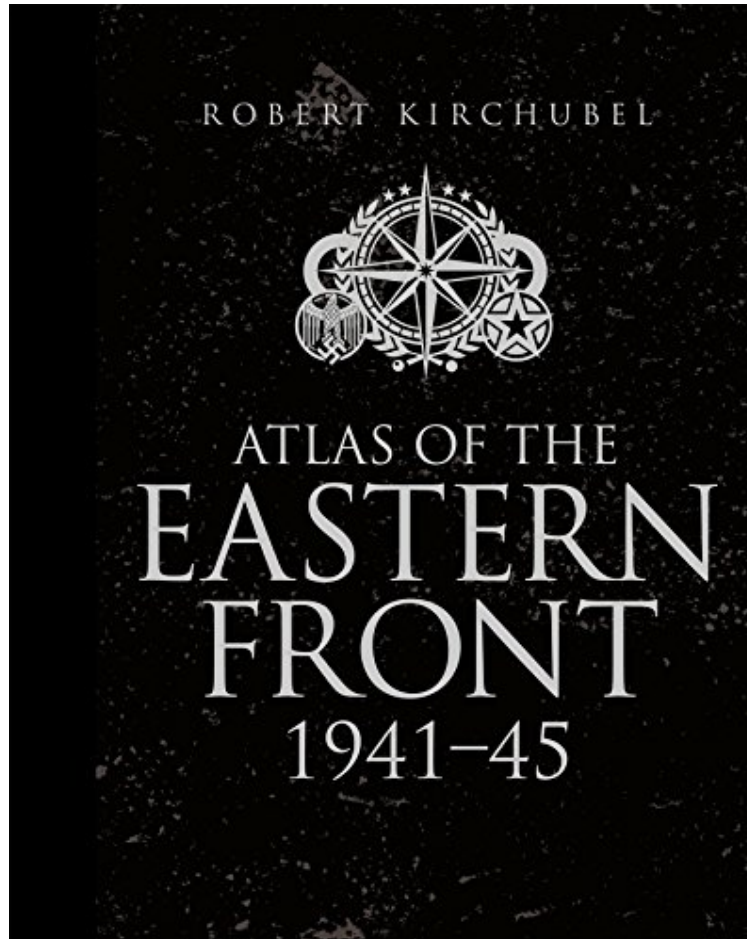


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**Robert Kirchubel : Atlas of the Eastern Front: 194145 (General Military)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atlas of the Eastern Front: 194145 (General Military):

75 of 75 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Operational Level Maps, but with a few caveats for those looking for more By ReasonableGuy Here are the positives: The presentation (which is the first thing one sees) is quite handsome. The atlas comes in a cloth cover bookcase. The quality is excellent, especially given the modest price. The atlas provides an impressive assortment of operational level maps treating just about any campaign you can think of. In some cases, major operations are covered by multiple maps. The maps are clear, and the units clearly identified. In most cases, text explaining the operation is presented on one page, with a full page map on the facing page. Occasionally, the facing page will have two half page maps. Each map has a scale bar, but no specification of the precise scale in numeric terms. If you are looking for a companion atlas that will help you to visualize the flow of the war on the eastern front at the operational level this may be exactly what you're looking for. And again, it's not all that expensive given the quality of presentation and the number of maps included. That said, that you may avoid

potential buyer's remorse, here's what you may be looking for in the atlas that you won't find: There are relatively few maps that could be characterized as "tactical". So in most cases, there's no "zooming in" on points of interest. Several maps depict major urban battles. The most detailed are two of the Warsaw Uprising. The Berlin maps are good too. Stalingrad gets three maps. One showing the entire city, the other two focusing respectively on the southern and northern ends of the city. There are also half page maps of Kharkov. Most typically, the units portrayed on most of the maps in the atlas are division level or higher. In only one instance can I recall a unit of less than battalion strength portrayed. Of course if one isn't overly interested in tactical depictions, then this isn't a problem. There is only one map dealing with industry/resources/logistics, and it fairly rudimentary. This is one area where the atlas could have done much better. I think railroads were deserving of more extensive coverage, perhaps showing whether they were single or double tracked, as well as German progress on converting their gauge. Nor is there an adequate treatment of the rivers as a means of logistical transport. It also hurts that there are no data tables to convey statistical information such as are often found in other atlases. It should have been possible to present more information on what was produced where. Weather would also seem like a topic warranting greater discussion in an atlas of the eastern front. The bottom line is that logistical issues play such an important role on the eastern front. For an atlas to be considered definitive, this was really an area that deserved a more extensive treatment. There are no photos in the atlas. This is a lesser criticism. I'm not disappointed by the lack of stock photos of tanks rolling cross-country. However, at times it's useful to see a photo of a location to visualize it, and of course aials certainly have a place in any atlas. The bottom line is that this atlas is a very nice piece of work at a reasonable price. Whether or not it is for you may come down to the question of what you already have in your library, and what you want this atlas to add to it. 35 of 37 people found the following review helpful. Terrific Bang For Your Buck! By Eric M. Walters I ordered this from because the price was attractive and I imagined a useful compendium of maps, intended as a reference complementing my already substantial Eastern Front library. Was I ever surprised by the very high quality of this product. The book is large and comes in a sturdy slipcase. The maps are easy to read and with accompanying concise narratives--it was fun just to sit down in my favorite chair and peruse the whole thing from cover-to-cover. Whatever books I will be reading on World War II Russian Front battles, I will have this volume readily at hand. If you are an Eastern Front history buff, wargamer, or serious scholar/author, you won't want to be without this indispensable reference. Best of all, it's a bargain for what you get in terms of substantive information and physical production. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. An essential companion to books on the Eastern Front. By BlackBear In attempting to increase my knowledge of World War II's Eastern Front, I obtained a slightly used volume of John Erickson's "The Road to Stalingrad." As I got into this highly rated book, I found it basically unreadable as it had no maps. I have a need to place friendly and enemy units, cities, and land features in relation with each other in reading about campaigns and battles. Kirchubel's "Atlas of the Eastern Front" met this need admirably. The book contains 122 maps covering overviews, campaigns, and battles in some cases (e.g., Stalingrad) down to urban combat detail. Military units are clearly depicted, generally at the army, corps, and division level, and are depicted in color to quickly tell friend from foe. The atlas contains some narrative text to assist those readers unfamiliar with the Eastern Front. The book is well constructed, the maps lay flat, and it comes in a slipcase. It is a good compliment to those maps included in relevant history books. I recommend this atlas for anyone interested in the subject, and I am pleased that I bought mine.

The Eastern Front of World War II was a nightmarish episode of human history, on a scale the like of which the world had never seen, and most likely never will see again. This expansive collection of maps offers a visual guide to the theater that decided the fate of the war, spanning the thousands of miles from Berlin to the outskirts of Moscow, Stalingrad, East Prussia and all the way back. The accuracy and detail of the military cartography found in this volume illuminates the enormity of the campaign, revealing the staggering dimensions of distance covered and human losses suffered by both sides.

"This volume is a fine, detailed visual reference to one of the darkest times and places to have ever been a human being . . . a volume of immense detail, of interest for professionals and passionate amateur historians." Washington Free Beacon About the Author Robert Kirchubel has had a keen interest in the Eastern Front campaigns of World War II, and Operation Barbarossa in particular, all his adult life. He has already contributed work to World War Two in Europe and World War Two in the Pacific, and The International Military Encyclopedia. His three-volume study of the Barbarossa campaign is the product of several years' work and research. The author lives in Lafayette, IN.