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**Grey House Publishing announces the Second Edition of the
*Encyclopedia of Warrior Peoples & Fighting Groups***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Second Edition of the *Encyclopedia of Warrior Peoples & Fighting Groups*. Previously published by ABC-CLIO, this is Grey House's first edition. A valuable reference, the *Encyclopedia of Warrior Peoples & Fighting Groups* provides detailed profiles of important military forces and militarized groups, from the earliest times to the present.

Ever since mankind began organizing military forces, some have excelled in their craft. This came about either by fortuitous circumstances, outstanding leadership, or specialized instruction and training. In some cases, entire societies were geared toward military excellence. It is these populations and units that are the focus of this work.

This new edition contains nearly 125 entries, taking readers on a tour of duty that includes the Arab Legion, the Buffalo Soldiers, the Goths, the Green Berets and the Knights Templar. This thought-provoking and essential volume also features supplemental readings, which include such documents as Letters Home from Roman Soldiers, the Samurai Creed, Robert E. Lee's "Farewell to the Army of Northern Virginia," and The Soldiers Creed. Throughout the book, readers will find helpful maps illustrating important regions like the Kingdoms of the Fertile Crescent, Napoleon's Empire, The Roman Empire and the British Invasion of Zululand in 1879.

A new feature in this second edition is an Historical Timeline, which puts the entries into chronological order, so that historical themes and developments can be explored. Also included is an index of entries.

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The subjects upon which the entries focus were selected based on four criteria: First, populations that dedicated themselves to a military structure in order to maintain societal discipline or dominate their neighbors (for example, the Spartans of ancient Greece or the Zulus of nineteenth-century Africa); second, soldiers who, through specialized training in the use of particular weapons or fighting styles, dominated the military forces of their times (including knights, who controlled the military and social structure of medieval Europe, or submariners, who in modern times are carefully selected for their physical and psychological characteristics in operating undersea craft); third, units that did not necessarily set out to be noteworthy but who, through leadership or circumstance, made themselves famous (such as the Minutemen of the American Revolution and Merrill's Marauders of World War II); and finally, units that recruit only high-quality soldiers with the intent of creating an elite force (for example, the Varangian Guard of the Byzantine Empire and the Special Air Service of modern Great Britain).

The Encyclopedia of Warrior Peoples & Fighting Groups is an important resource for understanding the myriad ways in which militarization has affected societies throughout history and into the current era. The issues and history explored in this second edition are timely and relevant, making it a valuable addition to public, high school and academic libraries, as well as an interesting reference for military enthusiast and historians.

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