Tanks of the USSR 1917-1945: A Comprehensive Guide to Soviet Armored Vehicles

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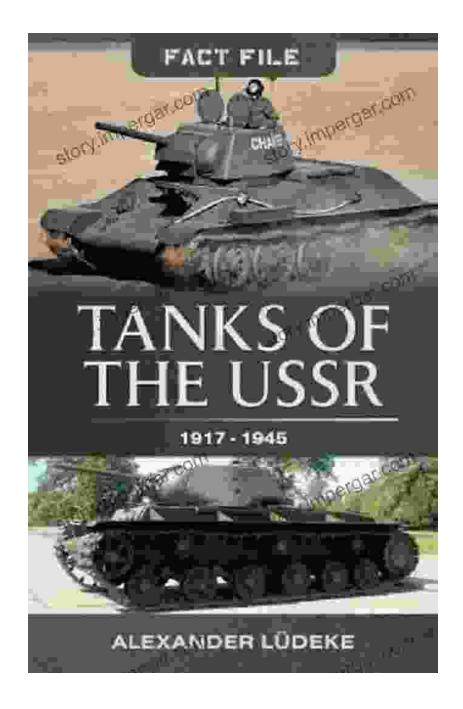


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Early Soviet Tanks

The first Soviet tanks were developed in the early 1920s. These early tanks were based on foreign designs, but they were soon modified and improved to meet the specific needs of the Red Army.

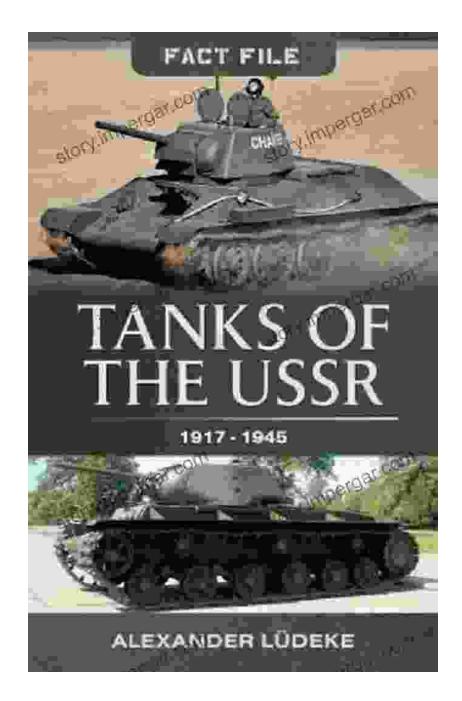
One of the most important early Soviet tanks was the T-26. The T-26 was a light tank that was produced in large numbers during the 1930s. It was used extensively in the Spanish Civil War and in the early stages of World War II.



Medium Tanks

In the late 1930s, the Soviet Union began to develop a new generation of medium tanks. These tanks were larger and more powerful than the earlier light tanks, and they were designed to provide the Red Army with a mobile and well-protected armored force.

The most famous Soviet medium tank of World War II was the T-34. The T-34 was a revolutionary design that combined firepower, mobility, and protection in a single vehicle. It was produced in large numbers during the war, and it played a major role in the Red Army's victories.



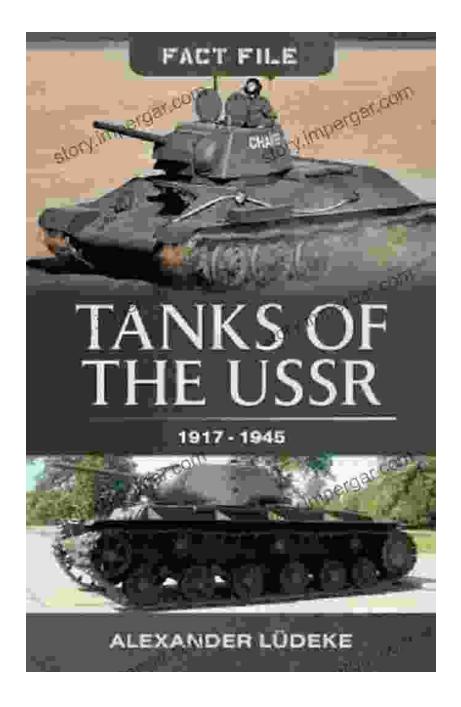
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Heavy Tanks

In addition to medium tanks, the Soviet Union also developed a number of heavy tanks during World War II. These tanks were designed to provide the

Red Army with a powerful armored force that could break through enemy defenses.

The most famous Soviet heavy tank of World War II was the KV-1. The KV-1 was a heavily armored tank that was virtually impervious to German antitank guns. It was used extensively in the early stages of the war, and it played a major role in the defense of Moscow.



Tank Destroyers

In addition to tanks, the Soviet Union also developed a number of tank destroyers during World War II. Tank destroyers were designed to destroy enemy tanks, and they were typically equipped with powerful anti-tank guns.

One of the most famous Soviet tank destroyers of World War II was the SU-152. The SU-152 was a self-propelled gun that was armed with a powerful 152mm howitzer. It was used extensively in the later stages of the war, and it played a major role in the destruction of German armor.



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