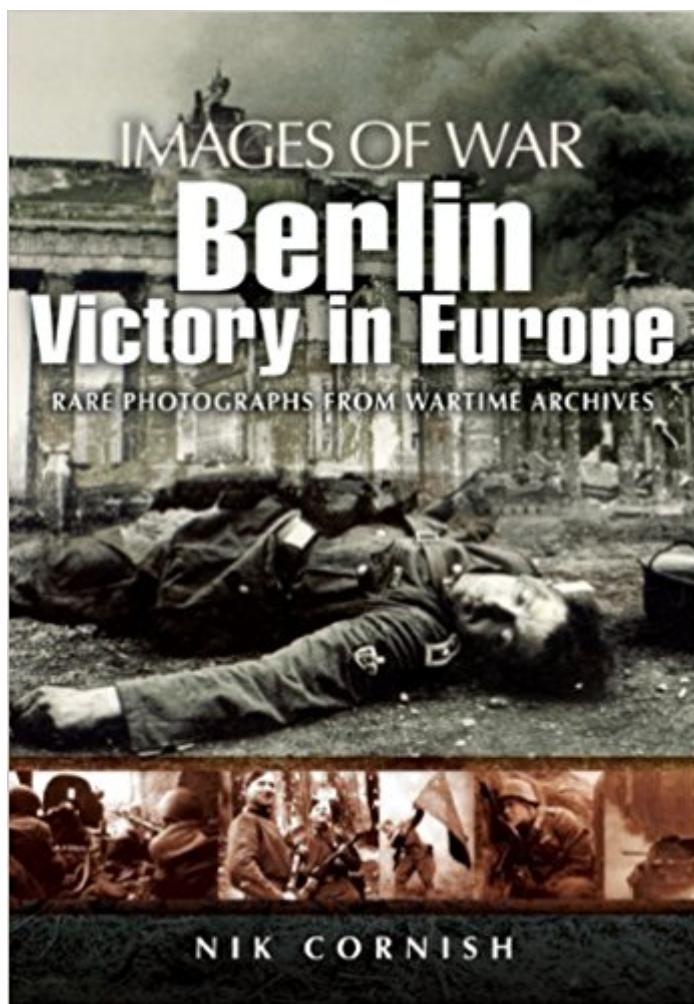


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# Berlin: Victory In Europe (Images Of War)



## Synopsis

In April and May 1945 the city of Berlin was the site of the final destructive act of the Second World War in Europe. The German capital became a battleground. After three weeks of ruthless fighting against a desperate, sometimes suicidal, defense, the Red Army took the city and crushed the last remaining German armies in the East. This momentous battle and the elaborate preparations for it were recorded in graphic detail by photographers whose images have come down to us today.

These images, which give us an unforgettable glimpse into the grim reality of mid-twentieth-century warfare, are the raw material of Nik Cornish's evocative book. Using a rich selection of rare photographs from the Russian archives as well as images from German sources, most of which have not been published before, he traces the course of the entire campaign. The battles fought in East Prussia, eastern Germany and Hungary – in particular the assault on Budapest – are covered. But the body of his book is devoted to the battle for Berlin itself - the monstrous onslaught launched by Zhukov's armies on the Seelow Heights, the bitter street fighting through the suburbs, then the ultimate confrontation, the merciless room-by-room struggle for the center of the city and the Reichstag.

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## Customer Reviews

Nik Cornish is an author and a historian.

East front historians will really enjoy this one. Great photos and a solid text. Informative and visually well put together. Worth the buy. (Hobby/book stores in my area are selling it for \$35 dollars. Definitely buy it here.)

Impressive!

I found this book quite informative and enjoyable. The soviets can also play the have no mercy game that the nazis started. How many german/ russian children were born as a result of the russian army in germany? Corey

I was very surprised when I read the review by BLT after I'd bought this book Mr Cornish has written, within the confines of such a book, a good precis of events during the Battle for Berlin and what led up to it. Ok there are generic images and one or two questionable captions but at least the author points out his uncertainty. The narrative flows clearly and without padding and is well supported by the captions in this respect. For a cheap, easy to read overview this fits the bill nicely. Obviously in such a short volume there will be a lack of detail but that's not what one buys such a book for is it? If you want more specific information there are more than enough books out there that can do this. If it weren't for introductory overviews such as this would we really find out what we takes our interest in an easily, readable introduction or would we grind our way through weightier tomes while missing the 'bigger picture? I enjoyed this book immensely and believe it perfectly fits what it purports to be.

Do not expect any rare pictures even less ones never published before. The photos have been picked haphazardly, some even date back to 1941 !The author even admits not knowing the origin of the unit of a German soldier corpse lying by the Brandenburg gate (well-known picture,) being unable to identify the arm badge. Sadly it is simply an all too common RAD badge. That's the only honesty you can expect from the author. On another photo showing a soldier with a grenade launcher attached on the barrel of his Kar 98K rifle the author states that it "appears" to be a flame-thrower. Stay clear from this amateurish book of lies.

Nik Cornish and Pen & Sword Books present a visual history of the assault on and fall of Hitler's capital in April/May 1945. Utilizing almost 200 photographs drawn from Russian archives, German sources and Cornish's own collection, BERLIN, VICTORY IN EUROPE offers a graphic guide to the

final campaigns waged on the Eastern Front. Cornish traces Berlin's downfall in a series of chapters: 'Into the Reich,' 'The Vistula-Oder Operation,' 'Stabilisation,' 'The Noose Tightens,' 'Across the Oder-Neisse Line' 'Fortress Berlin - Encirclement,' 'Fortress Berlin - Fantasy Armies' and 'Fortress Berlin - Collapse.' Each chapter opens with a two-three page summary of events followed by dozens of intermixed photographs of German and Russian troops, tanks, artillery, aircraft, combat scenes, etc. The book offers a nice selection of images. Photo quality varies somewhat but most of the shots were fairly well-reproduced. Captions were generally good. In short, as a fairly inexpensive, visual history of the Berlin campaign, Nik Cornish's book has a lot to offer.

Recommended.

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