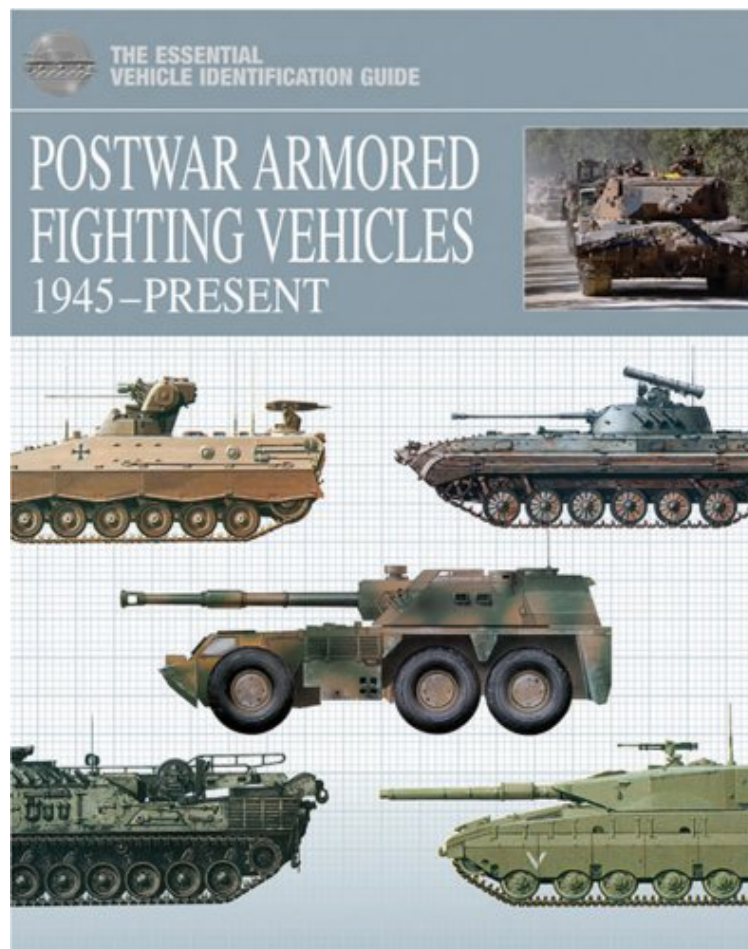


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**Michael E. Haskew : Postwar Armored Fighting Vehicles: 1945Present (The Essential Vehicle Identification Guide)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Postwar Armored Fighting Vehicles: 1945Present (The Essential Vehicle Identification Guide):

13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Somewhat disappointingBy M. HoytI was underwhelmed by this book. I was expecting more of a vehicle per page type reference work, with detail on each vehicle. Instead what you get is a brief narrative describing which vehicles were used in certain conflicts, illustrated with a single side view drawing of the vehicles.The narrative could be interesting if it told more about the tactics used, a description of the battles fought (instead of simply naming them, e.g. "73 Easting", yeah, but what happened?) or included a map (there are none). Instead you get a very superficial listing of what units deployed to what wars. Speaking of units, the book

includes a TOE for some sample units but it's done with a little tank icon for each tank, so when it shows the 4th Dragoon Regiment for instance, you get 24 little pictures of tanks, which wastes most of a page for something that could just as clearly be described in a couple of sentences. Other problems. The back cover says the drawings are all to a common scale, but based on my measurements the drawings seem to fluctuate between 1:71 to 1:100. For instance the Bradley IFV and the SAS Land Rover are the same size illustration, though the Bradley is much larger in real life. The statistics are not consistent between different vehicles, for instance length is sometimes specified as hull only, sometimes as "over gun", and sometimes not mentioned. Weight is given in kg, lbs, tons and tonnes, the reader is left to do the conversions himself. If you just want to see what a particular vehicle looks like, from the side anyway, this will suffice. But for much more than that, this is disappointing. I wish I had a better book to recommend, if you do, please leave a comment!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. BahBy C. UngroA couple sentences per vehicle, it is a whirlwind of small amounts of information on a bunch of similar vehicles. I prefer the larger "encyclopedia" style format.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Larry ShogerGreat product, good price and fast delivery

The Essential Vehicle Identification Guide: Postwar Armored Fighting Vehicles 1945-Present offers a highly illustrated guide to the world's main armored units and their fighting vehicles used since the end of World War II. This compact volume includes sample unit structures and orders of battle from divisional to corps and army level, providing an organizational context for key wars fought since 1945. Organized chronologically, the book offers a comprehensive survey of units and their armored fighting vehicles by war, including Korea, Vietnam, the Arab-Israeli conflicts, Indo-Pakistan wars, the Cold War in Europe, the Yugoslav civil war, the Iraq wars and Afghanistan. All the major and many minor tanks are featured, with variations of the T-72, M1 Abrams and Centurion, for example, as well as personnel carriers, engineering and mine-clearing vehicles. Lesser known models such as armored cars, halftracks, trucks and amphibious vehicles combine to make this a rounded compendium of modern armored fighting vehicles. Packed with more than 200 full-color artworks and photographs with exhaustive specifications, The Essential Vehicle Identification Guide: Postwar Armored Fighting Vehicles 1945-Present is a key reference guide for military modelers and vehicle enthusiasts.

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