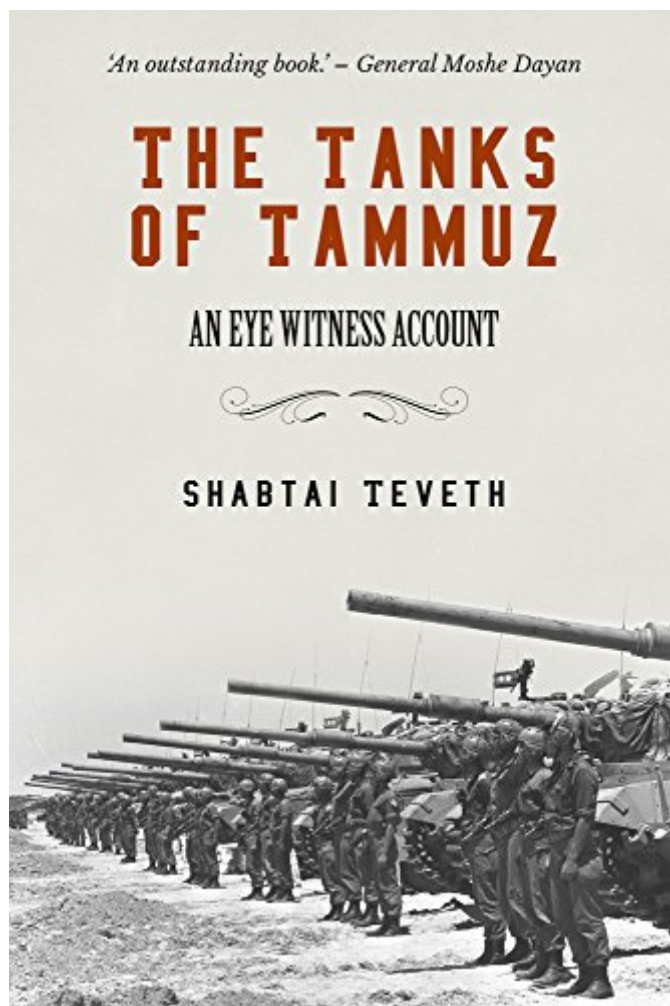


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The Tanks Of Tammuz



Synopsis

THE TANKS OF TAMMUZ is a dramatic eye-witness account of the lightning victory won by Israel's Armoured Corps during the Six Days War. In June 1967 tanks were the leading Israeli land force on every front. They smashed through the Egyptian defences at Sinai. They swept the length and breadth of the peninsula to the banks of the Nile. They pulverised the Syrian fortress on the Golan Heights to win the battle for the west bank of the Jordan. During the Six Days War, the armoured units broke through the Sinai defences and smashed through the Syrian fortress. They also ultimately brought the battle to a quick conclusion. General Tal's division, during the Six Days War, managed to breakthrough heavily fortified and defended areas in record breaking time. Being attached to General Tal's division, and as a war correspondent who witnessed these events, Shabtai Teveth describes the dust, heat and peril of every engagement-from earliest border incidents to one of the biggest tank battles of all time on the scorching sands of the Sinai desert, when Egypt threw close to a thousand tanks against Israel's solitary three divisions. Praise for The Tanks of Tamuz 'An outstanding Book' - General Moshe Dayan Shabtai Teveth, born in 1925, was an Israeli historian and author. In 1950, he began working as a journalist and then became a political correspondent. In 2005, he won the Israel Prize for "lifetime achievement and special contribution to society and the State." His other works include The Cursed Blessing: the story of Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Moshe Dayan: the soldier, the man, the legend, and Kinat David (David's Jealousy), amongst many others.

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Customer Reviews

As reported by other reviewers, THE TANKS OF TAMMUZ is an account of Israel's successful war against the Arab states in 1967 from the viewpoint of the author who was embedded with the fighters in the Sinai Desert. Before reading this book, I had only a summary understanding of the war. During the time period of the war in 1967, I was rehearsing for performances with the San Francisco Spring Opera in La Traviata and The Tales of Hoffmann and I remember the cheering that resounded throughout the Opera House when the announcement was made that the war was over and that Israel had won. Those cheers were strongly in my mind as I read this book and learned the cost of that war in the overwhelming effort and loss of individual lives. The author, Shabtai Teveth, provides a thrilling narrative by simply reporting the action and the soldiers involved. What is most compelling is his description of Israel's need for military discipline, the way it was established, and the extraordinary accomplishments that discipline provided. There is no need to provide a synopsis of the book - read it to feel the urgency of the purpose and preparation to fight and the strength and willingness of the soldiers' commitment to serve. Although not a part of the original edition of the book, I would have appreciated photographs of some the participants described - for example, Ehud Elad, Ilan Yankuel, General Tal, Dr. Gluck, and Major Shamai Kaplan to name a few. A few maps to provide visual orientation for understanding the war would also be appreciated. In today's world many people feel compelled to be very critical of Israel. May I suggest that in addition to reading this book please read MAKING DAVID INTO GOLIATH: How the World Turned Against Israel by Joshua Muravchik in order to gain a better understanding of the precarious fragility of the middle east and the manipulative propaganda that has been thrown about it.

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