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Massively outnumbered and outgunned by the Russian military, the story of the Chechens' ability to hold and then humble them in the First Chechen War is an extraordinary one, hardly overshadowed by the Russians' capacity to learn from their mistakes in the Second. Through well-chosen case studies, this book explores the tactics of both sides and in the process becomes the best military study of this conflict yet."

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—Mark von Hagen, Professor of History and Global Studies at Arizona State University

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J.G. Cully says

This is the book I've been looking for. I've read simular books on the Chechen wars but they've either been from the Russian perspective or only covered the conflict in passing. This book covers the exact tactics adapted by the Chechen fighters during two brutal wars. There is no political aspect here. It simply deals with how they fought. Small unit tactics, ambushes, sniper work; it's all here. The addition of well thought out maps helps give each battle extra detail. A must for anyone interested in modern military tactics.

James Yee says

An interesting book that relied extensively on interviews during and after the wars. The vignettes of the various battles are quick reads, and sometimes I wish there was more background info. The numerous footnotes provided some of the extra details, but I often found myself wishing there was more of them. A unique and enjoyable book.
