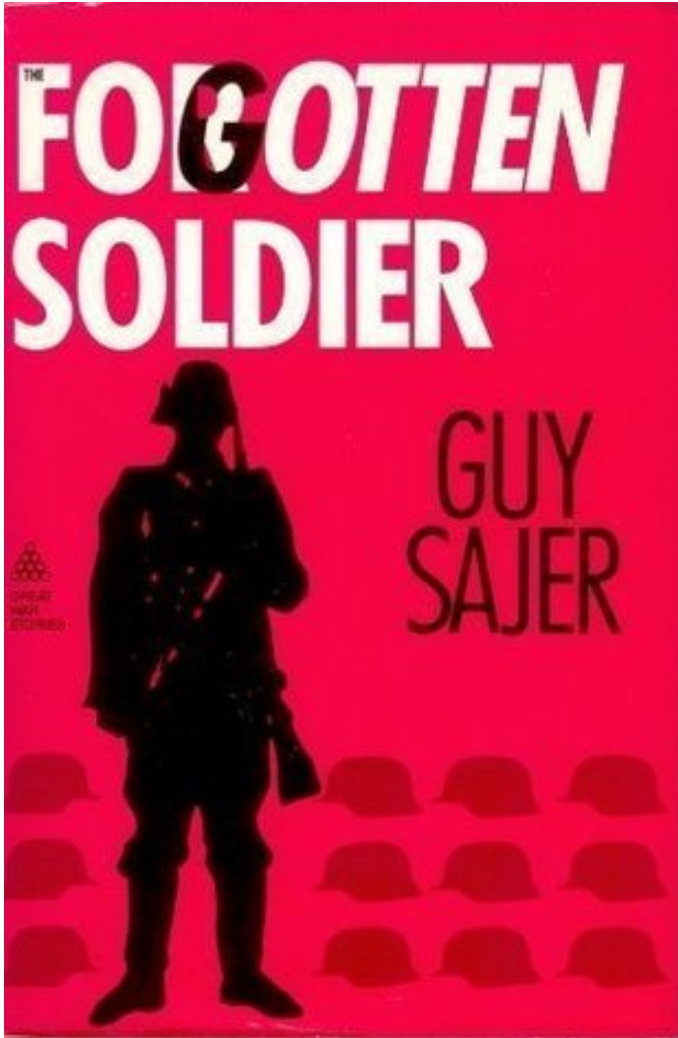


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**Guy Sajer**

**The Forgotten Soldier**



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## Description

This book recounts the horror of World War II on the eastern front, as seen through the eyes of a teenaged German soldier. At first an exciting adventure, young Guy Sajer's war becomes, as the German invasion falters in the icy vastness of the Ukraine, a simple, desperate struggle for survival against cold, hunger, and above all the terrifying Soviet artillery. As a member of the elite Gross Deutschland Division, he fought in all the great battles from Kursk to Kharkov. His German footsoldier's perspective makes *The Forgotten Soldier* a unique war memoir, the book that the *Christian Science Monitor* said "may well be the book about World War II which has been so long awaited." Now it has been handsomely republished as a hardcover containing fifty rare German combat photos of life and death at the eastern front. The photos of troops battling through snow, mud, burned villages, and rubble-strewn cities depict the hardships and destructiveness of war. Many are originally from the private collections of German soldiers and have never been published before. This volume is a deluxe edition of a true classic.

## Insightful reviews

Stefan: *The Forgotten Soldier* is an overwhelming, interesting, horrific, and realistic read that dwells on the experiences of a German infantryman and his true life stories and memories of the Russian campaign of the Second World War. This is an extremely worthwhile read because it enlightens the average reader on the often overlooked Eastern Front. This book has many gory, uncomfortable, and weird passages that describe the harsh and unmerciful Russian-German War. This book is amazing, readable, and made me dwell on the cost and pain of war through the eyes of a man who lived through some of the most important, large, and bloody battles of the Twentieth Century. This is a must read!

Shar Wallis: This book was an eye opener about the plight of the German foot soldier on the Eastern front in WWII. There was an unbelievable amount of suffering. It really amazed me that Sajer was able to survive some of the situations that he was in. Not just the fighting, but the cold and hunger are very real worries. You get inside Sajer's head and learn about hardships and fear a soldier on the losing side faces. He doesn't hold anything back (well there are a couple of incidents that he writes about that he states he doesn't want to go into more detail because it is too painful).

I've never read a WWII book before but my husband wanted me to. He gives this book a 10 out of 10, and he reads a lot of war history. This isn't my normal type of book to read. I am glad that I took the time to read it though.

There is some controversy over the authenticity of this book. That doesn't matter; it's still a good book about how people act in times of extreme distress.

Handrick: "The war seemed to have turned me into a monster of indifference, a man without feelings. I was still three months short of eighteen, but felt at least thirty-five. Now that I have reached that age, I know better. Peace has brought me many pleasures, but nothing as

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powerful as the passion for surviving in wartime, that faith in love, and that sense of absolutes. It often strikes me with horror that peace is really extremely monotonous. During the terrible moments of war one longs for peace with a passion that is painful to bear. But in peacetime one should never, even for an instant, long for war!"

Amit: Writers like Sajer, won't ever permit the long run generations to forget, the miseries of worldwide battle soldiers. World battle was once fought by way of squaddies yet defined by means of infantrymen cum writers; Sajer belong to this infrequent breed; he finished this infrequent task via writing, below demanding situations and arranging the information, for destiny readers. Sajer did a good activity in describing, the placement and psychology of a foot soldier, admire and price of enemy, Morality of a wasting infantry, Hate for partisans, anguish of demise comrades, concerns of families, Benevolence of seniors, trouble of weather, worry of immobility, Frustration of disease and masses more. This is a really nice publication for those, who are looking to examine the agonies and soreness of German soldiers. This e-book provides altogether a unique element of global war. This is helping in knowing an important truth of struggle .... the real enemy of, a guy in struggle is .... the conflict itself.

James: The author's event used to be so grueling, and his telling of it so eloquent, that I felt tired while i stopped analyzing this; to choose one element that sums it up, he ends the ebook (this isn't really a spoiler, because you be aware of he needed to live to tell the tale to put in writing it) by way of describing how whilst he eventually received domestic after the conflict and walked as much as his family's home, his mom did not realize the tired outdated guy greeting her because the boy who had left domestic for the military many years earlier.

Gerry: This e-book is little short of an grand account of the general "human condition" via war. i can't say that this can be a "must read" for individuals in a basic or total sense, yet for individuals drawn to studying approximately army history, war, battles, and the ravaging adventure of innocence in these bad misplaced souls of kids and the aged it definitely brings to the leading edge their exodus alongside the conflict strains as well. My final 3 books in particular facing army background have traveled the conflict fields of the Chosin Reservoir in Korea, touchdown Zones X-Ray and Albany in Vietnam, and now the japanese entrance as obvious throughout the eyes of a personal in Wehrmacht and later the Gross Deutschland department conceal an enormous array of tormented experiences. All 3 of those final reads communicate to the "sunkened eyes" or the battlefield expressions of a human's skill to outlive the unsurvivable experiences. Guy Sajer wrote this I think out of a wish to bear in mind his buddies that have been misplaced at the jap entrance in the course of the moment international War. He could have written this too to be able to get handed his personal model of PTSD of the time frame. This e-book exhibits the occasional humor in the course of box stipulations in addition to the concepts one could have alongside the process trying to pass though the following battle, and the next, and the next, etc. I supply this ebook the total five stars it rightfully merits in line with the background it provides. My basically want during this ebook is in the Epilogue description which i thought used to be a lot too shortened ~ I took this to intend for the writer that he had to step clear of the private account thoroughly at this juncture. i do not desire to move over the battles he fought, or the retreats he used to be part of as i wouldn't are looking to wreck this learn for somebody that could be drawn to this e-book to learn for him or herself. The Epilogue even though had to dive right into a extra distinctive account of the existence after the second

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one international struggle concluded, what occurred or can have occurred to these acquaintances that also survived together with of him and the way he tried to come again to the realm in a relaxed existence. We see the window of PTSD throughout this e-book and that i could have cherished to have learn extra concerning the demanding situations he evidently needed to fight with. This publication to me is as very important as is Homer's "Odyssey". The trials, tribulations, infrequent glimpses of happiness, and the ubiquitous failure of a central authority that was once alleged to final one thousand years purely lasted a complete of 12. when you get pleasure from army background and trying to strike a stability on either side of the equation relative to the conflict box itself then this e-book will continue you captivated because it did me. each web page i discovered i needed to grasp "what occurred next" till one will get to the top of the book. It did need to finish however, and it's in the finishing that i myself came upon quite empty - possibly you who learn this evaluation after which learn the e-book will locate an finishing compatible for your desire. I basically want he may have improved extra during this regard.

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