



# Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II

*Charles River Editors*

Download now

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

# Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II

*Charles River Editors*

**Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II** Charles River Editors

\*Includes pictures.

\*Includes accounts of the battles by citizens, soldiers and important generals.

\*Includes a bibliography for further reading.

“When Barbarossa commences, the world will hold its breath and make no comment.” - Hitler

World War II was fought on a scale unlike anything before or since in human history, and the unfathomable casualty counts are attributable in large measure to the carnage inflicted between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during Hitler’s invasion of Russia and Stalin’s desperate defense. The invasion came in 1941 following a nonaggression pact signed between the two in 1939, which allowed Hitler to focus his attention on the west without having to worry about an attack from the eastern front. While Germany was focusing on the west, the Soviet Union sent large contingents of troops to the border region between the two countries, and Stalin’s plan to take territory in Poland and the Baltic States angered Hitler. By 1940, Hitler viewed Stalin as a major threat and had made the decision to invade Russia: “In the course of this contest, Russia must be disposed of...Spring 1941. The quicker we smash Russia the better.” (Hoyt, p. 17)

Once the Siege of Leningrad began in the fall of 1941, the Soviets knew they were in a desperate struggle to the death. In fact, the Russians wouldn’t have even been given a chance to surrender if they had wanted to, because the orders to the German forces instructed them to completely raze the city: "After the defeat of Soviet Russia there can be no interest in the continued existence of this large urban center...Following the city's encirclement, requests for surrender negotiations shall be denied, since the problem of relocating and feeding the population cannot and should not be solved by us. In this war for our very existence, we can have no interest in maintaining even a part of this very large urban population."

Even though the Nazis never managed to entirely cut off that supply route, during the nearly 900 day siege, which lasted from September 1941 - January 1944, at least 750,000 civilians starved to death, one out of every three or four members of the pre-siege population. The siege was so devastating that estimates of civilian dead from all causes were estimated at over a million. To put the massive death toll of the siege of Leningrad in perspective, roughly 4 times more civilians died at Leningrad than in the two atomic bombings. Of course, the civilians were hardly the only ones struggling around Leningrad during the siege, because soldiers on both sides had to deal with combat and terrible weather conditions over the course of nearly 28 months. By the time the siege was lifted, the Germans had suffered an estimated 1 million casualties, while the Soviets suffered an estimated 1 million dead or missing and over 2 million wounded. Not surprisingly, the city itself was a hollow shell of itself, with over 11,000 buildings destroyed and wreckage strewn everywhere.

In the spring of 1942, Germany once more made inroads toward Stalingrad, Stalin’s own pet city. Not surprisingly, he ordered that it be held no matter what. There was more than vanity at stake though. Stalingrad was all that stood between Hitler and Moscow. It also was the last major obstacle to the Russian oil fields in the Caucasus which Stalin needed and Hitler coveted. If the city fell, so would the rest of the country, and Hitler would have an invaluable resource to fuel his armies.

Altogether, the Battle of Stalingrad was the deadliest battle in the history of warfare, and the Soviets' decisive victory there is considered one of the biggest turning points in the entire war, and certainly in the European theater.

 [Download Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II Charles River Editors**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Ginger Beals:**

What do you ponder on book? It is just for students because they are still students or the item for all people in the world, the particular best subject for that? Simply you can be answered for that problem above. Every person has several personality and hobby for each other. Don't to be pressured someone or something that they don't would like do that. You must know how great in addition to important the book Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II. All type of book can you see on many options. You can look for the internet resources or other social media.

#### **Gerri Townsend:**

Here thing why this kind of Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II are different and trustworthy to be yours. First of all reading through a book is good nonetheless it depends in the content than it which is the content is as yummy as food or not. Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II giving you information deeper and different ways, you can find any book out there but there is no e-book that similar with Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II. It gives you thrill examining journey, its open up your eyes about the thing this happened in the world which is might be can be happened around you. You can easily bring everywhere like in park, café, or even in your means home by train. In case you are having difficulties in bringing the imprinted book maybe the form of Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II in e-book can be your substitute.

#### **Linda Bryant:**

The actual book Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II has a lot info on it. So when you read this book you can get a lot of gain. The book was published by the very famous author. This articles author makes some research before write this book. This book very easy to read you can obtain the point easily after reading this book.

#### **Lewis Shafer:**

Do you really one of the book lovers? If so, do you ever feeling doubt if you find yourself in the book store? Try to pick one book that you find out the inside because don't determine book by its handle may doesn't work at this point is difficult job because you are frightened that the inside maybe not since fantastic as in the outside seem likes. Maybe you answer may be Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II why because the fantastic cover that make you consider with regards to the content will not disappoint a person. The inside or content will be fantastic as the outside as well as cover. Your reading sixth sense will directly direct you to pick up this book.

**Download and Read Online Stalingrad and Leningrad: The  
Deadliest Battles of World War II Charles River Editors  
#A7B8O593JYW**

## **Read Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors for online ebook**

Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors Free PDF download, 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 Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors books to read online.

### **Online Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors ebook PDF download**

**Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors Doc**

**Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors Mobipocket**

**Stalingrad and Leningrad: The Deadliest Battles of World War II by Charles River Editors EPub**