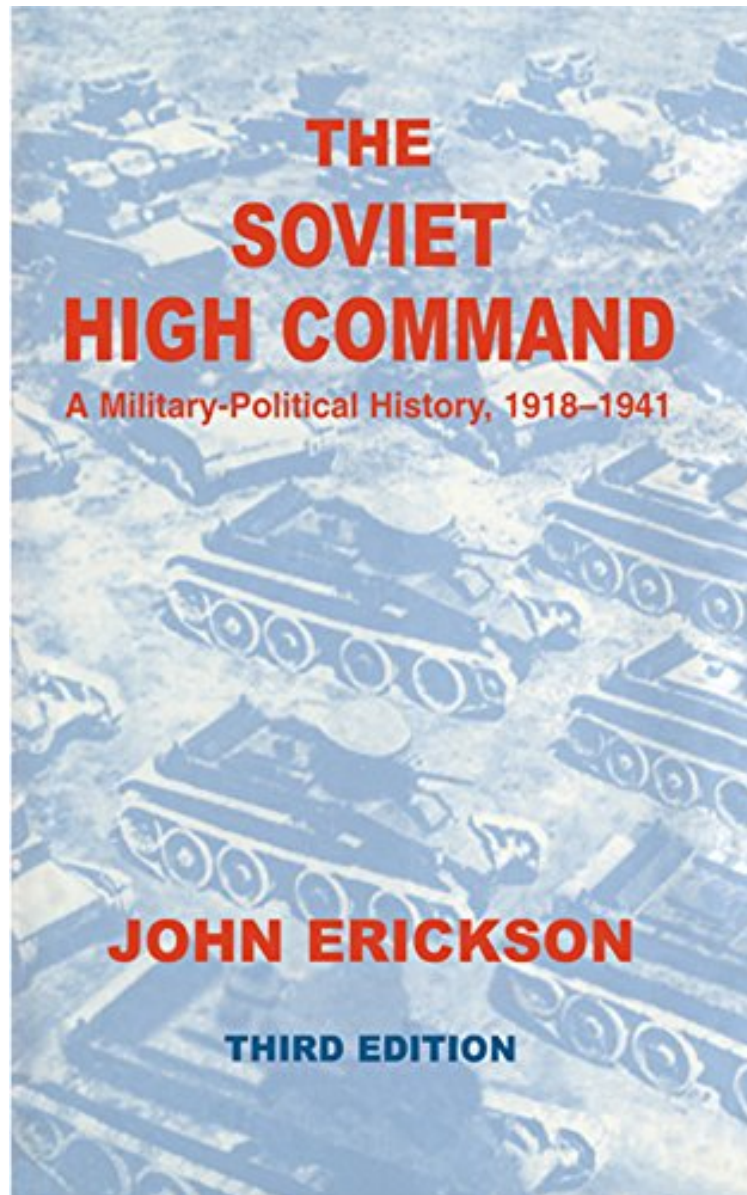


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Part One: (1918-1920) This Chapter is dealing with the revolutionary origins of the Red Army and their war with Poland in 1920.
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Dieses Buch ist nach wie vor das Standard-Werk über die Entwicklung der Roten Armee. Es ist nahezu nicht möglich, ein angemessenes Verständnis für die Leistungsfähigkeit und die Schwächen der Roten Armee zu entwickeln, sofern man dieses Buch nicht gelesen hat. Eine absolute Kaufempfehlung für jeden, der sich ernsthaft mit der Roten Armee beschäftigen möchte / will.

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