

LIBRARY MATERIAL REVIEWS

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AFV Profiles

Over a dozen armoured fighting vehicles (AFVs) are covered in significant depth in this series of individual "profiles". Subjects range from the early armoured cars of WW I to the British Chieftain and German Leopard tanks first introduced in the 1960s. Each profile consists of detailed technical descriptions of the vehicle, its variations, and an accompanying multi-view colour print and b & w photos of the subject in development and in action. An excellent source of data for the in-depth researcher and the casual browser of mechanized warfare history. The Profiles are shelved together in a file at the beginning of our "Honours, Uniforms, Vehicles & Weapons (HUVW) Section and may be borrowed individually.

AUTHOR: various

CATALOGUE: HUVW-V

Mr. Kipling's Army, All The Queen's Men

This is an upstairs-downstairs view of the Victorian-Edwardian army of Britain, one of the world's most peculiar fighting forces. This book, well-illustrated with black & white photos, prints, cartoons etc. explores the lives of officers and men, their foibles, follies and gallantry, their diversions, food and drink and women, their discipline and their rewards.

AUTHOR: Byron Farwell,

CATALOGUE CODE: GB-Land-F

Obama's Wars

In this book the author provides the most intimate and sweeping portrait of Obama as commander in chief of US Forces. Drawing on internal memos, classified documents, meeting notes and hundreds of hours of interviews with most of the key players, Woodward tells the inside story of Obama making the critical decisions on the Afghanistan War, the secret campaign in Pakistan, and the world-wide fight against terrorism.

AUTHOR: Bob Woodward

CATALOGUE CODE: USA-W

Strangers In A Strange Land

Combining almost 200 b & w photos and eight pages of colour drawings, this unique book examines the history of a number of US fighter and bomber aircraft captured by the German Luftwaffe in WW II. Some were used operationally against their former owners, some were used to train German fighter crews, while many simply were reduced to scrap and their aluminum melted down to help produce German aircraft.

AUTHOR:

CATALOGUE CODE: AIR-S