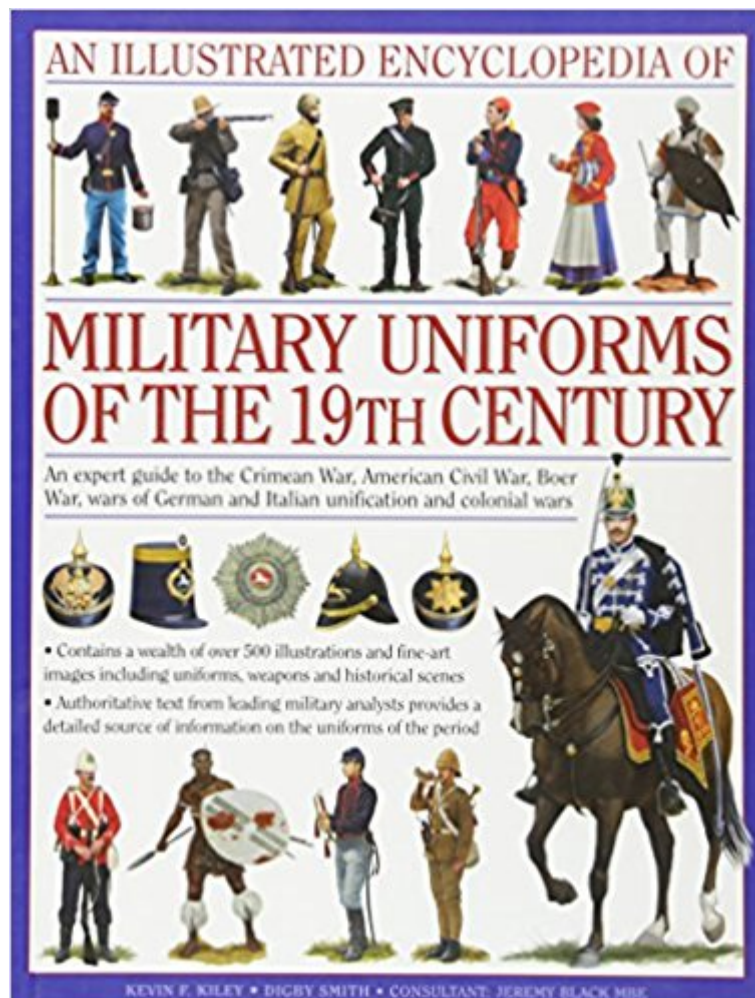


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...the editing leaves something to be desired. The paintings themselves are all beautifully executed and vividly rendered in full color (indeed, some are so finely detailed and realistic that they might almost be taken for modern photographs). Since the illustrations are likely the reason most people will purchase the book, I still give it four stars overall, in spite of the caveats listed below. (Military modelers like myself, for instance, will no doubt find the book a great source of detailed pictorial information on post-Napoleonic 19th century uniforms, and some may not notice or care much about relatively minor textual quibbles.) However, the supporting text seems to suffer somewhat from a lack of careful copy-editing; I have not yet read the book through, so I can't say for sure how widespread the errors are, but at least twice a caption or paragraph breaks off in mid-sentence, leaving the reader to supply the rest as best they can. Once a pair of captions is transposed, with an American artillery officer in the Boxer Rebellion misattributed as a Bengal Lancer, and vice-versa. (Not a major problem of identification for anyone at all interested in the subject, of course, but a minor annoyance at least.) I would hope that the publishers correct these errors in a subsequent edition, or at least issue an errata sheet. Overall, though, I am pleased with this purchase, and I would still recommend the book on the strength of its excellent illustrations.

thanks,

These series of books are very affordable (under \$20) and beautifully presented. Full colour throughout, they detail uniforms of many nations in the 19th century.

This is the third of these books I have bought and they are excellent for the cheap price but come with some errors. No flipped plate descriptions like in previous volumes but the arms carried, particularly by the Imperial French troops are entirely wrong. The uniforms are great but they are shown carrying flintlocks rather than Chassepot or Tabatiere breechloaders. Same with the Zulu War era Boers show carrying 2nd Boer War era Mausers. The American Civil War, German, British and Italian sections don't seem to have these errors. Still a great book for the price as another has reviewed the cost of this book alone is less than the Osprey titles needed to cover one era, nation or war covered in this book.

I enjoy the book immensely but I think one of the artists left an Easter egg that none of the other reviewers mentioned thus far. Is it just me or does the Gurkha on page 229 look exactly like Jet Li?

Got the the Illustrated Encyclopedia of Military Uniforms of the 19th Century: An Expert Guide to the American Civil War, the Boer War, the Wars of German and ... Colonial Wars, today and from a guy who has a load of books on uniforms I'm happy to say that this one is very good. The narrative is interesting and detailed to a certain degree, no real problems, also great period paintings, uniform unit/description plates (if this is the right term for this) these plates list in example all the regiments involved in several of the topics as well as their unit colour distinctions and or badges. Though the illustrations are in the main, excellent, there appears to be more than one artist, the drawings done by one of artists has the uniforms and equipment as well as the overall body and face of the figures in top notch form, this artist does the majority of the uniforms, on the other hand the second one sorry to say is a bit on the lower scale, not to say that they are completely bad but you will notice the difference between the two, there is also as other reviewers pointed out some errors in weapon depictions on the French soldiers in particular which is as mentioned puzzling, having said that, this does detract from the overall appeal of the book. I love these type of books on uniforms, it is also a good one for younger boys who might be liking this kind of stuff, as it is an easy read as well as the above mentioned, I of course don't enjoy every book on uniforms that has come out, but I like this one. So far I have noticed two errors thus far, One being the second artist's rendering of civil war

U.S.Cavalrymen, here the yellow piping is orange and not the yellow it would have been, two, another drawing, this one done by the better artist, who in his depiction of another civil war U.S.Cavalryman has given his regimental number as 7, this is an error as the 7th Cavalry was not formed until after the war had ended in 1866, But again this are but only two examples and if there are more they will be of a minor nature, one if is really interested in militaria one can always cross reference with other sources to see the complete picture, this how one becomes expert in this area. So the book was well worth the shot I gave it and as some one who knows his stuff, I was not disapointed.

nice book, good quality

amazing book... great reference

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