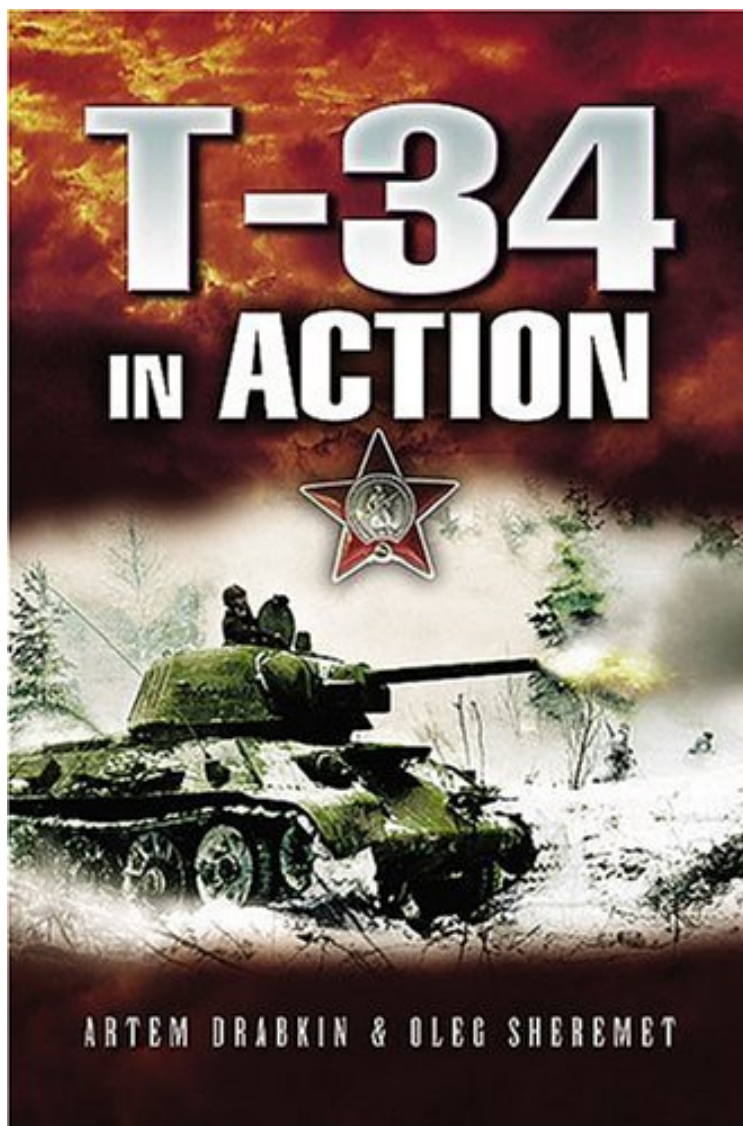


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A good read. Not a classic but very informative.By CustomerThe book by its very nature could not go into the deep thoughts of each subject of the separate short stories, however it served its intended purpose. The first part of the book concentrated on the working intricacies of the T 34 tank. I found that very interesting. Then the short stories of the individual tankers began.I found it well written and had fewer of the translational discrepancies I've noticed in other books written by Russian tankers. I really appreciated that.I'm always

amazed at the battles Russian tankers fought not only with the Germans but also their own superiors who placed such little value on the lives of their own men. The tank commanders lived in constant fear of being burned to death or making a mistake that could cost them a trip to a Russian penal unit. I also was surprised that the Russian tankers in the interviews were not as hateful as some others I've read about towards German POW's. To hear the Germans tell it, the Russians raped every female in sight and killed every prisoner, but that wasn't the case. There were compassionate people on both sides even under such horrific circumstances. This is a good book. I enjoyed reading the Russians always mistrusted their own tank commanders on tank kills, so they divided the kills by two every time the report was passed up the line. It gave a good accounting of the Russian way of life at the front, their daily grind, and their almost indifference to impending death. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Cutting edge of the Red Army By Stephen Norman The T-34 tank is usually considered the best all around armored fighting vehicle of the second world war (although fans of the Panther and Tiger would strongly disagree.) This book takes a look at the combat experiences of T-34 commanders and crew. Their experiences are by no means uniform. As a rule, for example, tank drivers were chosen from men who had prior experience with trucks and tractors. Tank commanders usually had the most experience and were sent to special schools to learn armored tactics and command of tank squads, platoons and companies. One of the ways the red army created crew unity was to have them actually work in a tank factory usually assembling the very tank they would use in combat. Quality control under wartime conditions usually went out the window. One example were the tanks produced at the tractor factory at Stalingrad, as a rule they had steel road wheels and tracks due to rubber shortages. The crews disliked them as they were incredibly noisy and announced their presence to the Germans well ahead of time. The tank crews of the red army led a darwinian existence, they learned to move constantly, fire while moving, use of camouflage and digging in their vehicles when halted. The ones who didn't learn fast enough didn't last long. This book gives you an inside the tank view of these men and is a welcome addition to eastern front literature. There are maps of various small unit actions and a photo section with pictures of the men who relate their stories. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting History By TimTheGrim If you're into tanks, the T-34 is a legend but most of what you hear about is Panzers and Shermans. This book gives the T-34 it's just due and includes some important insight into the minds of those who fought in defense of Mother Russia. I enjoyed it. Hope you do too.

The Soviet T-34 medium tank was one of the most famous and effective fighting vehicles of the Second World War. Along with the German Tiger and the American Sherman, it was a milestone in tank design that changed the course of the conflict. Much has been written about the technical history of the tank and the vital part it played in the huge tank battles on the Eastern Front, but less has been said about the men who went to war in the T-34 and lived, fought and sometimes died in these remarkable machines. This pioneering book, which is based on extensive interviews with tank crews, records their experiences and offers a compelling inside view of armored warfare in the mid-twentieth century.

"This pioneering book, which is based on extensive interviews with tank crews, records their experiences and offers compelling inside view of armoured warfare in the mid twentieth century. It is an engaging book, and you will find yourself feeling the discomfort, anxiety, fear, pride and joy of a Soviet Tanker in WWII as you read the T-34 In Action." (Military Trader) About the Author Artem Drabkin is an author and historian.