How to Evaluate a History Book

°

10 steps to determine if a book is worth buying



We'll be looking for specific features, not reading!



• BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- **BIBLIOGRAPHY**: Primary sources used?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?
- APPENDICES/APPENDIX: Orders-of-Battle, etc.?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?
- APPENDICES/APPENDIX: Orders-of-Battle, etc.?
- **CONCLUSION**: Author's opinion?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?
- APPENDICES/APPENDIX: Orders-of-Battle, etc.?
- CONCLUSION: Author's opinion?
- MAPS: Are there any? Are they detailed?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?
- APPENDICES/APPENDIX: Orders-of-Battle, etc.?
- CONCLUSION: Author's opinion?
- MAPS: Are there any? Are they detailed?
- ILLUSTRATIONS: Actually helpful?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?
- APPENDICES/APPENDIX: Orders-of-Battle, etc.?
- CONCLUSION: Author's opinion?
- MAPS: Are there any? Are they detailed?
- ILLUSTRATIONS: Actually helpful?
- INTRODUCTION: Book's purpose or unique value?

- BACK COVER: Hype or helpful?
- INDEX: Multiple entries and key topics under important headings?
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: Primary sources used?
- FOOTNOTES: Citations from primary sources?
- APPENDICES/APPENDIX: Orders-of-Battle, etc.?
- CONCLUSION: Author's opinion?
- MAPS: Are there any? Are they detailed?
- ILLUSTRATIONS: Actually helpful?
- INTRODUCTION: Book's purpose or unique value?
- TABLE OF CONTENTS: Well organized?