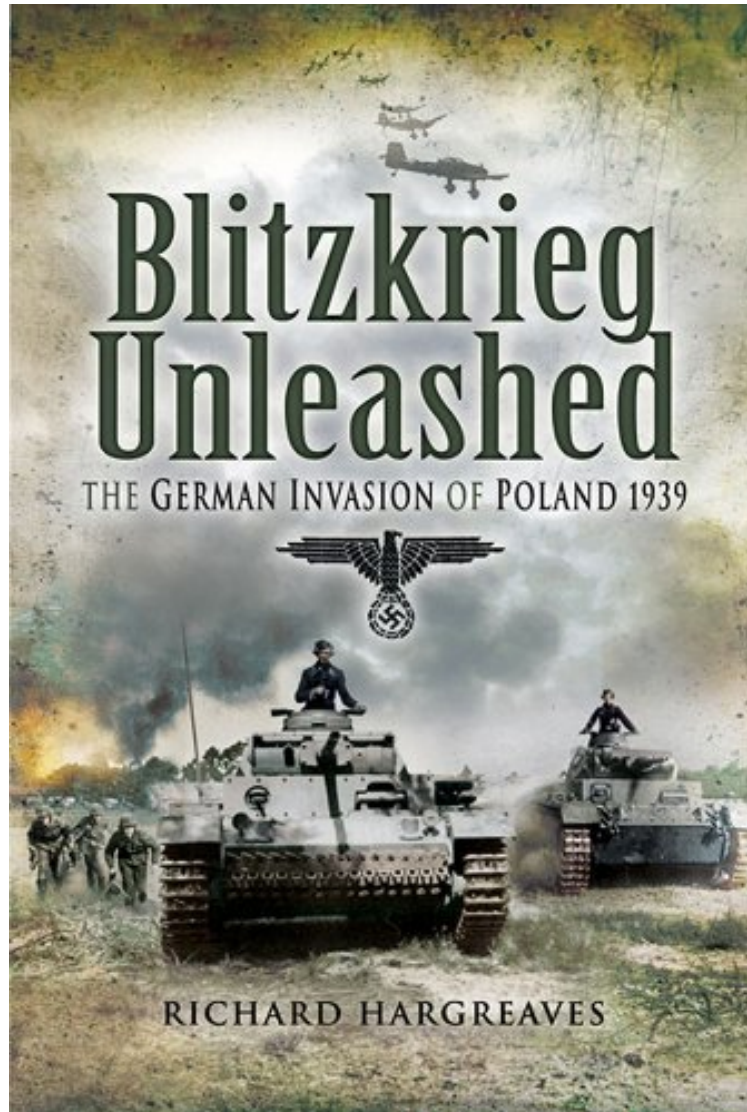


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**Von Richard Hargreaves : Blitzkrieg Unleashed: The German Invasion of Poland 1939** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blitzkrieg Unleashed: The German Invasion of Poland 1939:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nicht staubtrockenVon Jan-hendrik WendlerDer Autor bemht sich, diesen im englischsprachigen Raum kaum beachteten Polenfeldzug aus der Perspektive derer zu beschreiben, die ihn selber erlebt haben. Wer eine trockene militrische Analyse der Schlachten erwartet, der ist hier eher schlecht bedient. Man merkt dem Buch an, da der Autor

umfangreiche Recherchen betrieben hat, um die Berichte zu finden, zu bersetzen und diese dann in seinem Werk einbauen zu können. So entsteht eine Art von "menschlicher" Schilderung der Ereignisse, weit abseits der blichen Militrhistoriographie. Vielleicht anfangs ein wenig gewohnungsbedrftig, aber doch lesenswert.1 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sehr Gut! Von Mansal Denton (Entschuldigung, aber diese Rezension ist auf Englisch!) Upon hearing of the book Blitzkrieg Unleashed: The German Invasion of Poland 1939, I was immediately interested, however not completely ready to dig into my wallet. I searched around Feldgrau.net and managed to find the author, Richard Hargreaves, who was a member and had posted a small teaser for the book. It worked. After reading the small teaser I was immediately astonished by the enticing mixture of personal accounts of German soldiers and archival material. This feature, combined with the author's experience as a writer, made me feel this book was a necessity. Within a week the book was in my hands and I was ready to dive in. The book contains 305 pages (not including the bibliography and quite useful index) and is divided into twelve chapters. The thirty-odd photos are nothing new, but still portray destruction of the invasion as it was. Included are thirteen maps which range from showing the national situation to more detailed village portrayals. This book certainly did not disappoint me after the first teaser. The author accumulated dozens of diaries, letters, and anecdotes which he wove between the troop movement and battle developments of the Poland invasion. Although only German and English sources are used, the Polish perspective is not lost. Few Polish accounts, recorded in German or English books, have made their way into the book to tell their important stories. After approximately one week I was finished with the book and could feel myself connected with the soldiers described in the text. The author's unique ability to balance person narratives and battle occurrences made the book a worthwhile read and expenditure. As a result I look forward to this promising author's upcoming works.

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