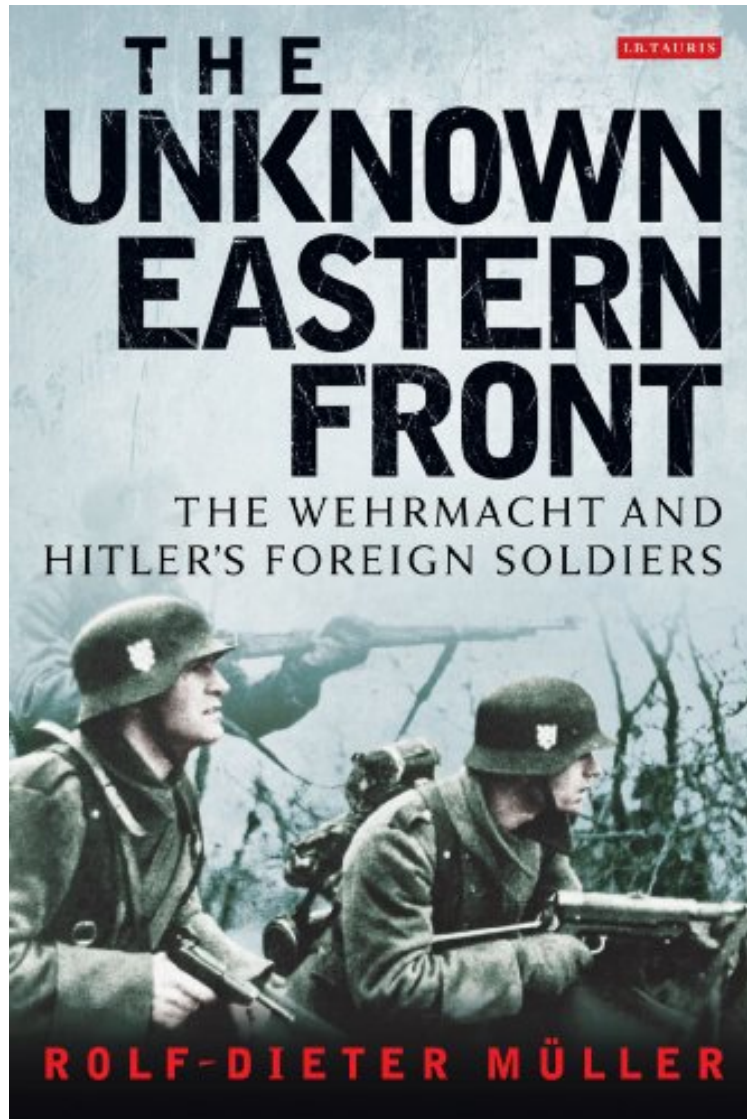


The Unknown Eastern Front: The Wehrmacht and Hitler's Foreign Soldiers

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Rolf-Dieter Mller : The Unknown Eastern Front: The Wehrmacht and Hitler's Foreign Soldiers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Unknown Eastern Front: The Wehrmacht and Hitler's Foreign Soldiers:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Fates of Hitlers Allies on the Eastern FrontBy MLR13000I had been looking for some time for a book that outlined the collaboration between Hitler and his allies during WWII. I was

interested in the relationship that developed with all of them as the war went on. Finding books on Hitler's relationships with Italy, France, and even Japan are not hard to find. However, I was looking for a book that had information on fates of the smaller states like Hungary, Romania, Finland, the Baltic states, etc. This book fit the bill. I would have preferred a more balanced book of military and diplomatic information, (and this book certainly leans more to a military story), since it concentrates on the action on the Eastern Front. The author wrote this book in a clear and concise way. He dedicated chapters to each of the countries that were involved in the war, and interacted with Germany, Whether a full ally, or a country who was more or less cooperating with Germany to save their skins from the Russians, he described their situation, and the final out come of this collaboration. I think anyone that is interested in knowing the fate of Hitlers allies and collaborators would enjoy this book. The author has a interesting writing style, with lively prose. It didn't take me long to finish the book because I enjoyed his writing style. The only complaint I have was it was so short (it has only 258 pages of text). A very good book, at a reasonable price on this subject. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Foreigners who fought for the Reich

By Louis S. Menyherth
The author underestimates the number of foriegners who fought under the aegis of the Wehrmacht although he does cover each of the nations that contributed troops as allies, or as volunteers. I suspect that many foreigners did not wish the fact that they fought for Hitler to be known after the war may have resulted in the authors' numbers and estimates as well as the fact that so many were executed immediately following the war, especially in the case of the Russians and Yugoslavs. I wish more details on the units, insignia, and order of battle for some of these units had been detailed, such as the Russian Guard Corps, or the Croat divisions that were part of the Wehrmacht. The numbers of Russians who served seemed to have been in excess of a million men, yet little is done to shield light on why more was not done to recruit and train what could have been a vast manpower pool for the Axis. Again little data is provided on the men who did train and equip these units and the men who led them. I would highly recommend this book as an introduction in the vast number of troops who fought under the German banner, making it in many ways a multinational army, almost on a scale with the British or French.

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By David T. Faust
This is a well researched book. The author has brought together sources not normally seen. All WW2 readers and historians have to read this book. The book explains the role of allies and supporters of Germany during the war. A topic that is not covered very much.

When Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa with his attack on the Soviet Union in June 1941, the Wehrmacht deployed 600,000 troops to the Eastern Front. Their numbers were later swelled by a range of foreign volunteers so that, at the height of World War II, astonishingly one in three men fighting for the Germans in the East was not a native German. Hitler's declaration of the 'struggle against Bolshevism' reverberated throughout all of Europe - among convinced fascists as well as among non-Russian eastern Europeans seeking to regain their independence from the USSR. Many of these volunteers subsequently became involved in the atrocities of the Wehrmacht and the SS. Vilified by Hitler for their supposed failures, condemned and forgotten by their homelands for treason and collaboration, their involvement in the war has been largely ignored or swept aside by historians. Rolf-Dieter Mller here offers a fascinating new perspective on a little-known aspect of World War II.

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