



The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition]

Lester Grau

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition]

Lester Grau


The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] Lester Grau
[Illustrated with 52 maps and diagrams]

Sixteen years after its commencement and six years after its cessation, the Soviet-Afghan War remains an enigma for Westerners. Set against the backdrop of earlier successful Soviet military interventions in East Germany (1953), Hungary (1956), and Czechoslovakia (1968), and occasional Soviet military pressure on Poland, the stark military power of the Soviet state seemed to be an irresistible tool of indefatigable Soviet political power. Ever concerned about the specter of a Soviet theater strategic offensive across the plains of Europe, the West was thankful that nuclear deterrence maintained the Cold War balance, and was conditioned to accept, albeit reluctantly, the results of Soviet intervention within its Socialist commonwealth or in Soviet border regions. Having suffered through the trauma of Vietnam, Americans, in particular, watched curiously to see how the vaunted Soviet military machine would deal with the ill-equipped tribesmen of this inhospitable region. A few recollected the Afghan experiences of the British in the late Nineteenth Century, when British imperial power was humbled by the ancestors of these very same tribesmen. Few Westerners, however, doubted that the Soviets would ultimately prevail. Some even projected their European fears to Asia, and pondered the applicability of the Soviet theater-strategic offensive to southern Asia. More than a few strategic pundits and military planners envisioned a bold Soviet strategic thrust from southern Afghanistan to the shores of the Persian Gulf, to challenge Western strategic interests and disrupt Western access to critical Middle Eastern oil.

Despite these fears and dire warnings, the Soviet Afghan military effort soon languished as the British experience began to repeat itself. Although appearing to have entered Afghanistan in seemingly surgical fashion and with overwhelming force, the Soviet military commitment was, in reality, quite limited, and the immense and stark territory of Afghanistan swallowed the invaders up. Across the largely barren landscape, guerrilla fighters multiplied, and, within months, the hitherto curious word mujahideen took on new meaning. The anticipated short sharp struggle became prolonged as the West watched transfixed, wondering when the Soviet military machine would prevail. In time, the question of prevalence imperceptibly faded, and was replaced by doubts over whether the Soviets would prevail at all. In the end, ironically, even the Soviets could not cope, and the disease of the Afghan adventure infected Soviet society and the Soviet body politic itself. What began as yet another step in the expansion of Soviet power ended in a welter of systemic institutional self-doubt that exposed the corruption within the Soviet system and ultimately brought that system and its parent state to ruin.

To this day the Western view of the Afghan War has been clouded in mystery and shadows. Soviet writers have presented Westerners with a mixture of political diatribe, military fable, allegory, and analogy, set against the backdrop of few facts. Westerners have recounted the war based on this Soviet material, sketchy mujahideen accounts, the reports of the occasional Western war correspondents in Afghanistan, and pure supposition. This volume, the first factual material to shed real light on the conflict, represents a unique first step in setting the Afghan record straight.

 **Download** [The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tac ...pdf](#)

 **Read Online** [The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat T ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] Lester Grau

From reader reviews:

Susan Preuss:

Do you have favorite book? In case you have, what is your favorite's book? Book is very important thing for us to learn everything in the world. Each book has different aim or goal; it means that reserve has different type. Some people feel enjoy to spend their time to read a book. They can be reading whatever they acquire because their hobby is definitely reading a book. Think about the person who don't like looking at a book? Sometime, man feel need book whenever they found difficult problem or maybe exercise. Well, probably you'll have this The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition].

James Newman:

The actual book The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] has a lot details on it. So when you read this book you can get a lot of gain. The book was published by the very famous author. Tom makes some research prior to write this book. This kind of book very easy to read you can find the point easily after perusing this book.

Jennifer Chambers:

Do you like reading a e-book? Confuse to looking for your preferred book? Or your book seemed to be rare? Why so many problem for the book? But virtually any people feel that they enjoy with regard to reading. Some people likes studying, not only science book but in addition novel and The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] or maybe others sources were given expertise for you. After you know how the truly amazing a book, you feel would like to read more and more. Science reserve was created for teacher or even students especially. Those books are helping them to add their knowledge. In various other case, beside science e-book, any other book likes The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] to make your spare time considerably more colorful. Many types of book like this one.

James Wood:

Book is one of source of information. We can add our know-how from it. Not only for students but in addition native or citizen require book to know the change information of year for you to year. As we know those textbooks have many advantages. Beside most of us add our knowledge, can also bring us to around the world. With the book The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] we can get more advantage. Don't that you be creative people? To get creative person must want to read a book. Simply choose the best book that appropriate with your aim. Don't possibly be doubt to change your life by this book The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition]. You can more pleasing than now.

**Download and Read Online The Bear Went over the Mountain:
Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] Lester
Grau #MQFVZO6TEG1**

Read The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau for online ebook

The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau books to read online.

Online The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau ebook PDF download

The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau Doc

The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau Mobipocket

The Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan [Illustrated Edition] by Lester Grau EPub