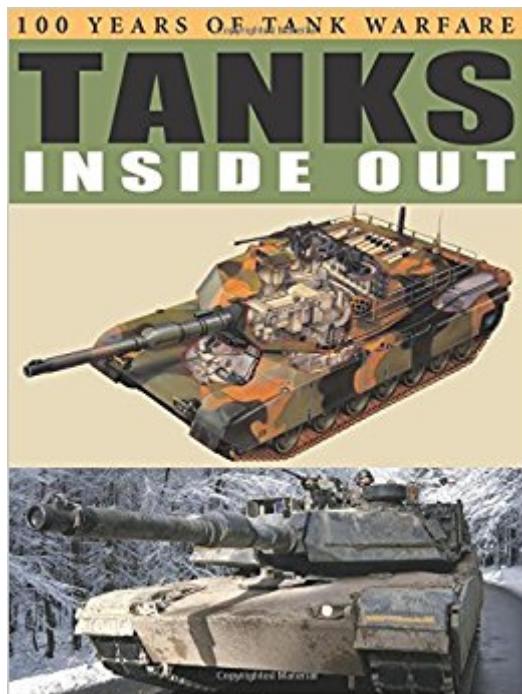


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# Tanks Inside Out



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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This book has some nice images, photos and good descriptions. Unfortunately I noticed some very bad mistakes. In the Sheridan tank section it describes an M-60 tank as a M-551 Sheridan (p. 217). Hard to understand hence it is so easily identifiable. However the biggest error I found was in the M-1A1 tank section. It shows a photograph of the M-1A1 interior with a full detailed description. Well the problem is that is the interior of an M-109 SP howitzer which is completely different from a M-1A1 Abrams (p. 265). How can a well researched book describe M-1 tank components that don't exist in the photograph? It goes on to describe a "gunners controls", "auxiliary sight" and "turret basket" all which the image does not have. The M-109 does not have gunner controls or auxiliary sight as described in the image. Those are azimuth and quadrant sight controls. Also the M-109 does not have a turret basket nor is shown in the image. I find myself at a loss why such a well researched book has this major error. I really hope that the author did not intend to purposely deceive the readers. If a M-1's interior image was not available, I think it would be better not to add an image of another vehicle and called something else. BTW I have been a crew member of both vehicles in the U.S. Army. M-1A1 tank crewman 1994- 2002 and M-109A4 Self Propelled Howitzer 2002-2005

Book has wonderful pictures and description's of modern and older tanks. Our son enjoyed the information, he did find some things that did not look right, however being a kid he would do his own research, point it out to us and keep reading. He loves books about planes and military Tanks, trucks, and equipment.

First off, what you'd probably like to know is what specific vehicles are included in the book. The book is divided into two sections: Classic Tanks 1918-60, and Modern Tanks 1961-Present. Included in the classic section: A7V, Mark V Male, Pz III, STG III, Pz IV, Char B1 bis, T34/85, M3A3 Stuart, M3A3 Lee, Churchill, M4A4 Sherman, Panther, Tiger I, Tiger II, Cromwell Mk VIII, JS-3, Centurion, T54/55, M48, M41, AMX 13, PT76, Saladin, M60, BTR60-PA. In the Modern tanks section: T62, M113, Chieftain, M109, ZSU-23-4, Leopard I, S-tank, BMP 1, M551 Sheridan, Scimitar, Marder, AAV7, T-72, Ratel, Merkava, Leopard II, M1A1 Abrams, M2 Bradley, Challenger I, M270 MLRS, Warrior, M1A2 Abrams, Leclerc, T-90, Challenger II. Thus, there's a good selection but some

frustrating "no-shows" (e.g. BT series, T34/76, KV series, SU series, Matilda, Valentine, Pz I & II, Hetzer, Jagdpanther, all US TDs, Pershing...In each case, a particular variant is depicted. There are good sized exterior front, top and side views in color, along with a color oblique with cut-aways. Some cut-aways are more extensive than others. A few are little more than "port holes" that reveal little of interest and provide little sense of the tank's interior layout. Contrary to what the product description seems to suggest, there are no interior cross sections. Bummer! There is generally at least one interior photo, but they're not always that revealing. (In fairness, the interior of a tank isn't exactly the easiest of photographic subjects!) There may or may not be some pictures of related vehicles. The data provided in the specifications chart for each vehicle is somewhat variable. The basics are there. In many but not all cases, it will break down the armor by location. In many but not all cases, it will give ground pressure and fuel capacity. Generally, there is performance data, but it is more extensive in some cases than in others. There's no data on track width or turret ring diameter. Bottomline: For its modest price, this is a pretty good book which supplies a pretty good amount of information about a fairly decent selection of tanks. I don't regret adding it to my library. However, I wish that it really did have scale interior cross sections for each tank even if just in black and white. OTOH, if you want to know a whole lot of technical detail about such-and-such a vehicle, you may want to look elsewhere. This is good, but it ain't Hunnicutt, Jentz, or Spielberger.

very nice big book, nice illustrations.

Not really sure why there's so much grumping about this book--it's hefty and impressive as heck, and it is absolutely LOADED with information, diagrams, real pictures (not just sketches or those annoying computer-generated pics) of the tanks in action. I got this for my 9 yo son who is tank-mad, and it is providing enough information and data to keep him quite happy. Our dinner time conversations are pretty tank-centric. I suppose if you are an ex-tank driver or mech or thorough history buff, this wouldn't suffice and is probably full of inconsistencies. But for the tank-inquisitive or someone who's trying to up their learning, it's perfect.

There is a very happy tank kid here. Thanks!!! Books at any price are great but books at a great price make great Birthday Gifts special.

I bought the book "Tanks Inside and Out" as a gift to our local Indiana Armor Museum. The book will be used as a reference. The quality of the pages and book are outstanding. Last May I purchased

another book about Land Warfare by the same company and it was more than a successful venture. I received a phone call and a letter thanking me. These military books are hidden treasures for the money.

My grandson is of that age where things that shoot or go boom are fascinating. This book is perfect for him. It offers beautifully executed paintings and drawings of tanks and armored fighting vehicles from the very first to the latest. Fifty tanks and AFVs are profiled here. Each receives about six pages beginning with a two page spread featuring an illustration with some callouts and perhaps a partial cut-away drawing, followed by well rendered elevations, a short narrative and some photos. Typically, there is information on variants and fairly detailed specifications as well. The paper is thick and the printing simply gorgeous. All in all, this is not a book that will satisfy the avid military buff with a hunger for endless detail, but it is more than adequate for the casual reader or the young boy with dreams of leading great armies (which, hopefully, he will never have to do).Jerry

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