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From the siege towers and catapults employed by ancient invaders to the unmanned drones and stealth bombers used by today's armed forces, the mastering of superior technology has always played a critical role in determining an army's chances of success or defeat. Following in the footsteps of DK's esteemed military history titles *Military History* is the definitive guide to the development of battlefield technology through the ages, from Bronze Age Mesopotamia to the War on Terror. Organized chronologically and by key military technology, *Military History: The Definitive Visual Guide to the Objects of Warfare* covers the iconic weapons, armor, equipment, and battles that have defined war through the ages, showing the impact of changes in military technology on the very fabric of history.

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