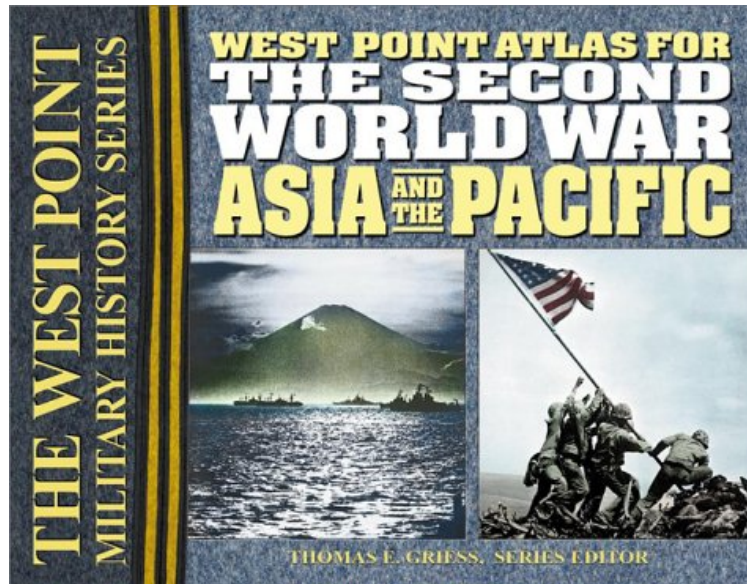


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A splendid reference work for studying America's military conflicts - A classic By Robert Moore This is in the opinion of many the finest military atlas ever published dealing with American wars. A few things must be kept in mind. One is that it is intended for use in classes at West Point dealing with armies and ground troops. As a result, some battles that have no relevance to the Army are omitted. One reviewer is shocked that Pearl Harbor isn't mentioned. If you grasp what the atlas was intended for, it would be shocking if Pearl Harbor were to be included in the atlas. There is no strategy in that attack that involves the Army or ground troops. And some amphibious operations get omitted or only lightly covered. The maps are among some of the most accurate and clear ever produced for studying battles. You can grasp more easily here how battles progressed than in many lesser atlases. I have only a couple of complaints with it. One is that the atlas was produced a generation or two ago. It would be nice to see it updated with the latest printing techniques. I would also like to see a bit more geological detail. I would also like to add, however, that this spiral bound version of the atlas is exceptionally easy to use. I have the original two-volume edition of the complete West Point Atlas, and while it is invaluable as a resource, it is so gigantic that it is almost impossible to use. But this volume is a delight to use. I usually hold the book that I am reading in one hand, reading about the battle while I have the atlas open to the particular battle that I'm reading about. All in all, one of the essential reference works for studying the wars of America. 12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A good beginning By R. E. Spalinger A short summary: This Atlas is a good compilation of maps covering the entire WW II conflict involving the US for Asia the Pacific. It appears to be chiefly aimed at

undergraduate students, and those who are relatively new to the history of WW II in the eastern hemisphere. There are approx. 50 maps, each on large 11 by 14 inch pages, and in color. The spiral binding makes the book very easy to use. The maps are time-phased to depict the chronological progress of the conflict. One should be somewhat familiar with both standard military symbology, and the use of action symbols to convey the progress of a particular battle. I purchased the book in order to supplement the US Army Official History volumes on the Pacific War - primarily because the companion atlas to those volumes is not in print, and has been unavailable on the re-sale market for some time. This atlas doesn't meet my needs in that area. However, that being said, it does do a fair job of keeping the overall strategic and tactical aspects of the Pacific campaigns in order. I was particularly pleased to see that this Atlas included wide coverage of Allied and Japanese military plans, objectives, and operations in both space and time from the 1930's onwards. This affords a wide view of the overall historical context. In addition, some atypical aspects of the Pacific war are included. Examples: the Soviet August 1945 offensive in Manchuria is sketched in, as is the Japanese Feb. 1945 "Ichi-GO" offensive in China. Finally, the post-Aug. 1945 planned operations by the US ("Downfall") are outlined. The particular volume I purchased had a slight registration error between the print overlays - about 1/32 inch. This is somewhat annoying, but tolerable once understood.

23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Good Maps  
By Alan Dale Daniel  
These maps are designed to go with the companion volume concerning WWII in the Pacific and must be considered with that in mind. The maps fit very well with the actions described in the WWII in the Pacific book. As the maps try and cover the entire Pacific war they cannot give a blow by blow account of each battle; however, they provide a very good overview of the situation as it developed in the Pacific and the key terrain features are shown along with the importance of certain locations. I liked the maps and I like the binding as it allows the maps to be laid out flat for easy viewing.

Beginning with a look at the readiness of the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy and the United States armed forces, this book gives a detailed account of the Allies brutal five-year struggle with Japan. It examines the interrelationship of land, sea, and air forces as they battled over the vast reaches of the Pacific Theater of War.

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About the Author  
These titles were developed and written by the faculty of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Weaving the complexities of individual historical conflicts into a broader perspective, these books chronicle the turbulent periods of civilization. Utilizing their expertise as scholars and soldiers, the authors shed light on the crucial events and factors that shaped the execution of the world's great military campaigns. Photographs, illustrations, and maps of the campaignsthoroughly researched for historical accuracyare either included in the books or available as companion atlases. Each volume focuses on a specific era of warfare, bringing you into the thick of battle with a clear and accurate picture of men at war.