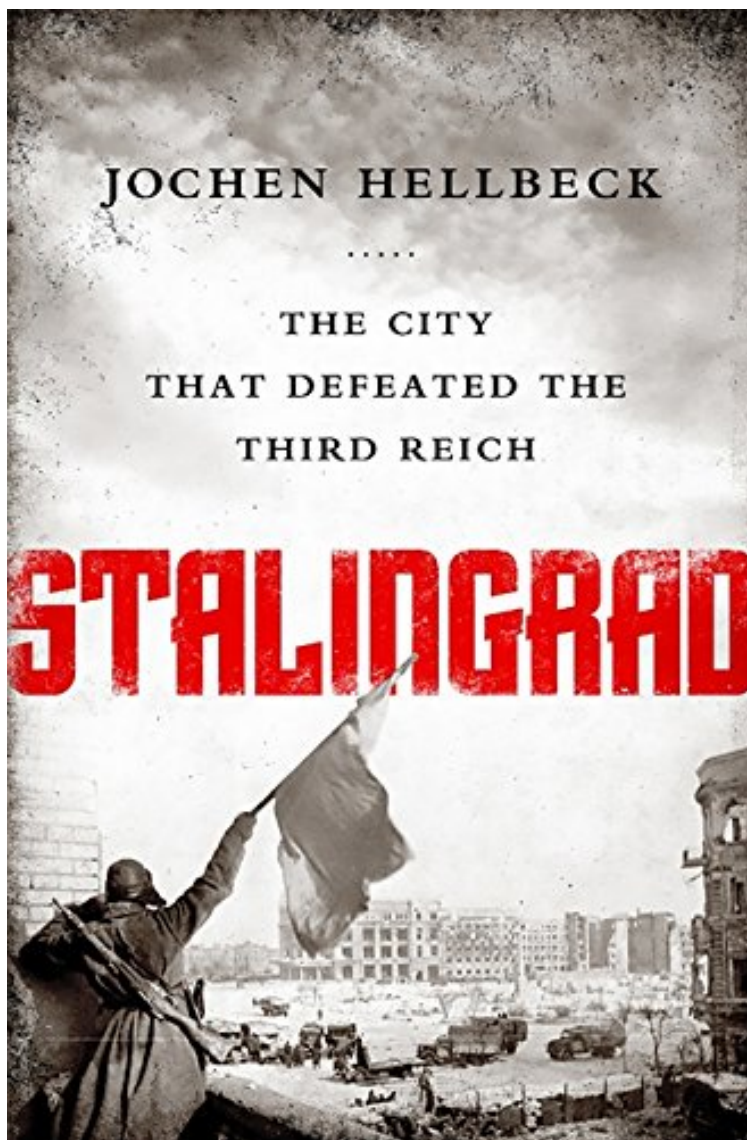


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surprising (to me) to learn about the lengths the Soviet regime, under Stalin, took to keep high the morale of the soldiers and their leaders. What was fascinating was how Stalin made it easier for the average soldier to become a member of the Communist party during wartime. This encouraged the average soldier to fight harder, to not give up under any circumstances and to gain recognition for his contribution to his country. Stalin visited his troops, as did other Communist leaders. The role of propaganda in planning strategy was extremely important, and the author goes into this in some detail. I gained better understanding of the Soviets' contribution to the war from reading this book. I can now see justification for many historians saying that, were it not for Russia, we might not have won the war, or, if so, we would have had many, many, many more casualties. This is a book well worth reading. I just wish, perhaps, that the book had included more about the strategies used in this battle, and how the citizens of Stalingrad fared under such a brutal attack. I would read it again. 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. **STALINGRAD THROUGH RUSSIAN EYES** By R. A. Petro Taken from Russian Archives of interviews with everyone from medics, soldiers, generals, nurses and civilians, the Russian "on the ground" view has never been more well illustrated. The tales alone, whether full of veracity or, in the Commissar's comments, full of propaganda, are worth the entry price. A welcome addition that doesn't just explore the "strategic" side of the Battle of Stalingrad but the stories of the people who made that strategy happen. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I liked it. Excellent research By Customer I liked it. Excellent research, I would recommend it but I have read as many as possible accounts from Soviet Union as possible to obtain.

The turning point of World War II came at Stalingrad. Hitler's soldiers stormed the city in September 1942 in a bid to complete the conquest of Europe. Yet Stalingrad never fell. After months of bitter fighting, 100,000 surviving Germans, huddled in the ruined city, surrendered to Soviet troops. During the battle and shortly after its conclusion, scores of Red Army commanders and soldiers, party officials and workers spoke with a team of historians who visited from Moscow to record their conversations. The tapestry of their voices provides groundbreaking insights into the thoughts and feelings of Soviet citizens during wartime. Legendary sniper Vasily Zaytsev recounted the horrors he witnessed at Stalingrad: "You see young girls, children hanging from trees in the park. [...] That has a tremendous impact." Nurse Vera Gurova attended hundreds of wounded soldiers in a makeshift hospital every day, but she couldn't forget one young amputee who begged her to avenge his suffering. "Every soldier and officer in Stalingrad was itching to kill as many Germans as possible," said Major Nikolai Aksyonov. These testimonials were so harrowing and candid that the Kremlin forbade their publication, and they were forgotten by modern history—until now. Revealed here in English for the first time, they humanize the Soviet defenders and allow Jochen Hellbeck, in Stalingrad, to present a definitive new portrait of the most fateful battle of World War II.

"...A book whose heroic rhetoric and rhythms match the heroism of the people of Stalingrad...This is a stunning history..." —Boston Globe