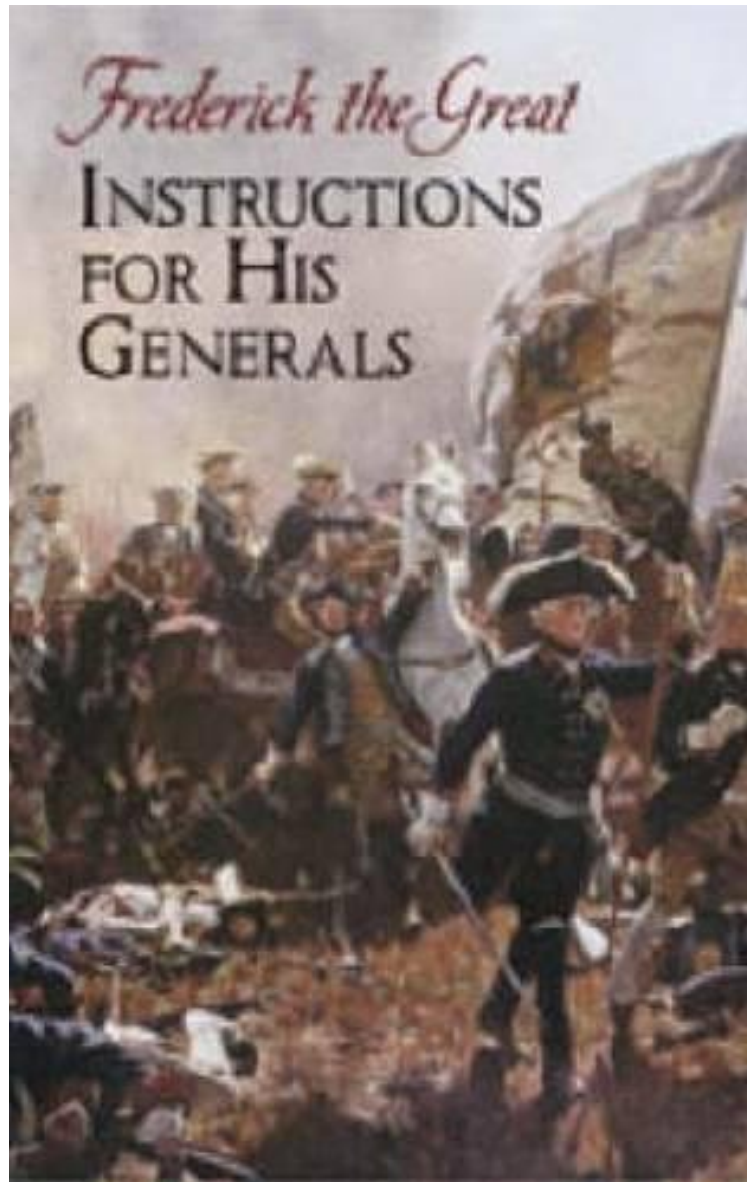


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Frederick the Great : Instructions for His Generals (Dover Military History, Weapons, Armor) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Instructions for His Generals (Dover Military History, Weapons, Armor):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. military strategy before the War for Independence (first)By history buff in se PAI am doing personal research on military strategic thought at the time of the American Revolution / War for America. Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, was one of the most popular prolithic military strategists at that time. However, since you don't want your enemies to know your moves countermoves, you should seek to keep those strategies secret. One of Frederick's generals was captured carrying a copy of this limited printing distribution text (51 copies). The Austrians translated and printed it in 1761 and the English in 1762. So it provides the only insight into Frederick's mindset for that time. His numerous other works were allegedly published posthumously after 1787. This short book focuses on military thought by generals. It mostly covers operational considerations and battle strategy. It does discuss "projects of campaign" which was the operative term for "strategy" before the 19th century. It has encouraged me to rethink the most common criticisms of military strategy on both sides during the Am. Revolution. So I personally found this seminal work worth reading. And I plan to reread it for further clarification on military thought during the late 18th century. RELATED WORKS being read at that time: Saxe's Reveries on the Art of War and Julius Caesar's Commentaries on the Gallic Wars. For a codified treatise drawing on all of Frederick's writings, please read Jay Luvaas' Frederick the Great on the Art of War. CAVEAT: I neither served nor was trained in the military service. I did study corporate strategic planning for five years during the 1970s when pursuing a doctorate. I have been reading and speaking locally on historical topics for over two decades.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Clausewitz is overrated...By Bookworm64Frederick the Great certainly achieves his reputation with this little book, which is chock-full of advice for his generals. Every military mind should read this book at least once, and wargamers should have it in their library. Almost everything said is still relevant today, and some, particularly his advice on supply lines, even more so given the nature of modern weapons. If you have to choose between On War or Frederick's Instructions, go with the latter; you will learn more about war in far less time.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good insights into military strategyBy Mr. Ian W. WilliamsFor those people who are interested in history and who enjoy reading first-hand accounts, this is fascinating reading.You can see from the clearly set-out instructions to Frederick's generals as to why he is described as "Great".I also found it interesting that this edition was first published in 1944 - about the time the US Army was looking at the invasion of occupied Europe. It was obviously printed to give Allied military commanders a background into German military thinking and strategy.

The king of Prussia from 1740 to 1786, Frederick the Great ranks among eighteenth-century Europe's most enlightened rulers. In addition to abolishing serfdom in his domains and promoting religious tolerance, he was an ardent patron of the arts and an accomplished musician. "Diplomacy without arms," he observed, "is like music without instruments." Frederick's expertise at military matters is reflected in his successful defense of his territory during the Seven Years' War, in which he fought all the great powers of Europe. His brilliant theories on strategy, tactics, and discipline are all explained in this vital text."War is not an affair of chance," Frederick asserted, adding that "a great deal of knowledge, study, and meditation is necessary to conduct it well." In this book, he presents the fundamentals of warfare, discussing such timeless considerations as leadership qualities, the value of surprise, and ways to conquer an enemy who possesses superior forces. The soundness of his advice was endorsed by Napoleon himself, who once advised, "Read and re-read the campaigns of Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar . . . and Frederick. This is the only way to become a great captain and to master the secrets of the art of war."