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# Heinz Guderian: The Life And Legacy Of Nazi Germany's Famous Panzer Commander



## Synopsis

\*Includes pictures\*Includes Guderian's quotes about his life and the war\*Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading\*Includes a table of contentsActions speak louder than words. In the days to come the Goddess of Victory will bestow her laurels only on those who prepared to act with daring. " Heinz GuderianHeinz Wilhelm Guderian was one of the most respected commanders and theoreticians of World War II. An innovative tank commander, he was a pioneer of German Blitzkrieg tactics and therefore, a hugely influential figure in the way the war was fought. Guderian's profile was not always what might have been expected for a man of his abilities and influence warrant due to the shape of his career. As a German commander during the war, Guderian fought for one of the most appalling regimes in history, so while his skills are respected, it is hard to celebrate a man who led the troops of the Reich, especially to such success. Erwin Rommel, the legendary Desert Fox, managed to somewhat sidestep this stigma through his glamour and remarkable achievements spanning the length of the war, but Guderian was out of power for over a year, and when he returned, it was not to a position of battlefield command, giving him fewer opportunities than Rommel to build his reputation in the eyes of the Western media. The reasons for Guderian's time out of command are tied to the reason for his lower profile; he was a traditional German career officer rather than an ideologically driven Nazi, willing to challenge Adolf Hitler's opinions on military matters. This, together with his outspoken attitude, led to his loss of favor and dismissal from command. At the same time, being a career military man rather than a Nazi officer also meant Guderian was not as directly involved in the atrocities of the war, and he did not gain the infamy of his SS contemporaries, which ensured the ongoing fame of men far less deserving of recognition. In spite of - or perhaps because of - these factors, Guderian's story provides valuable insight into the war and the men who fought it. His story provides insight into the origins of the Nazi military machine, the reasons for its early successes, and the disasters that led it to ruin. It also reveals the difficult relationship between the Nazis and the more conservative German governing class. Heinz Guderian: The Life and Legacy of Nazi Germany's Famous Panzer Commander examines the life of one of World War II's most influential soldiers. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Guderian like never before.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was a good biography of Guderian. It was interesting and to the point. It was a fast, enjoyable read. I recommend it to you if you enjoy biography and WW II history.

A very interesting précis of his various commands ,unfortunately no anecdotal stories of the man himself , his arguments with Hitler contain little detail

I found this e-book about Heinz Guderian: The Life and Legacy of Nazi Germany's Famous Panzer Commander to be quite interesting. He was a brilliant tactician and was respected by both sides during World War II. He turned his experiences and observations from World War I into Panzer tactics and blitzkrieg principles that he used during World War II. He was a professional soldier who came from a family of professional soldiers, yet he served Hitler and served Hitler well during World War II. It was interesting to note that he was abrasive and highly argumentative with his superiors and colleagues when he felt that they were wrong including Hitler. He angered Hitler several times and was even dismissed from service for a short period. How he avoided execution for his insubordination is hard to believe. He fought on both fronts in World War II and was quite successful and would have been more successful without Hitler's interference. The book

tells the story of how he became one of the most successful generals a World War II including the jealousies of his colleagues. He more or less behaved honorably and professionally throughout World War II and was not brought up on charges for any atrocities. I found his story to be compelling and interesting. I recommend this book to anyone interested in reading about one of the better generals on either side during World War II. I wish to add that I'm only speaking about the man not who he served and I am not pro-Nazi.

Charles Rivers Editors have produced an extensive collection of well researched, concise, informative, and exceptionally well written historical books that chronicle the lives of important people, key events, important cultures, nations, and peoples. I have read a number of their offerings and am extremely pleased by the quality and balanced perspective of their works. "Heinz Guderian: The Life and Legacy of Nazi Germany's Famous Panzer Commander," is an exceptional example of their finest work. Any study of Guderian, who was one of World War Two (WW II) most exceptional and influential Commanders, must also address the fact that as a German commander, Guderian fought for what I believe is the most appalling regimes in human history. Thus, while his skills and victories are respected, it is hard to celebrate a man who led the troops of the Reich, especially with such success. However, it is the purpose of the study of history, not to judge, but rather to learn what we can that is constructive and useful for the progress of mankind, while gaining an understanding of the effect of that evil regime had on a man like Guderian. The fact that he was able to serve throughout the war with his morality, honor, loyalty, and duty to their country in tact speaks volumes about the character of this man. I enjoyed reading this book very much, because the author did an exceptional job capturing the essence of this courageous and honorable war fighter!. I recommend this book to readers who enjoy learning about the Second World War and history in general.

This is an extremely short "outline" of his life. Easy could have discussed any part of his career in greater depth. How was it he was one of the few who could express opposing opinions and still get promoted?

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