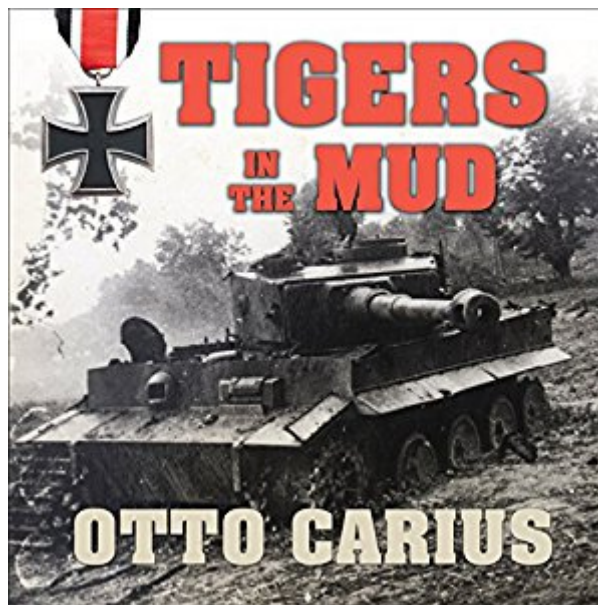




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Tigers In The Mud: The Combat Career Of German Panzer Commander Otto Carius



Synopsis

World War II began with a metallic roar as the German Blitzkrieg raced across Europe, spearheaded by the most dreaded weapon of the 20th century: the Panzer. No German tank better represents that thundering power than the infamous Tiger, and Otto Carius was one of the most successful commanders to ever take a Tiger into battle, destroying well over 150 enemy tanks during his incredible career.

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Customer Reviews

I bought both the Kindle and Audible versions of this book. Unlike other books I have read, this one is clearly a tanker's book written by Panzer commander with long battlefield service on both the eastern and western fronts. He has a lot to tell and it was an interesting read. It is strictly written from a tactical perspective. Additionally, the Audible narration is excellent: exciting, entertaining and informative. Highly recommended!

Going out on a limb here having read hundreds of WW2 works and only recently re-read this book, I am struck by just how condescending and ego-centric the author is. It shapes up as yet another officer memoir partially justifying his actions and involvement in a terrible conflict. Whilst once a stand alone classic, it is questionably on a par with many other recent memoirs. Technical info on the authors vehicles is still a great part of the read and I acknowledge the authors post-war generosity to military enthusiasts until his recent passing

I bought this along with "Panzer Commander" a common thread through both is the dedication to duty. Believing in the oath they took and letting nothing stop them from performing their duty. The attitude towards total war is something that I think is missed in many books of this nature. He pulls-no-punches even when evaluating the Americans he finally ended up fighting near the end of the war. That may startle some readers. But it is honest. The author does not apologize for his service. I found the command & control through the war time operations fascinating along with the descriptions of the tactics used against the enemy tanks. This book is first rate.

This is a soldiers story, from a soldier in his words. Its very well written, and, the narrative is gripping, with that perfect touch of a soldiers wit, wisdom (humor too). I enjoy reading first hand accounts, I was a soldier, so being able to read about someone elses experience is a nice way to see how close we all are in our experiences(good, bad the boring times.). This man was NOT a nazi, by no means did he embrace the twisted ideology of Adolf and those misfits, Otto was a professional soldier, and, he only sought armed engagement with other soldiers. I do respect this book and the man who wrote it, its a different perspective, and a look through the eyes from the " other side ".If you enjoy reading about World War II, and, or armor operations, then this book is for you. It's one mans story on the inside of a tank attempting to do his duty, keep his men alive (and sane). Like I said, the " soldiers humor " is sublime. You will enjoy this book!!

Simply put, Otto Carius is NOT a writer. I've seen more than a few complaints about the writing style, Otto Carius is NOT a writer. Tigers In The Mud was written originally for former soldiers of the 502ND as well as other German tankers. Taking this into account, it's a fantastic book. Carius does an amazing job of telling how he, and fellow members of the 502ND felt. He includes a few maps that go along with his story as well as a few photos of him, his crew and their surroundings; plus the addition of more than a few documents from Carius' time on the front (they're translated on the next page with a near identical document).

A decent account of life as a Panzertruppen during the last half of WW2. Not as good as Panzer Commander by Hans von Luck (5 stars!!) but not a throw away either.If you're into this stuff you'll enjoy the details it brings to the story. If not, then go read von Luck's autobiography - you will NOT be disappointed.

Fantastic translation from German to English of Ww2 notes of a tiger commander. Highly recommend for any military buff as some of the tactics are still valid today.

Otto Carius offers a personal, frank and very detailed look at his storied and famous military career. The book is wonderfully written and the author's voice is quite unique. Carius will cover seemingly massive details and events with a few very cool and almost dissociative sentences. This makes the book a very different read from typical World War II autobiographies. It's a story worth hearing and a book worth reading.

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