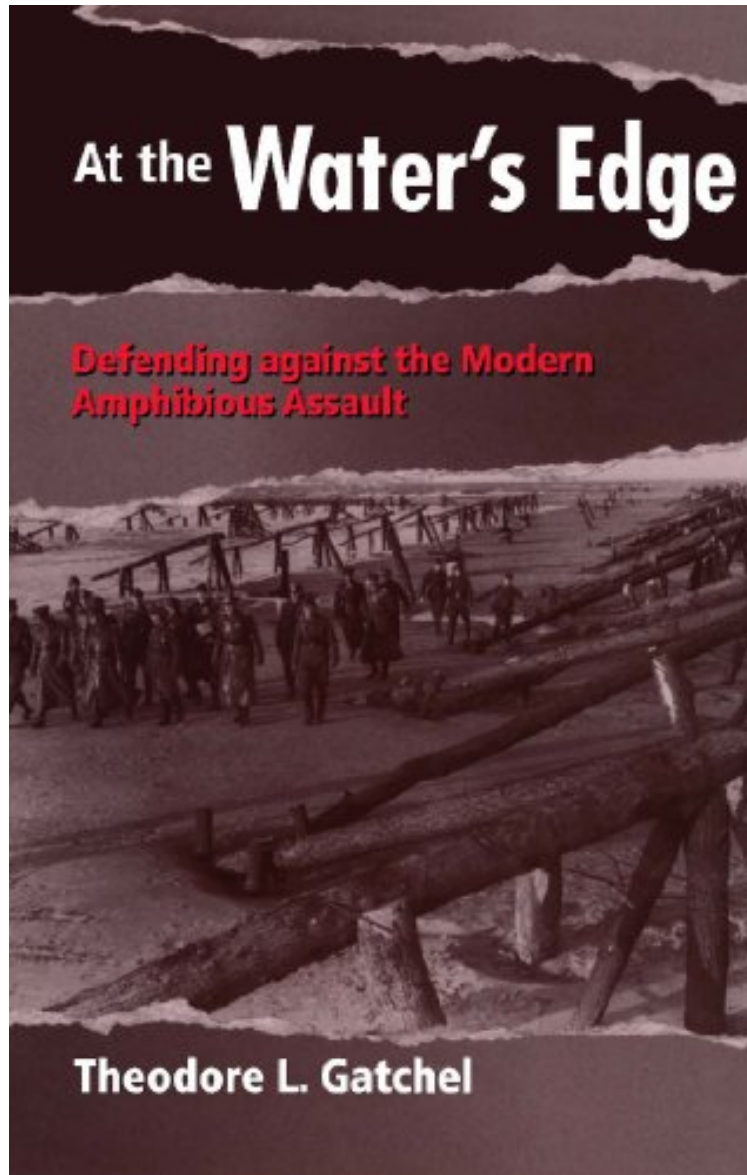


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Amphibious Propaganda at its worst  
Von Ein Kunde "A landing on a foreign shore in the face of hostile troops has always been one of the most difficult operations of war. It has now become almost impossible." ---Capt. B.H. Liddell Hart  
This book is pure whitewash. If you were not aware of real military history, you might actually buy into this book's allegations that amphibious landings are never defeated. This book omits conveniently the following disasters: Gallipoli; Norway, 1940; Crete, 1941; Dieppe, 1942; Port Moresby and Midway, 1942; Hogland Island, Gulf of Finland, 1944; Koh Tang Island, 1975; Desert One, 1980; Lebanon, 1982 to 1984; the-not-even-considered amphibious landings of the invasion of Panama, 1989; the aborted landings for Operation Desert Storm, 1991. For all the so-called successes there are at least two or three cancelled operations that would have been disasters and actual operations that were disasters quickly excused away. This book is biased, revisionist, history at best but more likely a propaganda piece for Navalists. Battles such as the taking of the Suez Canal in 1956 are not examined correctly due to a Naval outlook. In that battle there was a dire need, politically, to take Port Said immediately within hours and the Naval forces couldn't get there. Instead, Airborne forces of Britain and France parachuted in and lead the way with the amphibious forces arriving much later. If one is to really learn about amphibious operations and how they can be improved and/or defended against you need to read objective history from objective authors without a navalist bias. Airborne!  
Mike Sparks  
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. AMPHIBIOUS FAILURES LITTER THE HISTORY BOOKS, NOT THIS ONE!  
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This book is nothing more than a polemic to advance the mythology of the mc. Gallipoli was an amphibious disaster and failure that contradicts the central thesis of the author that amphib landings are not "stoppable". The author has a selective history at work, to include omission of the disastrous raid at Dieppe in 1942 and the debacle at Tarawa in 1943. In the latter, we kept pouring men in until the island was over-run at a cost of thousands of dead Americans floating in the water. The author fails to list the modern usmc debacle at Koh Tang island in 1975 as an "amphibious failure", where helicopters tried to land in broad daylight over open beaches to search for hostages taken from the containership, SS Mayaguez. As these helicopters hovered to land, enemy heavy machine gun and automatic weapons fire destroyed several helicopters that crashed there in flames. The marines that survived the carnage struggled ashore and surrounded were in a desperate situation about to be over-run had it not been for USAF helicopter pilots pling them out in the nick of time. Another recent sea-avenue-of-approach mc debacle not detailed is the Beirut peacekeeping mission, where a truck bomber killed 265+ marines who failed to take the most basic security precautions (load your weapons), resulting the mc to turn tail and flee back to Navy ships offshore. The 1980 Desert One tragedy was caused when marine pilots unqualified for low-level night vision goggle special operations flying, were unable to reach their rendezvous point and flew back to the carrier USS Nimitz, while another collided with a USAF C-130 plane and burned 8 men to death in the fire. These mc failures should also be factored in as "failed amphib landings" of the author's, but of course are not since he has a biased viewpoint and "agenda" at work here. The instances where amphib landings are chosen not to take place are omitted, falsifying his data base. At Grenada an amphib landing using t! racked AAvs was ruled out so the U.S. Army Rangers jumped in followed by the 82d Airborne  
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. OUTSTANDING, belongs on every military historian's bookshelf  
Von Ein Kunde  
This is an extremely well documented, thoroughly defended analysis of the modern amphibious assault's defense. I question whether the other reviewer here actually read the book or decided to use this area as a showcase for his anti-naval views. Col. Gatchel did not choose every single amphibious assault to review (or UN peacekeeping missions?!?!?! for that matter) as the earlier reviewer seemed to want. He instead carefully chose a cross-section of this century's most historically significant landings, and examines what unique lessons can be learned from each case. Well worth a look.

Kurzbeschreibung  
The amphibious assault against a defended beach is fully explored from the perspective of the defender.