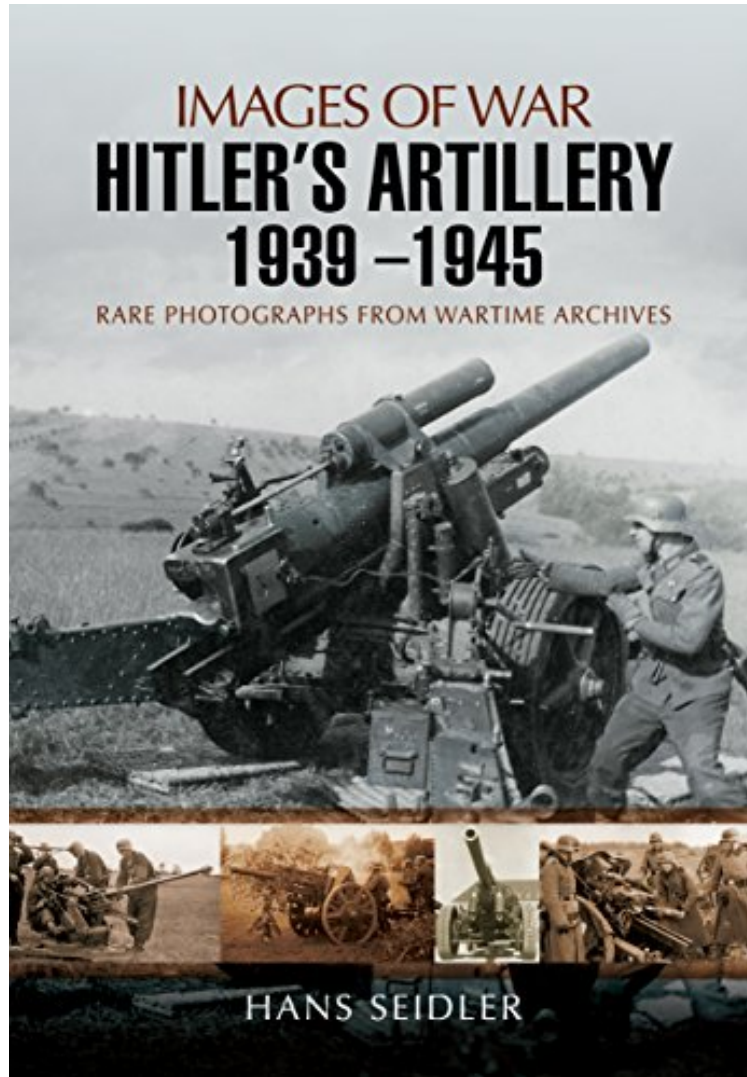


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4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not a serious work on the subject By Customer Of course, the efforts of the author should be appreciated. That said, apart from having perhaps 30 pages worth (at the very most) of good pictures, there is little of value in this work. Perhaps what struck me the most was the number of times a weapon has been mislabeled (e.g. a 4cm bofors gun being mislabeled as a 5cm German flak gun). Further, what text there is is extremely broad, and not always accurate. In addition, only the most basic types of german field, anti-tank, and anti-aircraft artillery are covered (remember that the German used well over 200 different types of artillery (when you

count captured weapons put into German service) and this book only covers about 15 at the most). Finally, most the photos are really nothing special and what value they have has been lost by the by and large extremely broad captions used to describe them.

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About the Author Hans Seidler is an enthusiastic collector of Second World War memorabilia and an authority of German formations and equipment. His Hitler's Tank Killer - Sturmgeschutz at War 1939 - 1945, Battle of Kursk, Luftwaffe Flak Divisions and German Machine Guns of the Second World War are all published by Pen and Sword in their Images of War series.