Greetings from Osprey!

The second half of 2019 sees a host of exciting titles for Osprey, with new books from authors both old and new. Popular Eastern Front expert Prit Buttar’s *Retribution* (p.2) follows on from *On a Knife’s Edge*, continuing the story of the war in Western Ukraine between 1943 and 1944, while Thomas McKelvey Cleaver offers a fascinating insight into the aerial battles of the Korean War in *MiG Alley* (p.3). Meanwhile, Robert Forczyk’s *Case White* (p.3) commemorates the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II by analysing the German invasion of Poland, while Robert Kirchubel’s stunning *Atlas of the Blitzkrieg* (p.1) offers a cartographic overview of the entire blitzkrieg campaign. Angus Konstam explores one of the war’s naval turning points, the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck in *Hunt the Bismarck* (p.1).

In September, we will be launching our new graphic novel series, *Under Fire* (p.10), which combines vibrant illustrations and compelling narratives to tell the stories of some of the most dramatic battles in history. The series explores each campaign through the eyes of those who were there, offering both an overview of the course of each conflict and an insight into the human experience of the soldiers on the ground.

Osprey Games builds on its success this year with the much-anticipated *Throne of Glass: Embers of Memory* (p.23), based on Sarah J. Maas’ best-selling series. The game’s announcement has been met with fantastic enthusiasm from her fanbase, who are eagerly anticipating its release in October. Other new games include the World War II deck-builder *Undaunted: Normandy*, following the US 30th Infantry’s Normandy campaign (p.25); *Judge Dredd: Helter Skelter* (p.24) from Martin Wallace, the award-winning designer of *London* and *Wildlands*; and *Oathmark* (p.27), a mass battle fantasy war game by the author of *Frostgrave*.

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**Atlas of the Blitzkrieg**

*1939–41*

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Featuring 107 detailed maps, this impressive atlas shows, in intricate detail, the fighting and physical challenges faced by the German attackers and Allied defenders.

Robert Kirchubel has had a keen interest in the history of World War II for the duration of his adult life. He has already contributed work to *World War Two in Europe*, *World War Two in the Pacific* and *The International Military Encyclopaedia*. He has previously compiled the *Atlas of the Eastern Front* for Osprey.

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Angus Konstam is a well-established historian, and the acclaimed author of over 80 books. Many of these are published by Osprey, including the Campaign title *Bismarck 1941* and several New Vanguard titles covering British warships of World War II. His other naval books include *Jutland*: *Twelve Hours to Win the War*, *Sovereigns of the Sea*, and *History of Piracy*. A former naval officer, maritime archaeologist and museum curator, he is now a full-time author, specializing in maritime and military history.

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Bill Yenne is the author of more than three dozen non-fiction books, as well as ten novels. His work has been selected for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Reading List. He is the recipient of the Air Force Association’s Gill Robb Wilson Award for the ‘most outstanding contribution in the field of arts and letters [as an] author whose works have shaped how thousands of Americans understand and appreciate airpower’.

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Robert Forczyk has a PhD in International Relations and National Security from the University of Maryland and a strong background in European and Asian military history. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the US Army Reserves having served 18 years as an armour officer in the US 2nd and 4th infantry divisions and as an intelligence officer in the 29th Infantry Division (Light).

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Thomas McKelvey Cleaver has been a published writer for the past 40 years, and this work is the product of 25 years of research. He is the author of a number of Osprey titles, including The Frozen Chosen, Tidal Wave, and Holding the Line. He is also a regular contributor to Flight Journal magazine. During his 30 years as a screenwriter in Hollywood, he wrote the cult classic The Terror Within. He served in the US Navy in Vietnam.

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