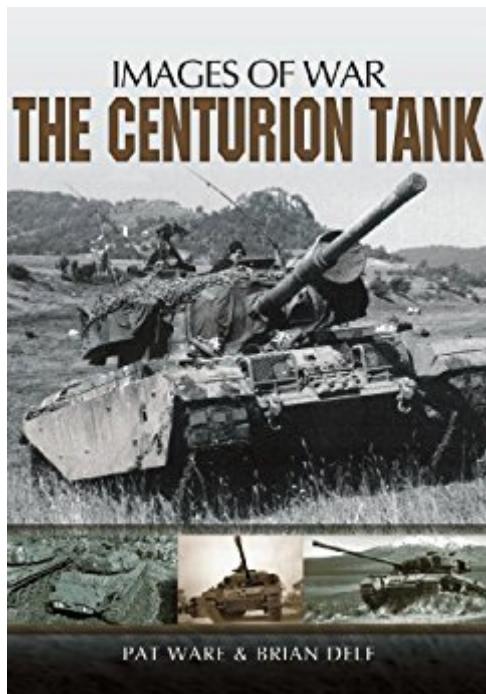


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The Centurion Tank (Images Of War)



Synopsis

Few tank designs have been as effective, versatile and long-lived as that of the British Centurion. Conceived during the Second World War as the answer to the superior German Tiger and Panther tanks and to the lethal 88mm gun, this 52-ton main battle tank incorporated the lessons British designers had learned about armored fighting vehicles during the conflict, and it was free of the major faults that had impaired the other British tank designs of the time. The Centurion was so successful that it served in the British Army and in numerous other armies across the world from 1945 until the 1990s. Pat Ware's highly illustrated history of this remarkable tank covers its design and development, its technical specifications and the many variants that were produced. He tells the story from the design brief of 1943, through testing and trials to the tank's entry into service. In addition, he traces the course of the Centurion's subsequent career, as it was up-dated, up-gunned and adapted to operate in varied conditions and conflicts all over the world including Korea, the Indo-Pakistan wars, Vietnam and the Arab-Israeli wars. His expert account of this remarkable fighting vehicle is accompanied by a series of color plates showing the main variants of the design and the common ancillary equipment and unit markings. His book is an essential work of reference for enthusiasts.

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Customer Reviews

A good academic description of the Centurion tank. Good drawings but maybe not too good for model makers. Years ago I had the Dinky model complete with Antar transporter.

There aren't enough photos of the tank's suspension and running gear. Pictures of the rear of the tank are almost nonexistent. The few pictures of the rear of the Centurion in the book are too muddy to use for detailing a model of the Centurion tank. This is basically a "coffee table" type of a book. That's why I only gave it three stars. The book I'd really love to get is Barry Beldam's "Canadian Centurion Gun Tanks" which goes into the details of this tank. Unfortunately it is long out of print and impossible to find.

Love, this series. Great pictures, great information and history. The Centurian tank was the first up to date tank for the British! Prior to the Centurian, their tanks were light fragile and under gunned. With updates, it spanned time from end of WW 2 until now. No tank has that history! Everyone made it work for their situations. Cannot get much better than that!

The facts and the history, well-written and well organized. The only question is the price-if you're looking for a book that thoroughly covers the Chieftain and the price is right, buy!

A Good Reference but could stand some improvements. The art work lags behind the usual Osprey publications but there is a lot of general data. The data on Armament is somewhat scattered and lacking a bit but generally decent. The book is not as well organised as it could be, but still useful on a very important tank design.

Good coverage of the topic. Typical "Images of War" period photographic coverage of the Centurion tank throughout its service life.

quite a good read, but limited on some information as to the user nations

A good overall coverage of the Centurion and its variants, going into some detail. If you're seeking

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