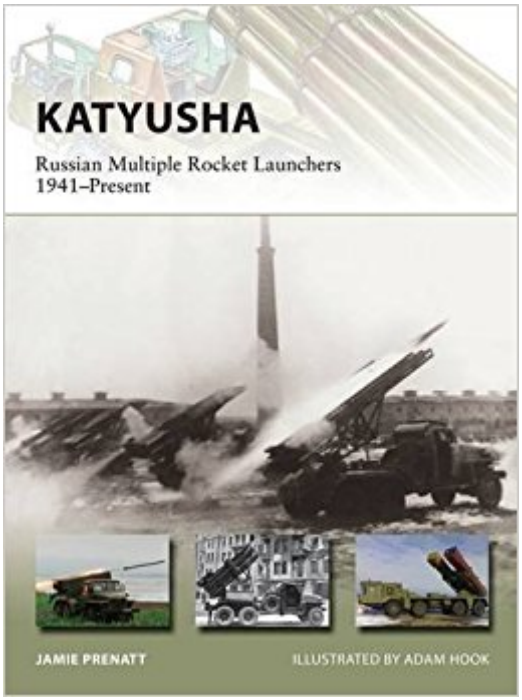
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Although military rockets have been used since the Middle Ages, it was not until the Soviet Union pioneered the concept of Multiple Rocket Launchers (MRLs), in the late 1930s, that they emerged as a decisive weapon. In the modern era, these Soviet/Russian Katyushas have served in combat in Afghanistan, Chechnya, and Georgia. Developed to fill the operational need for massed artillery fire support, the MRL possesses enormous destructive power and a devastating psychological impact. This New Vanguard provides a survey of Soviet and Russian Federation MRLs from the beginning of their development in 1938 to the present. It focuses on the history, design, and specifications of self-propelled ground MRL systems, but also covers towed, static, railway, and naval mounts. It highlights the many variants of the principal systems, and includes MRL unit tables of organization and equipment, information on MRL munition types, and coverage of dedicated MRL resupply vehicles.

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A very good book for its size. The most detailed information is given on the rocket models produced during and just after WW II. I thought it was a bit surprising that no warhead weights were given for models developed after about the late 1960s. Detailed information (other than range and the carrier vehicles) seemed to end for the models produced after the 122 mm BM - 2 Grad. Maybe up to date information just isn’t available for those models. On the other hand, I’ll have to admit that I haven’t seen much information on these items anyplace else.The book "Soviet / Russian Armor and Artillery Design Practices 1945 - 1995" published by the Institute for Defense Analyses (1995) contains much more detailed information on design development history, dimensions, and performance of rocket weapons produced during the 1970s through the late 1980s: BM - 21 Grad, 9K - 57 Urugan, 9K - 58 Smerch. It (obviously) includes nothing developed after 1995.

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Thx!

Good overview of a weapons system used by the Soviets in the Great patriotic war and the newer versions to the present day.

Good general review of soviet era MRLS, could use some 3 side views of all of the equipment

described

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