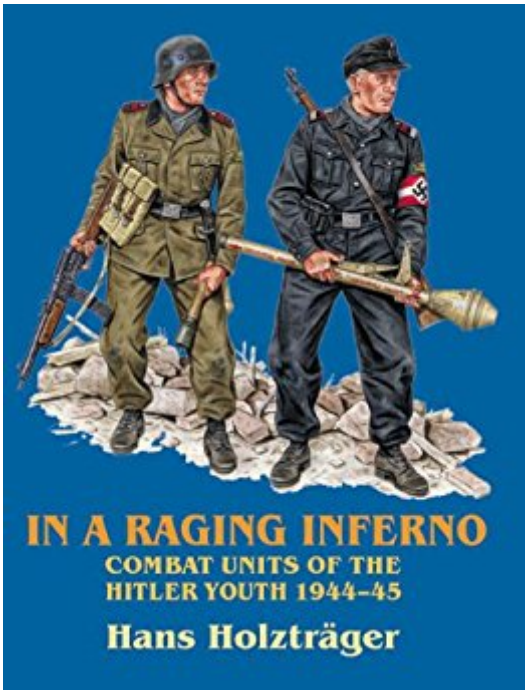
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In A Raging Inferno: Combat Units Of The Hitler Youth 1944-45



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Synopsis

Translated from German, In a Raging Inferno is the first English-language book ever to recount the story of the Hitler Youth and its combat role at the end of World War II. During the desperate final months of the Third Reich boys (and girls) as young as ten were thrown into action against the advancing British, American and Soviet armies, frequently fighting with a fanatical and suicidal fury.The author examines the combat deployment of the Hitler Youth - on the Eastern Front, the Western Front, and in provinces outside the German Reich, in addition to providing a number of rare and fascinating combat reports. Key FeaturesThe three main sections of the book examine the combat deployment of the Hitler Youth in 1) areas outside the German Reich ; 2) the Eastern Front, and 3) the Western Front. Each section includes a number of chapters. An additional section of the book describes the uniforms and equipment of the Hitler Youth combat units. Apart from detailed uniform notes, this features 4 pages of specially-commissioned colour artwork by artist Stephen Andrew (illustrator of the Osprey MAA series on the WWII German Army). This will be the most comprehensive study of its kind yet published. Appendices include supplementary HJ combat reports, details of war crimes committed by HJ units, sample documents, and a detailed chronology. A large number of previously unpublished photographs showing the Hitler Youth at war. We think some of the photos we've found are outstanding! Photographs include superb sequences taken in Lauban, Silesia, March 1945, and in Berlin, also March 1945. The stunning colour artwork shows a wide array of the uniforms worn by the HJ during the last months of the war, and also portrays HJ members serving in the Army and Luftwaffe. We even show a BDM girl serving in HJ Regiment "Frankfurt/Oder", March 1945!

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Customer Reviews

This book goes into great detail with many pictures on the combat actions of the HJ on both the West Front and East Front, as well as various cities. There are pictures I had never seen of HJ receiving decorations and in various combat uniforms. The author certainly did his research on the subject and there is a wealth of information that was previously unavailable. The book is a must have for anyone interested in the HJ.

Wrote review under great book title

This is an interesting read. It is a fairly decent survey of the involvement of the Hitler Jugend in the fighting in the closing months of combat during World War II in Europe. Where it is lacking is in setting up the background of the HJ. It doesn't explain what the HJ was or its basic organization. Nor does it say anything about the Waffen SS Hitler Jugend division that had its baptism of fire in Normandy. This division was organized by Artur Axmann and presented to Hitler as a birthday gift in April 1944. It was composed of primarily eighteen year olds who were recruited from the HJ.

'In A Raging Inferno' is the true story of the combat units of the 'Hitler Youth' (Hitlerjugend) in the final year of World War Two. The author, who spent many years interviewing former members of the Hitler Youth, puts together a spellbinding story of these young boys and girls who were sent out to face the oncoming tanks of the Russian and Allied armies closing in on the borders of the Third Reich.The unique photographs supplied within this book show boys as young as 10 armed with panzerfaust's waiting to meet advancing T-34 tanks. The story of what happened to these 'Hitler Youth' members is truly saddening. Many where never seen or heard from again and their fate can only be guessed at. Many of these children fought as hard as the combat veterans they were placed along side with in the foxholes and trenches defending the Reich.Overall the author provides a truly spellbinding narrative of these "warrior children", the result is a fascinating and sometimes

disturbing account packed with numerous first-hand accounts and rare photographs. The author has also provided a number of colour plates showing examples of clothing and equipment issued to the 'Hitler Youth'.

Another well written book covering the formation of this organization. The reader will enjoy each unit covered by region. The uniforms and equipment is covered in great detail. Pictures and drawing are a plus to the book. The fighting abilities of these units are covered and showed great courage where-ever they served. After reading I was able to piece together these units up to regimental size and even lessor know brigade size Hitler youth formation are covered, a little know aspect of this organization.

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