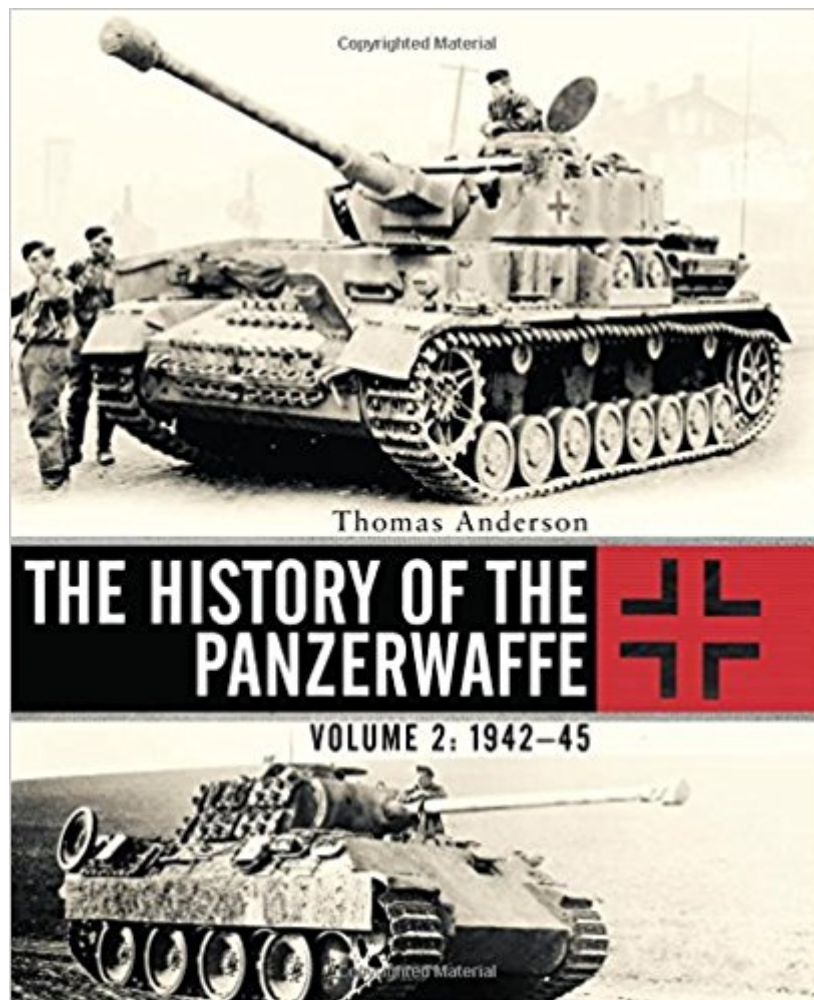




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Great book for somebody looking for high level summary of development of German panzer forces during WWII. Good for beginners.

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