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" ...it is as complete a guide to the hobby of wargaming as you can currently get. If you have a friend or relative who wants to get into this hobby or has only just got into it then buy them this book for Christmas, their birthday or Easter... like having a seasoned wargamer at your elbow guiding you along the way....if you are like me a wargamer of some decades of experience then buy this book. It will remind you why you got into the hobby in the first place, bring back some very vivid memories of "the early days" and make you look at the hobby afresh. yes I really, really like this book and make no apologies for laying it on with a trowel! Don't waste anymore time and get this book into your life now! (*Wargamer.com*)

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I highly recommend this 519-page book to ANYONE interested in miniature wargaming. The title of The Wargaming Compendium is at least an understatement as this one volume gives the prospective gamer an insight to the beginning of this hobby that will only grow stronger with time. Also, grab this fascinating book while you can, as Wargaming Books, such as this, will sell out quickly and become a collectors editions before you know it. Get it while it's HOT. (*Mataka.org*)

About the Author

Henry Hyde has recently become the Editor of Miniature Wargames magazine following its merger with Battlegames. Introduced to model soldiers, Airfix kits and a toy fort when he was a small boy, he has been playing wargames ever since, his interests ranging throughout the annals of history. He also dabbles in skirmish, naval and aerial wargaming and even confesses to a lively interest in fantasy and science fiction. He has a special love of campaigns, the eighteenth century battles of Marlborough and Frederick the Great and siege warfare. An honours graduate in European History and languages from Sussex University, Henry's interest in wargaming is firmly rooted in a passion for history. Besides writing, he is a professional graphic designer and enjoys art, photography and music. One of Henry's greatest passions is for cooking, on which he blames his current waistline. When not frantically trying to meet deadlines, Henry fills his spare time with blogging, podcasting, tweeting and all those other modern-day activities that prevent us from truly relaxing. He even manages to play the occasional wargame. Henry lives in the beautiful county of East Sussex.

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