

Book Review 'Great Battles: Decisive Conflicts That Have Shaped History'

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Review Book

Written by Christer Jorgensen (General Editor), this book introduces 30 major battles from the Ancient era to the present day. Each battle includes a concise account of the action, with a broader introductory context and an analysis of the aftermath.

The wars that involved were Marathon in 490 BC between Greek hoplites and Persian, Salamis in 480 BC between Persian great king Xerxes and the Greek city states, principally in Athens and Sparta, Gaugamela in 331 BC between Macedonian and Persian, Cannae in 216 BC between Hannibal and the Roman army, Alesia in 52 BC between the Roman army and Gallic army, Adrianople in AD 378 between the Eastern Roman Empire army and the Goths army, Tours/Poitiers in AD 732 between Franks army and Muslim Moorish cavalry, Hastings in 1066 between the Norman army and Anglo-Saxon army, Hattin in 1187 between the Crusader forces and Seljuk Turkish army, Tannenberg in 1410 between the army of the Teutonic Order and the Royal army of Poland-Lithuania, Agincourt in 1415 between English army and the French army.

Constantinople in 1453 between the Ottoman Empire and the Byzantine Empire, Lepanto in 1571 between Spain, the Papacy, Venice, Genoa and Malta which formed the Holy league on 25 May 1571 and the Ottoman Empire, the Great Armada in 1588 between Spanish fleet and English fleet, Lutzen in 1632 between Swedish army and Imperial army.

Blenheim in 1704 between Franco-Bavarian army and Allied army, Saratoga in 1777 between British regular force, Indians and German

mercenaries against continental soldiers and frontier riflemen, Trafalgar in 1805 between Franco-Spanish fleet and the British fleet, Austerlitz in 1805 between emperor Napoleon's army and combines armies of Imperial Russia and Austria, Waterloo in 1815 between emperor Napoleon's army and Anglo-Netherlandish army and the Prussian army.

Antietam in 1862 in between the confederate army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac, Gettysburg in 1863 between the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac, Verdun in 1916 between the French second army and the German fifth army, The Somme in 1916 between British third army, British fourth army, French sixth army and the German second army, The battle of Britain in 1940 between the German Luftwaffe and the British Royal Air Force, Stalingrad in 1942 between the German sixth army and the Soviet sixty-second army, Midway in 1942 between the Japanese fleet and the American force.

Normandy in 1944 between American, British, Canadian and French forces against the German armies in the West, The Tet offensive in 1968 between the regular forces of the North Vietnamese army and supported by the irregular Viet Cong against the United States forces with the army of the Republic of South Vietnam, operation Iraqi freedom in 2003 between the United States-led coalition and the national defense forces of Iraq and Fedayeen irregulars.

This book really caught my attention because it is filled with interesting war atmosphere, interesting discussions on strategies of war and a string of world history during the war.