



The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories)

Gregory Fremont-Barnes

Download now

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

The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories)

Gregory Fremont-Barnes

The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) Gregory Fremont-Barnes

The Soviet invasion of neighbouring Afghanistan in December 1979 sparked a bloody nine-year conflict with the Mujahideen until Soviet forces withdrew in 1988-89, dooming the communist Afghanistan government to defeat by Afghan popular resistance backed by the USA and other powers. The Soviet invasion had enormous implications on the global stage; it prompted the US Senate to refuse to ratify the hard-won SALT II arms-limitation treaty, and the USA and 64 other countries boycotted the 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics. For Afghanistan, the invasion served to prolong the interminable civil war that pitted central government against the regions and faction against faction. The country remains locked in conflict over 30 years later, with no end in sight.

For over a year before the invasion the communist Afghan government, installed following a coup and intent on forcibly modernizing the country's civil law in the face of centuries of feudal practices, had called for Soviet armed assistance in its efforts to overcome the open rebellion of the Mujahideen. Fearing the international consequences should the Afghan government be toppled, the Soviets decided to invade. From the outset, though, they failed to understand that communist principles were incompatible with traditional tribal relationships - especially in a country notorious for its poor communications and resistance to centralization.

The Soviets found that their forces, largely made up of conscripts untrained in mountain warfare and counter-insurgency - and deploying 'conventional' weapons such as tanks and helicopters - could not defeat guerrillas enjoying the support of both the local population and powerful foreign allies such as the USA, and operating in harsh mountainous and/or desert terrain that favoured the defenders. The Soviets decided to stage a phased withdrawal of their own forces and concentrated on building up the Afghan government forces, but the Mujahideen soon prevailed, ushering in a new era dominated by the Taliban, an Islamist militia group that controlled large parts of the country from the mid-1990s.

Featuring specially drawn mapping and drawing upon a wide range of sources, this succinct account explains the origins, history and consequences of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, thereby shedding new light on the more recent history - and prospects - of that troubled country.

 [Download The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 \(Essential Histories ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 \(Essential Histori ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) Gregory Fremont-Barnes

From reader reviews:

James Thrasher:

As people who live in the particular modest era should be revise about what going on or data even knowledge to make all of them keep up with the era that is certainly always change and progress. Some of you maybe will certainly update themselves by studying books. It is a good choice in your case but the problems coming to a person is you don't know which one you should start with. This The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) is our recommendation to make you keep up with the world. Why, because this book serves what you want and want in this era.

Judith Bowman:

Hey guys, do you wants to finds a new book you just read? May be the book with the subject The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) suitable to you? Often the book was written by popular writer in this era. The book untitled The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories)is a single of several books in which everyone read now. This book was inspired many people in the world. When you read this e-book you will enter the new dimension that you ever know just before. The author explained their thought in the simple way, therefore all of people can easily to know the core of this publication. This book will give you a lot of information about this world now. So that you can see the represented of the world on this book.

Larry Luis:

The e-book with title The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) has a lot of information that you can learn it. You can get a lot of profit after read this book. That book exist new expertise the information that exist in this publication represented the condition of the world now. That is important to yo7u to know how the improvement of the world. This kind of book will bring you inside new era of the glowbal growth. You can read the e-book on the smart phone, so you can read the item anywhere you want.

Lila Costillo:

As we know that book is essential thing to add our knowledge for everything. By a reserve we can know everything you want. A book is a pair of written, printed, illustrated or maybe blank sheet. Every year seemed to be exactly added. This e-book The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) was filled regarding science. Spend your extra time to add your knowledge about your scientific disciplines competence. Some people has diverse feel when they reading the book. If you know how big advantage of a book, you can sense enjoy to read a guide. In the modern era like at this point, many ways to get book that you just wanted.

**Download and Read Online The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89
(Essential Histories) Gregory Fremont-Barnes #EM0PGK7DVHA**

Read The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes for online ebook

The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes 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 Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes books to read online.

Online The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes ebook PDF download

The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes Doc

The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes Mobipocket

The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89 (Essential Histories) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes EPub