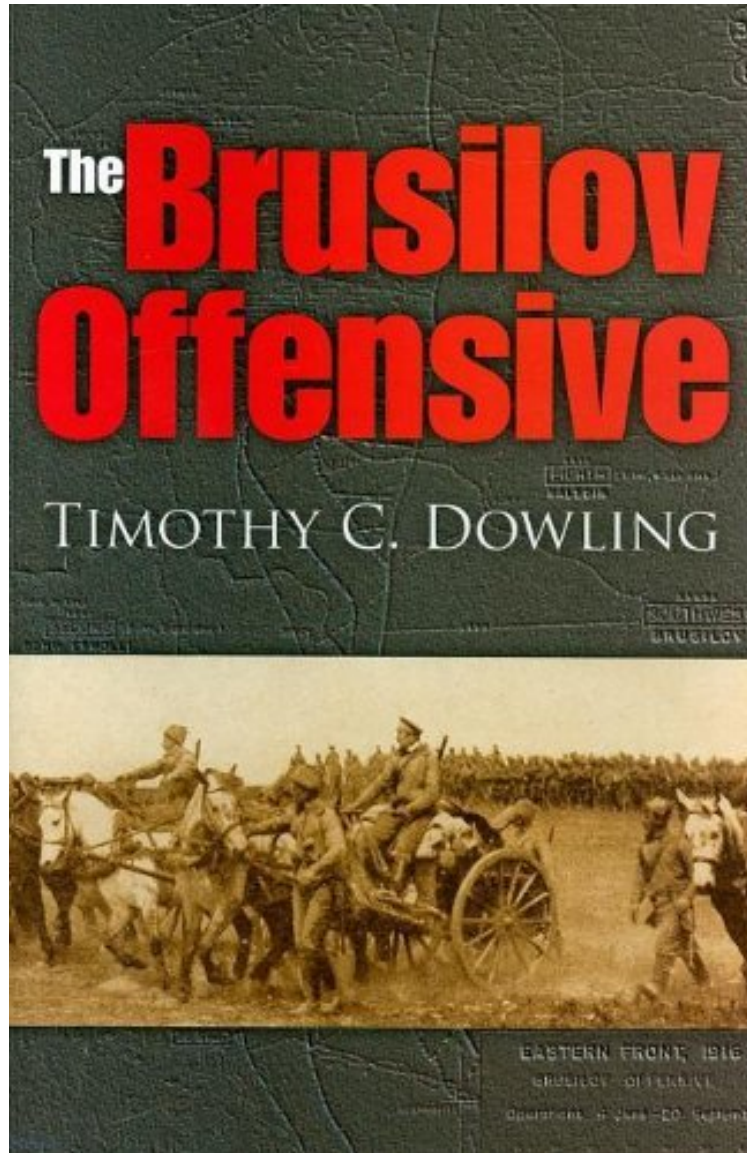


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Guter berblick mit miesen KartenVon Maik HueninghausEndlich wieder ein nennenswertes Buch ber die Ostfront im 1. Weltkrieg. Es wurde Zeit - Norman Stones 'The Eastern Front' ist immerhin schon ber 30 Jahre alt.Das Buch beschftigt sich zunchst mit Brusilovs Werdegang und einem kurzen berblick des Kriegsverlaufs an der Ostfront. Dann folgt eine

detaillierte Untersuchung der russischen Vorbereitungen der Offensive, aber auch des Zustands der österreichisch-ungarischen Verteidiger und ihrer deutschen Verbündeten. Die Schilderung der eigentlichen Offensive ist sehr umfangreich, leidet aber unter miserablen Kartenmaterial. Erstens sind auf den Karten nur sehr wenige Orte gezeigt, während die Kampfbeschreibungen immer wieder Orte und Flüsse als wichtige Wegmarken hervorheben. Zweitens stimmt der Frontverlauf auf den Karten zeitlich überhaupt nicht mit dem im Text beschriebenen überein. Das Verständnis der Kämpfe leidet dadurch leider sehr stark. Abschließend wird die Rumänienkampagne als direkte Folge der Brusilov-Offensive zusammengefasst, so dass man ein vollständiges Bild der Ostfront in 1916 erhält. Fazit: Eigentlich 5 Punkte, die völlig unzureichenden Karten geben aber einen deutlichen Abzug. Mangels vergleichbarer Veröffentlichungen trotzdem 4 Punkte.

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