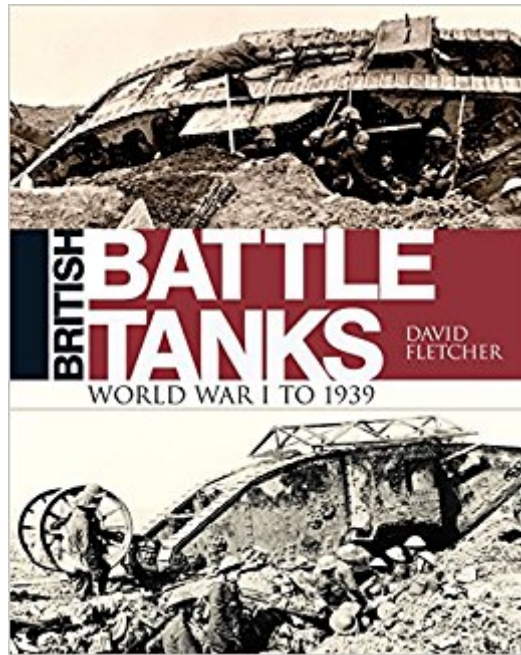


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DAVID FLETCHER, MBE was born in 1942. He has written many books and articles on military subjects and, until his retirement, was the historian at the Tank Museum, Bovington, UK. He has spent over 40 years studying the development of British armored vehicles during the two World Wars, and in 2012 was awarded an MBE for services to the history of armored warfare.

I thoroughly enjoy reading David Fletcher's books. Full of facts and a little humor mixed in as well. I'd given this a five rating but many of the photos are quite small and the color drawings are a mixed bag. Some are wonderful renderings while other could have been omitted all together. If you're into British tank history don't pass this one up. I did note some confusion on ordering this book some sites say this is only a Great War tanks while others say 1914-1939. This book covers the light tanks to 1939. Looking forward to 1940-1945 Battle Tanks if David is working one one.

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Well written with excellent pictures that take you back to the very start of tank warfare!

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