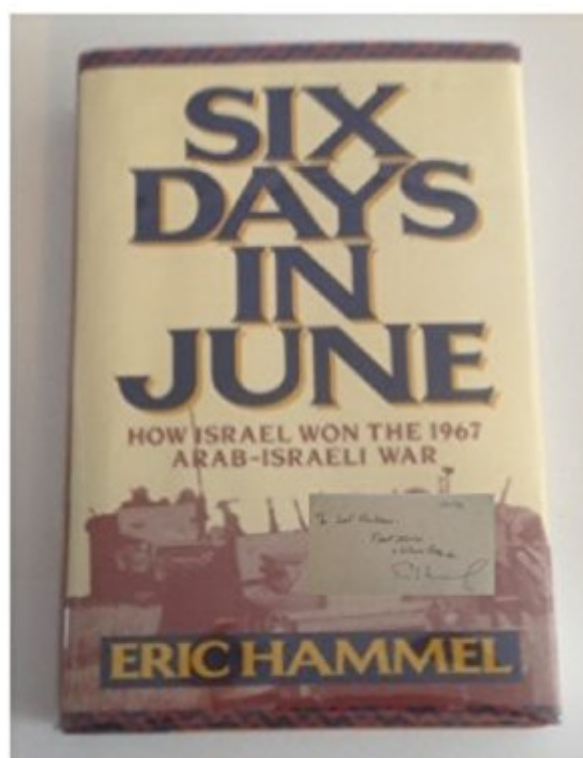


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Six Days In June: How Israel Won The 1967 Arab-Israeli War



Synopsis

A look at the Six-Day War describes how the Israelis adopted German World War II tactics--including lightning fast attacks and shock air assaults--to defeat the Arab armies.

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In this highly readable popular history, Hammel (Chosin) maintains that the countdown for the Six-Day War began in July 1964, when Israel's completion of a system of canals and aqueducts to carry fresh water from the Sea of Galilee evoked fears in Arab neighbors that Israel was expecting an influx of settlers. Hammel argues convincingly that the 1967 war marked the finest performance of the Israel Defense Force, which in less than a week defeated the armies of Egypt, Jordan and Syria with a minimum of Israeli casualties. Pointing out that the IDF, unlike other military forces around the world, channels its best-educated conscripts into the combat arms rather than into the technical branches, Hammel illustrates the practical benefits of this policy with examples of imaginative improvisations by brigade- and squadron-level commanders during the 1967 war. With its emphasis on the David vs. Goliath aspects of the short decisive war, this proves a stirring tale. Jewish Book Club selection. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Hammel, author of 16 books on military campaigns, turns his attention to the Arab-Israeli Six Day War of June 1967. Military historians will be disappointed to see no footnotes, a thin bibliography, and an overall journalistic narrative rather than a history. Despite these drawbacks, Hammel does an excellent job of detailing how Israel prepared for the war and describing combat. Moreover, his

highly readable style will be popular with public library patrons, especially if this is the first book they read on the subject. S.L.A. Marshall's *Swift Sword: The Historical Record of Israel's Victory, June 1967* (o.p.) remains a better choice for military historians. Jewish Book Club selection.- Dennis L. Noble, Washington State Lib., Clallam Bay Corrections Ctr. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Book gives you an appreciation of how the Israelis accomplished an apparently impossible feat. The history leading up to the war is the key. The poor motivation of most of the Arab forces is also a key factor.

short war, good guys won. thanks to the air force

An excellent overview of how Israel prepared their entire population with the military and emotional skills to overcome numerically greater Arab soldiers and equipment. It makes very clear Israel is prepared to fight until death to keep their nation free from their belligerent neighbors. The book also makes clear why the war was as short as it was

Tedious

the book is a tremendous step by step review, first of the development of the IDF and then the actual war. However, discussion of the Egyptian side and viewpoint and world reaction is superficial at best. Also, maps are imperative to follow the course of events. The maps in the Kindle version are unreadable. This is one book that should be read in paper

While author Hammel has done a marvelous job in writing this well-researched account of the 6-days war of 1967, Kindle has dropped the ball badly in converting the content to digital format. In the first 60-100 pages (how do you convert 'location' to 'page number?'), I've made 32 notes delineating editorial (ocr) errors. Dropped periods at sentence-end, "m" in place "in", and other conversion errors take the fun out of reading. This seems to be endemic with Kindle books.

This book was not what I hoped it would be. As a history major I was looking for a balanced narrative of all events leading to war in the middle east in 1967. What I got was a book that read like an Israeli high school history book. I read this on my Kindle and had a tough time doing so. It

probably was not proof read before publishing. There were few periods ending sentences, commas placed randomly and many words runtogether. The word "in" was written as "m". It made for a tough slog through the book. The author tends to glorify everything the Israeli forces di in this war. His bias overshadowed the book.

I was very interested in reading this book and learning more about the history of Israel and the Palestinians. I was lost in the last chapters of the book, the endless details...blow by blow of the war.

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