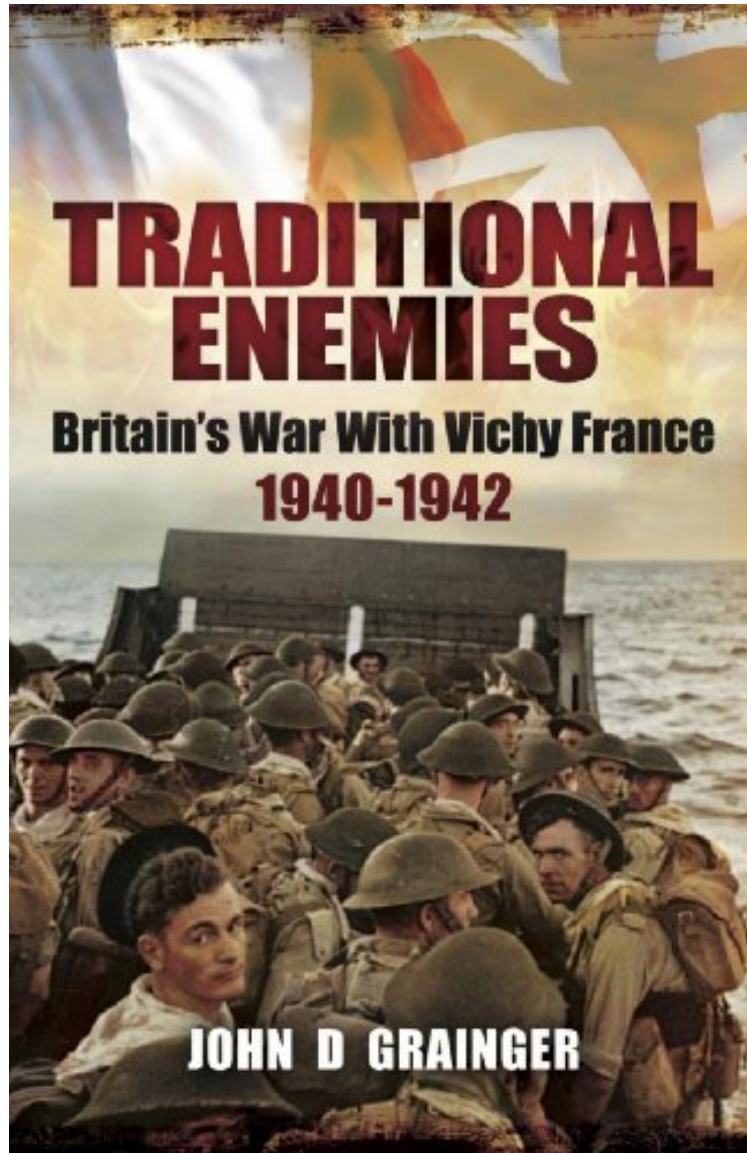


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zwischen den "Alliierten", insbesondere Großbritannien einerseits und Frankreich unter dem sogenannten Vichy-Regime andererseits. Auf 240 Seiten erfährt man alles Wissenswerte über diesen vergessenen Konflikt, begonnen mit der Operation Catapult, dem brutalen Verfall der Royal Navy auf französische Kriegsschiffe im Hafen von Mers el-Kebir in Algerien. 1297 französische Soldaten kamen dabei ums Leben. Die Kämpfe in Dakar, Madagaskar und insbesondere Syrien werden ausführlich behandelt, ebenso die kriegerischen Auseinandersetzungen auf den Weltmeeren, sowie "Islands and Raids". Besonderes Augenmerk widmet der Autor auch den politischen Vorgängen, recht interessant hier der offene Hass zwischen der Vichy-Regierung unter Petain und den "Freifranzosen" unter De Gaulle. Das Buch endet mit der Operation "Torch", nach welcher die Freifranzosen endgültig die Oberhand gewannen, während Hitler als Reaktion in das bisher unbesetzte Südfrankreich einmarschieren ließ. Der Schreibstil ist allerdings manchmal gar zu trocken, das kostet einen Stern. Doch da es sonst kaum Lektüre zu dieser unbekannteren Auseinandersetzung gibt und die Kindleausgabe auch preislich interessant ist, gebe ich gerne vier Sterne.

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