The People's Army in the Spanish Civil War: Alexander Clifford 2020-02-10 The author of Fighting for Spain delivers “a military history focused on three major battles, Brunete, Belchite and Térnil… meticulous research” (Historical Novel Society). Why did the Spanish Republic lose the Spanish Civil War—and could the Republic have won? These are the key questions Alexander Clifford addresses in this in-depth study of the People's Army and the critical battles of Brunete, Belchite and Térnil. These battles represented the Republic’s best chance of military success, but after bitter fighting their fates were beset. From then on, the Republican, facing the superior army of Franco and the Nationalists, aided by Germany and Italy, faced inevitable defeat.

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Franco’s Friends: Peter Day 2011-10-31 Published to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Falangist uprising in July 2011, Franco’s Friends tells the little-known true story of the foreign volunteers who fought alongside Franco in Spain in 1938, leading to the Spanish Civil War and 40 years of right-wing dictatorship. It has long been known that a British plane took Franco from the Canaries to Morocco at the start of the coup and that Major Hugh Pilkard travelled on the plane to London, masquerading as a tourist and accompanied by two attractive blouses to add to the deception that this was just a pleasure trip. What is not known is the importance of his role and the extent of the involvement of the British intelligence services. Franco’s Friends shows that Pilkard was a life-long member of MI6 and discloses a list of Britons who helped in the 1936 coup that tells a different story from the official history.

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