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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

In addition to such traditional inclusions as the Battle of Britain, Guadalcanal, Midway and the Normandy Campaign, MacDonald (*Great Battlefields of the World* covers Dunkirk, the sinking of the Bismarck and the battle for Malta in this pictorial overview. Imphal/Kohima in the Burma campaign and Kursk, the biggest tank battle in history well known to military-history buffs but otherwise relatively obscure are also treated here. MacDonald's presentation is unusually attractive: a few well-chosen words establish the strategic context, followed by a succinct account of the battle or campaign itself, all this profusely illustrated with maps, panoramic paintings, photos (among them, pictures of opposing leaders, with minibios) and battlefield "models" the application of computer graphics to the topography in question. BOMC dividend selection, History Book Club featured alternate.

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From School Library Journal

YA-These two volumes, originally published in England, are fascinating to look at as well as intriguing to read. Using newly developed computer graphics applications to topography, they present striking illustrations of land battles, thus providing new perspectives for study and understanding. This would be quite exciting in itself, but the books also include many other excellent illustrations, maps, diagrams, photographs, and portraits, both in words and pictures, of those involved in these historic actions. The texts are easy to read and interesting; boxes and sidebars add significant information in inviting bites. *Great Commanders* covers battles and their leaders from Alexander the Great to Moshe Dayen and the Sinai Campaign in 1956. Much of the coverage is European, but some Asian campaigns are included. There is a definite English point of view. The history, however, is carefully presented and the opponents in each situation are profiled and placed in context. *World War II* includes photographs and explications of weapons and equipment. Additionally, much information is provided about the home fronts and propaganda from each side. In both of these volumes, the computer-enhanced "pictures" of the battles are in color and clearly described. There are, as well, many other illustrations in color and all are clear and well reproduced. These should prove to be most helpful for assignments as well as for pleasure reading.

*Susan H. Woodcock, King's Park Library, Burke, VA*

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From Library Journal

Basically a follow-up to MacDonald's *Great Battlefields of the World*, this covers 26 land, sea, and air battles of World War II. Once again computer technology is used to produce striking three-dimensional perspective graphics of the action, accompanying a brief text and imaginative information boxes and combat maps. The hi-tech graphics are undeniably eye-catching, but less effective for the vast World War II battlefields than they were for earlier battles, and unnecessary for sea battles. Even so, the book is informative and enjoyable. This is a nice item for general library patrons, but not especially necessary for serious historical collections. History Book Club featured alternate. Raymond L. Puffer, U.S. Air Force History Prog., Los Angeles  
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