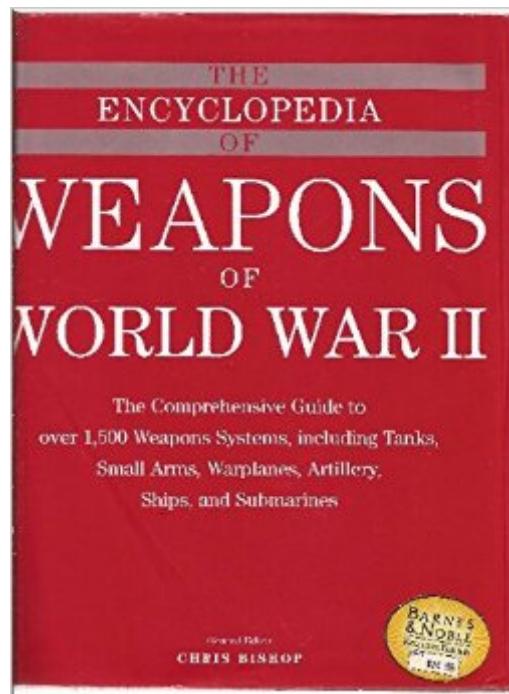


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weapon was used and it's success. For this reason, the book has numerous book marks for quick reference. I see no reason why you shouldn't buy this book, if you enjoy military history. Additionally since the book has no distasteful images of war, I feel it is suitable for any youth at least 10 years of age.

After having bought countless Osprey books about the different types of weapons used during WWII I got this monstrous compendium, and was a little disappointed that I didn't get it sooner. It is extremely comprehensive and very well illustrated with countless photographs to back up the illustrations. Very recommended (and it is value for money, too).

Well put together Encyclopedia. Very good graphics and short profiles of many WWII systems. One of my slight beef's though it that the British Universal Carrier (Bren Gun carrier) is not listed despite it being one of the largest produced vehicles of the war.

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