Fields Of War: Fifty Key Battlefields In France And Belgium

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For 600 years England, France, and Germany fought for European supremacy in a small area of what is now northern France and Belgium. Their battlefields have remained essentially undisturbed; many still displaying evidence of the titanic struggles of the twentieth century’s two world wars. This unique and practical guide brings visitors to sites of major military engagements that occurred from the medieval period to the Second World War. All fifty battlefields are within driving distance of Paris. Concise instructions bring battlefield visitors directly to major surviving landmarks and artifacts of the actual engagements and present opportunities to view scenic French and Belgian countryside and historic cities. A succinct history of precipitating events and a description of the site enhance the experience. Extensively illustrated by maps as well as historical and contemporary photographs, no other battlefield guide covers as large a sweep of history while keeping focused upon truly significant and interesting locations. It is an invaluable introduction to military engagements that changed the course of history.

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Book is well laid out with good maps and easy to read format. Battle for France are mainly along the Belgium and German border, with a few in middle or southern France. Each battle has a basic to
very good description of the battle and what happened along with instructions on how to get to it. Really like it because it contains a few battles that are not significant to English speaking countries but were considered significant to other countries.

Great information for those driving to key battlefields. Some of the driving instructions were off, or changed, but in most cases you can get to the battlefields with the information provided. Definitely recommend for those doing your own self-drive tour.

I am planning on spending a month in Europe in June, and will try to remember to update this comment after I return. However, I must say that this book appears to be incredibly useful for anyone with an interest in military history trying to determine which sites to visit in a limited amount of time.

Avery comprehensive guide with easy to read instructions and loaded with information on particular battles. I read the guide while tracking the directions on Google Maps and found many worthwhile points of interest that I missed when touring the battlefields previously. A must read as part of your study if you plan to visit the Battlefields of France.

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