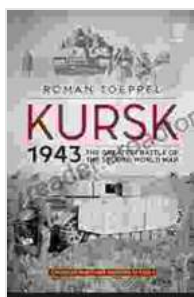


# The Greatest Battle of the Second World War: A Modern Military History

The Battle of Stalingrad was one of the most important and bloody battles of the Second World War. It was fought between the German Wehrmacht and the Soviet Red Army from July 1942 to February 1943. The battle was a turning point in the war, and it marked the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany.

## The Prelude to Battle

The Battle of Stalingrad began with the German invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941. The Germans quickly advanced into Soviet territory, and by the fall of 1942 they were approaching the city of Stalingrad. Stalingrad was a major industrial center, and it was also a strategic location on the Volga River. The Germans believed that if they could capture Stalingrad, they would be able to cut off the Soviet Union's supply of oil and other resources.



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The Soviets were determined to defend Stalingrad at all costs. The city was defended by the 62nd Army, which was commanded by General Vasily Chuikov. Chuikov was a brilliant military commander, and he was able to inspire his troops to fight bravely against the German invaders.

## **The Battle of Stalingrad**

The Battle of Stalingrad began on July 17, 1942. The Germans launched a massive offensive against the city, and they quickly gained ground. By the end of August, the Germans had reached the city center, and they were fighting for control of every street and building.

The fighting in Stalingrad was some of the most intense and brutal of the entire war. The Germans and Soviets fought hand-to-hand in the streets, and the city was reduced to rubble. The battle reached its peak in November 1942, when the Germans launched a major offensive to try to capture the city center. The Soviets were able to repel the German offensive, and the battle eventually ended in Soviet victory.

## **The Aftermath of the Battle**

The Battle of Stalingrad was a major turning point in the Second World War. It marked the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany, and it helped to turn the tide of the war in favor of the Allies.

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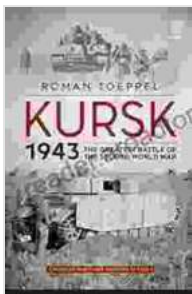
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