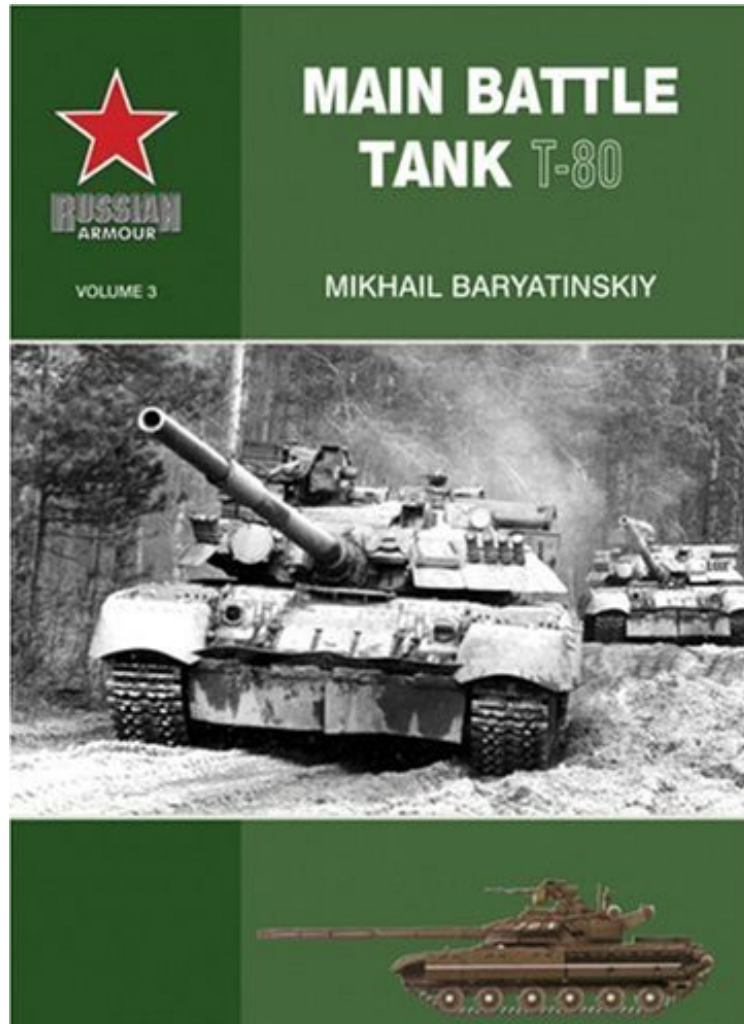


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readily available in one place. The color pictures and line drawings were excellent and provided a good view of many of the design details that make the T-80 such a formidable opponent. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Concise yet complete treatment of the T-80 tank By moviemusicbuff Mikhail Baryatinskiy does a great job of covering the development and operation of this important modern Russian AFV. The chapters of this book are as follows: Tank Development History Production and Upgrade (T-80 - T-80 BV) Production and Modernization (T-80U - T-80 UD) Combat Employment From T-80U to Black Eagle This book contains the most detailed analysis of the T-80 tank up close. The book is replete with very detailed black and white photographs of the tank up close along with excellent colored plates, scaled drawings, and colored photographs. It is a dream come true for modellers and tank buffs! The info I found most interesting was the combat performance of the T-80. The biggest full-scale use of the T-80 in combat by the Russian army was in the Chechnya conflict in 1995-1996. As the author describes, the T-80 was used inappropriately by the Russian army without adequate training and no ERA armor on the tanks. Consequently, they were vulnerable to the RPGs and anti-armor missiles fired by the Chechnyans. The T-80 was even less survivable than the T-72 on certain conditions, but the T-80 costs so much more than the T-72! The last 10 pages of the book offers some amazing colored photographs of the upgraded T-80U tank. Even though this book is pricier than most tank books, it is well worth the cost. If you're a tank buff, a military AFV historian, or a modeller, you would love this book! Highly recommended. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. T-80 Series of Soviet Tanks By matt8386 This is a very good book that gives the reader an appreciation for what may be the best Soviet tank today. Author Mikhail Baryatinsky has packed this work with crisp, clear Black and White photos, color photos, line drawings, color plates to show paint schemes, T-80's in action, destroyed and just enough narrative to give you the developmental history and design of this tank. I give the book 5 stars for quality, information and affordability. The T-80 traces back to the T-64, which was unreliable and never deployed in large numbers. Like the T-64, this newer version also had its share of problems. The Soviets tried using a turbine engine (similar to the M-1), but due to problems with the engine and high cost of fuel, later versions had a diesel engine. The one thing I did not like about this book was the author's conclusion that the T-80U will be 70% better than a M-1. Sorry, but this tank weighs 46 tons. There is no way it has the same armor protection as the 70 ton M-1. It may have improved optics, a thermal sight, and fire on the move capability, but US ammunition and optics are still better. That's why 4 stars overall. Having said that, I highly recommend this book for armor buffs and modelers. This is a very good book to your library and a good price for this information.

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