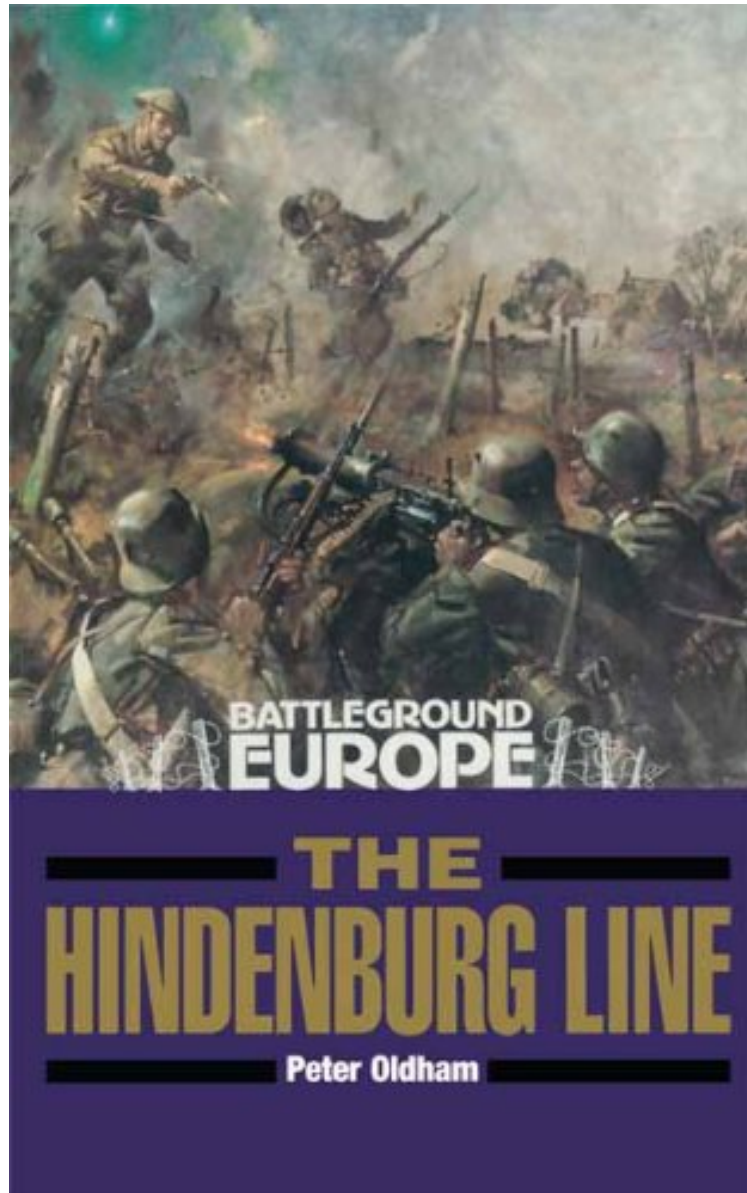


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good Guide but only worth it if You go to FranceVon Ein KundeThe book is fullfilling it's stated goal being a travelers guide. The historic background is adequate but nothing more - go for a "full scale" book ! The "Hindenburg Line" is full of

black and white fotos those do give a good impression of the scars the war has left in France. Good instructions on how to find and not over look the signs of history are given. Different approaches to the sights : the hindenburg line by car or walking the Hindenburg linne are present. No unnecessary modern maps are included but references to standart road maps are plenty. Pros and cons for summer and winter travels are clear and make a decisson an easy one - if You love nature go in Summer but if You're after the tranches go in Winter !Happy traveling !

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