Record Nr. UNINA9910464994703321 Autore Habeck Mary R. Titolo Storm of steel: the development of armor doctrine in Germany and the Soviet Union, 1919-1939 / / Mary R. Habeck Pubbl/distr/stampa Ithaca, New York: ,: Cornell University Press, , 2003 ©2003 **ISBN** 0-8014-7138-9 1-322-52224-3 0-8014-7139-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (335 p.) Collana Cornell Studies in Security Affairs 358/.18/094309041 Disciplina Soggetti Tank warfare Military doctrine - Germany - History - 20th century Military doctrine - Soviet Union - History - 20th century Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Frontmatter -- Contents -- Introduction -- 1. The Unfinished Machine. Nota di contenuto 1919-1923 -- 2. Materiel or Morale? The Debate over the Mechanization of Warfare, 1923-1927 -- 3. Technology Triumphant Early German-Soviet Collaboration, 1927-1929 -- 4. Consensus and Conflict, 1930-1931 -- 5. A New Confidence? The End of Collaboration , 1932-1933 -- 6. Trading Places, 1934-1936 -- 7. The Evidence of Small Wars Armor Doctrine in Practice, 1936-1939 -- Epilogue Armor Doctrine and Large Wars, 1939-1941 -- List of Abbreviations -- Index Sommario/riassunto In this fascinating account of the battle tanks that saw combat in the European Theater of World War II, Mary R. Habeck traces the strategies developed between the wars for the use of armored vehicles in battle. Only in Germany and the Soviet Union were truly original armor doctrines (generally known as "blitzkreig" and "deep battle") fully implemented. Storm of Steel relates how the German and Soviet armies formulated and chose to put into practice doctrines that were innovative for the time, yet in many respects identical to one another.

As part of her extensive archival research in Russia, Germany, and

Britain, Habeck had access to a large number of formerly secret and top-secret documents from several post-Soviet archives. This research informs her comparative approach as she looks at the roles of technology, shared influences, and assumptions about war in the formation of doctrine. She also explores relations between the Germans and the Soviets to determine whether collaboration influenced the convergence of their armor doctrines.