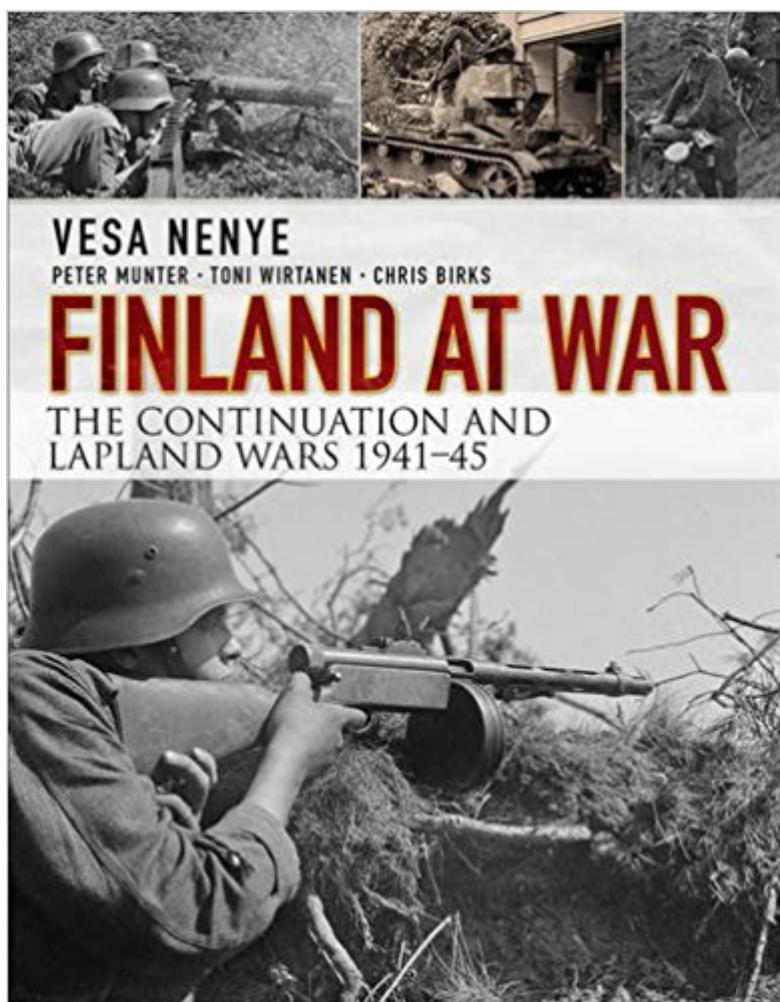


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Finland At War: The Continuation And Lapland Wars 1941–45 (General Military)



Synopsis

Having foiled the Soviet invasion of the Winter War, the Finns found themselves embroiled in an ongoing conflict to maintain their borders as the Soviets recovered from the initial advances made by the Germans during the Barbarossa campaign. Yet as the red tide of Soviet forces pushed back the German army, the Finnish forces--despite their lack of equipment, obsolete machinery and minuscule manpower--held firm against the Soviets throughout the continuation of the war, ensuring their post-war independence on the Western side of the Iron curtain. But that was not the end of hostilities for the exhausted Finnish nation as they turned their attentions to the Nazi forces embedded within their territory, calling up brigades populated with teenagers to force German forces inexorably back. Featuring some incredible, never-before-seen photographs and firsthand accounts, this is the history of one of the most incredible moments in modern military history.

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"If you're one of those who just can't get enough of the Mannerheim Line, Finnish ski patrols, and the Suomi KP-31 submachine gun, and if *Talvisota* (the Winter War) is the first Finnish word you ever learned, and *sisu* (the guts) the second, then you won't be able to live without both volumes of *Finland at War* . . . Osprey deserves kudos for its first-class treatment of Nenye's indispensable work." - *World War II Magazine* "This book has all the strengths of its companion, detailed accounts of action, excellent illustrations, and good maps. Together these two books round out the story of Finland's war experience." - *WWII History Magazine* "Lavishly illustrated with

period photos and maps, [Finland at War] tells how Allies ignored the Finns, creating a delicate, dangerous Finnish balancing act between war and diplomacy with two powerful adversaries." - Military Officer

Vesa Nenye spent summers in the wilderness of Lapland and Karelia where he uncovered many remnants from World War II and a passion for Finnish military history. Vesa went on to serve as a Tank Commander and an Arms & Munitions NCO and became a member of the Panssarikilta, Finland's armored core heritage society. He now works in the war gaming industry and international sales and is restoring an old Methodist chapel. He lives in Nottingham with his wife and their dog. Peter Munter is a true veteran of historical- and strategy-games in Finland. He founded a play-by-mail business in the times before internet and worked extensively as writer and translator of roleplaying supplements in the late 80s. Peter has also won a Finnish Sci-Fi writing award. He currently works as a Managing Director in a games retail chain that he established with Vesa in 1997 and lives in Lahti, Finland with his three children. Toni Wirtanen got involved with the many activities the army has to offer to volunteer civilians and reservists in Finland at a young age, which led him to serve in the Kymi Jäger Battalion/Karelian Brigade as an infantry anti-tank specialist. Toni is best known for his work as the singer/guitarist/songwriter in the Finnish rock band Apulanta. While studying geology at the University of Bergen, Chris Birks also worked at building the Norwegian hobby scene for miniature strategy war-gaming. Chris now works as a teacher of mathematics and natural sciences.

a long delayed comprehensive account of the continuation and lapland wars. although a few others works had been made available in the recent times, this provides a substantial complement with a better map and operational review. Im thinking , for instance, in Mr Lunde`'s excellent work. This volume controls the extensive use of capsules and limits the distracting biographies. Its still a bit weak in terms of providing specific military data (forces planning, development, etc) but in general its an excellent work for anybody interested in the subject.

The writing is intersting giving a lot of not well known facts. Slightly overstating Finish achievements especially over the Germans Luftwaffe Kuhlmeijer Group. The maps are very good and large quatitity of photographs are illuminating the book. Conveying a lot of additional information.

While I have several other books on this subject this book provides extra detail to supplement those

other books. Plus this book provides many more photos from this conflict that others didn't which adds to the value of this book. Its sad Finland was between a rock and a hard place in defending its freedom during this World War 2 period, and suffered tremendously in land, its people, and economy due to Soviet aggression and the wishy-washy support from the West. Both books in this two-part series are well worth buying.

This is an entry in the growing catalog of Osprey hardcover books on military history, in this case covering Finland's participation in WWII (subsequent to the Russo-Finnish "Winter War" of 1939-40). As usual, production values are high, and the book is a major addition to the scant English-language resources available on this "sideshow" war. Pros: Copious photographs, most not seen elsewhere, which give an excellent feel for the conflict. Also, very numerous sidebar biographies of various Finnish commanders; undoubtedly the best succinct compendium of this information you are likely to find (a few Soviet and Nazi commanders rate sidebars as well). Cons: As several reviewers note, there is a clear pro-Finnish bias and point of view; "Finland's Heroic Struggle" might have been a more accurate title. The authors (three Finns and an Englishman raised in Norway) appear to be dedicated but amateur historians, with mixed backgrounds including non-commissioned service in the Finnish army and work for gaming companies --- there could perhaps have been more tactical/strategic analysis and a little less anecdotalism. Also, unusually for an Osprey title, there is zero art work depicting either uniforms or equipment. Hence the 4 stars rather than 5. Overall, though, this is a good and worthwhile book on an underreported corner of the titanic struggle on WWII's Eastern Front.

Again real history is much more interesting than fiction. The Finns fought the overwhelming might of the Soviet Union under Stalin very well. This is a side of WWII that no one in the US knows about, which is quite typical of our American conceit. The German-Russia War of 1941-1945, included the Finns, was far bigger and more horrible and had more deaths than anything the Americans could even dream of. The landing at Omaha Beach, as brave and loyal as the Americans were there, was chump change compared to the Eastern Front war. The Russians would lose what America lost in D Day, on any one day in the war.

I have always been fascinated by Finland's fight to remain free. This book and the other 'Finland at War' book did an excellent job in telling the story of what it took to keep Finland free. This covers both the battle field and the politics of the situation.

Outstanding book with great photo selection. A lot of interesting information as well. I suggest this book to any fan of World War Two eastern front combat.

The first book, The Winter War, was so good, I ordered this book months before it's publication. This is a high-quality book with great action photos of a brave nation's heroic struggle to defend itself from communist aggression.

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