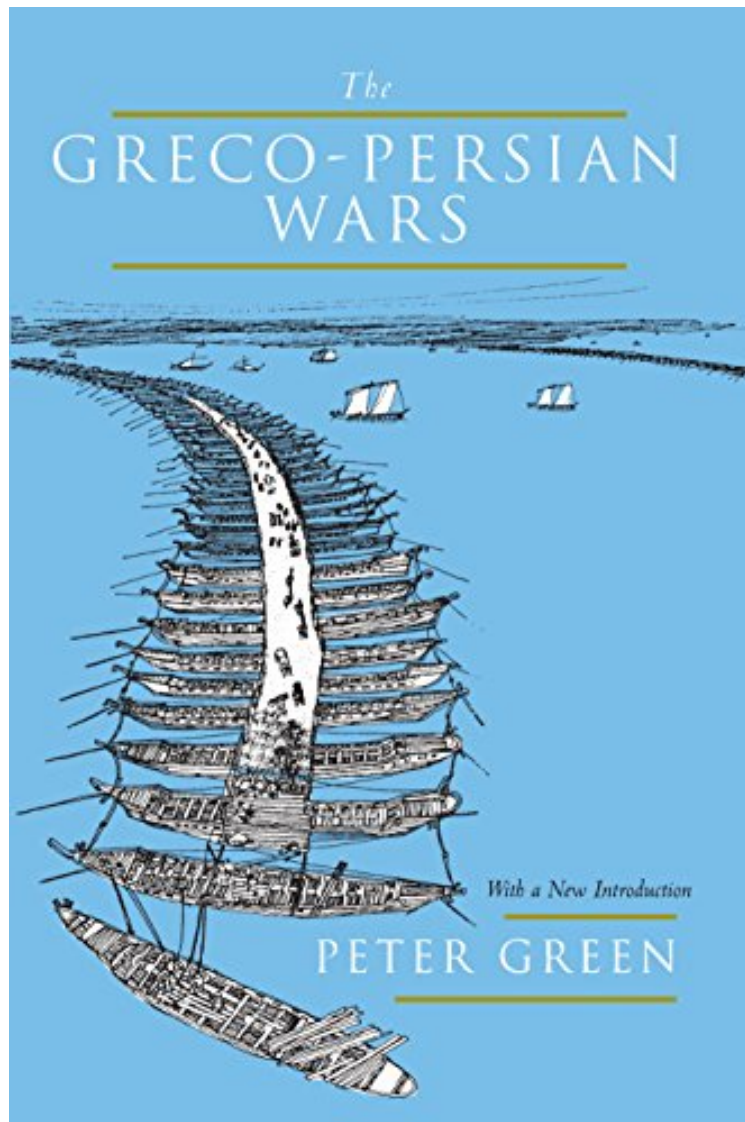


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**Von Peter Green : The Greco-Persian Wars** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Greco-Persian Wars:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A thorough study of ancient adversariesVon Joe OwenPeter Green does an excellent job explaining the background of Greece and Persia which led to the Greco-Persian wars. His points of view and comments are right on the mark when he describes the generals, politicians and common soldiers that were caught up in this war. It is amazing how these Greek city states were able to have an alliance with each other, when they barely got along in the first place. It is true

that feuds are forgotten when a common and daunting adversary is threatening an existence of the empire. Green's analysis of the Battle of Marathon are chilling as one of the reviewers noted. An amazing triumph for the Greeks, who were outmanned by a large degree. I recommend this book to any student, researcher or casual history enthusiast of Ancient Greece. Highly recommended. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent "popular" history with solid historical research. Von Ein Kunde When reading some historians of ancient Greece and Rome, you get the sense that they are impatient with those fool ancient writers. Peter Green, in this eminently entertaining and solidly-researched history of the campaigns of Marathon, Salamis, and Plataea, treats Herodotus, Plutarch, Thucydides and the rest as equals, giving them respect where merited and skepticism where necessary. Green, for some years a resident of Greece, is not afraid to use more current history (political and military) to cast light upon events and motivations of the past. Where he has a good theory, he says so; where he just doesn't know, he also says so. One aspect of academic writing endemic to ancient history is the criticism of other authors. Green, thankfully, puts most of his in the notes. In doing so, he keeps the story of the wars moving along, allowing the reader to appreciate the effect of local politics on the course of both Greek and Persian strategy. Unhesitatingly recommended to anyone with an interest in ancient Greek or military history, and to students of national strategy. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Exciting read with sound scholarship., Von customer The perfect companion for all ancient military history enthusiasts is the ROMA VICTRIX WINE BEAKER Roma Victrix Wein Becher Perhaps the most balanced and comprehensive overview of the Persian wars, from the political background and machinations on both sides leading up to the battle of Marathon to the final defeat of the Persian army in Greece at Plataea and the breaking of Persian naval power in the Aegean shortly afterwards off Samos. It's not often that I feel like re-reading a history when I've just finished it, but this one is so far-reaching and Green writes with such precision and verve that I feel as though I should just start at the beginning and read it all over again, perhaps in tandem with some of the primary sources -- Herodotus, Plutarch, Diodorus Siculus.

Kurzbeschreibung This is a reissue, with a new introduction and an update to the bibliography, of the original edition, published in 1970 as *The Year of Salamis in England* and as *Xerxes at Salamis in the U.S.* The long and bitter struggle between the great Persian Empire and the fledgling Greek states reached its high point with the extraordinary Greek victory at Salamis in 480 B.C. The astonishing sea battle banished forever the specter of Persian invasion and occupation. Peter Green brilliantly retells this historic moment, evoking the whole dramatic sweep of events that the Persian offensive set in motion. The massive Greek victory, despite the Greeks' inferior numbers, opened the way for the historic evolution of the Greek states in a climate of creativity, independence, and democracy, one that provided a model and an inspiration for centuries to come. Green's accounts of both Persian and Greek strategies are clear and persuasive; equally convincing are his everyday details regarding the lives of soldiers, statesmen, and ordinary citizens. He has first-hand knowledge of the land and sea he describes, as well as full command of original sources and modern scholarship. With a new foreword, *The Greco-Persian Wars* is a book that lovers of fine historical writing will greet with pleasure.. de Popular classicist Peter Green (author of *Alexander of Macedon, 356-323 B.C.*) offers an engrossing narrative of the wars between the Greeks and the Persians. This is real David-and-Goliath material, with the scrappy, feuding city-states of ancient Greece fending off a much larger aggressor. The conflicts themselves are a kind of struggle for the soul of Western civilization: "On the one side, the towering, autocratic figure of the Great King; on the other, the voluntary and imperfect discipline of proudly independent citizens." The Greeks surprisingly fare better in these encounters, and make themselves legends on the plains of Marathon (192 Greek casualties versus 6,400 Persians), during the heroic last stand at Thermopylae, and elsewhere. *The Greco-Persian Wars* is full of wonderful stories featuring bravery, cowardice, and treachery. Unlike so many of his fellow historians, Green understands the importance of a dramatic narrative, sometimes employing novelistic techniques to relate what happened. It's not an overstatement to say that the course of Western history might have taken a strikingly unfamiliar turn if these battles had had different outcomes. Green is a natural storyteller, and *The Greco-Persian Wars* is a delight to read, even for readers who have no background or special interest in the classical world. --John J. Miller *Pressestimmen* "Good acquaintance with the terrain and an acute understanding of ancient tactics have enabled Green to make a number of clever suggestions as to how certain battle scenes in Herodotus ought to be interpreted, and in this respect he has made a contribution to the literature about the War." --Frank J. Frost, "Classical Philology