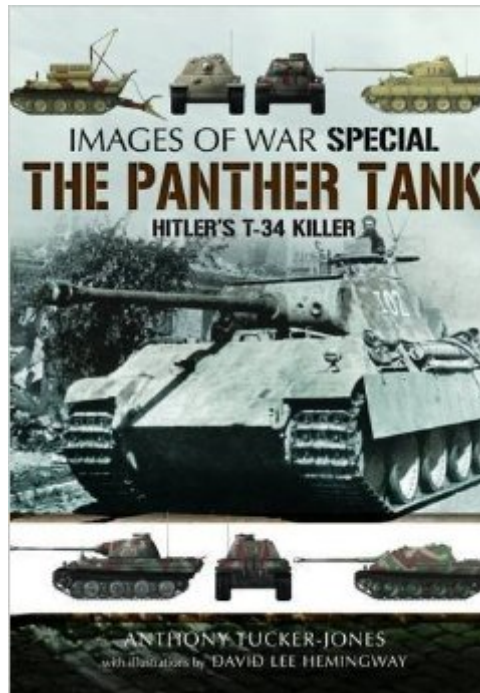


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# The Panther Tank: Hitler's T-34 Killer (Images Of War)



## Synopsis

Along with the Tiger, Sherman and T-34, the Panther ranks as one of the most famous tanks of the Second World War. Anthony Tucker-Jones, in this comprehensive new study of a remarkable fighting vehicle, uses over 100 archive photographs, along with a selection of color profiles, to describe its design, development and operational record. On the Eastern Front the German army needed to counter the Red Army's robust and utilitarian T-34 which began to appear in every-growing and eventually decisive numbers. The Panther, the German response, was rapidly conceived and produced under extraordinarily difficult wartime conditions. With its sloping armor and a high-velocity 75mm gun, it proved to be a better medium tank than its predecessor the Mk IV, it was more versatile than the heavyweight Tiger and it was superior to most of the Allied tanks it faced. It also had an important influence on subsequent tank design. Anthony Tucker-Jones's photographic history gives a fascinating insight into its wartime career.

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Images of War is a long running series by Pen and Sword books, primarily focused on WW2. While most of the titles in the series focus on either a particular campaign or a military unit, they also include titles on different WW2 era tanks. The latest tank themed entry in the series is *The Panther Tank: Hitler's T-34 Killer (Images of War)* by Anthony Tucker-Jones. The book is a softcover volume of 120 pages and contains over 100 photographs as well as a selection of color drawings. The book is roughly the same dimensions as an Osprey New Vanguard or Duel book, although

considerably thicker. The paper quality is good, as is the quality of the images. While the title of the series might make one assume this book is strictly a photo collection, there is actually a good deal of text included in the book. A quick count reveals that roughly one of out every three pages is text, typically divided in two or three page sections addressing different models of the tank or different campaigns the Panther was involved in. Tucker-Jones does a good job in presenting the history of the vehicle in the relatively limited number of pages available. The book does not go in depth into the technical features of the Panther, rather focusing on the reasons for its development and combat history. The author gives a well-balanced history of the Panther, noting that while the vehicle had some significant technical advantages over its Allied foes, it ultimately was not well suited to the needs of the German war machine in the later stages of the war. The descriptions of various combat actions involving Panthers illustrate quite well the frustrations German crews and commanders had with these vehicles due to their size, fuel consumption and mechanical unreliability.

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