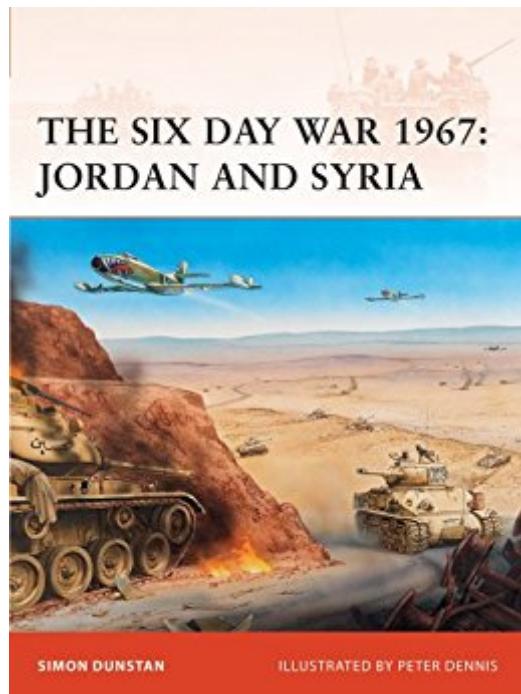


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# The Six Day War 1967: Jordan And Syria (Campaign)



## **Synopsis**

Following the lightning destruction of the Egyptian forces at the outbreak of the Six Day War, Israel turned to the forces of Jordan and Syria, with whom Egypt had signed a mutual-defence pact, and which had now entered the war. Jordan's army moved against West Jerusalem and central Israel, while Syria began shelling Israeli towns from the seemingly impregnable Golan Heights. The IDF's invasion of the Golan was as daring and successful as its more famous Egyptian victory, but its success in Jordan ? taking the West Bank ? sowed the seeds of its future troubles.

Comprehensively illustrated with artwork, maps and battlefield views, this new history brings one of the most important of 20th century campaigns to life.

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The Six Day War 1967: Jordan and Syria is the second volume in Simon Dunstan's history of the Six Day War, focusing on Israeli attacks on Jordan and Syria. Like its sister volume on the Sinai Front, this volume is colorful and fairly well-stocked with maps, but it suffers somewhat from an over-use of Israeli sources. In general, the Jordanians are depicted as fairly competent opponents, but the author seems to concur with the Israeli disdain for Syrian fighting capabilities. Overall, this is a likeable volume for its graphic content, but can't see that it adds much new material that wasn't

already available in English. Decent, but not great; probably 5 star for graphics and 3 for research/writing. The introduction is a bit longer than usual and the author provides useful background information on the various issues that helped to create and sustain conflict between these antagonists, including water rights, cross-border terrorism and Israeli 'political agriculture.' The author could/should have provided a bit more background on the build-up of military forces in the region prior to the war, including the nature of Soviet involvement in Syria (which is only mentioned in passing). Without direct and significant Soviet support Syria would not have been capable of posing any real threat to Israel, so this should have been fleshed-out a bit more. The 5-page section on opposing plans is succinct but packs important information that is still relevant, particularly Arab plans to "destroy Israeli settlements and kill all persons in them." Arab pre-war saber-rattling is also well-documented, but the author does not spare the Israelis either, noting their penchant for offensive-planning.

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