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Zulu Wars Reading List for the Anzac Memorial

This reading list is not exhaustive but covers a variety of books held in our collection on the Zulu War of 1879. We have included contemporary accounts along with histories written across various time frames.

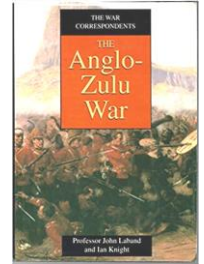
The Anglo-Zulu War

By Laband, John P. C Knight, Ian W.

Stroud, Eng. : Sutton Publishing , 1996.

Call no: 554.1 LABA 1996

In the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879 Lieutenant-General Lord Chelmsford, commanding the British forces, fatally underestimated the Zulus, resulting in a series of shocking disasters until the Battle of Ulundi. This vivid account explores the war as it appeared to the professional and amateur war correspondents.



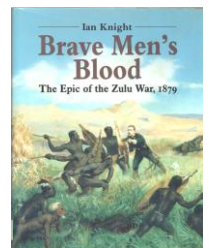
Brave men's blood : the epic of the Zulu War, 1879.

By Knight, Ian, 1956-

London : Guild Publishing, 1990.

Call no: 554.1 KNIG 1990

Drawing on new research performed since the centenary in 1979, the author delves deeply into the causes of the war, the conditions during it, and the aftermath.



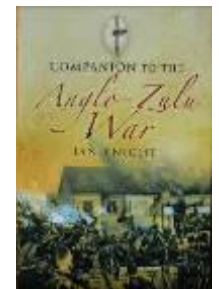
A companion to the Anglo-Zulu War

By Knight, Ian, 1956-

Barnsley, South Yorkshire : Pen & Sword Military, 2008.

Call no: 554.1 KNIG 2008

In this historical companion, Ian Knight, one of the foremost authorities on the war and the Zulu kingdom, provides an essential reference guide to a short, bloody campaign that had an enduring impact on the history of Britain and southern Africa. He gives succinct summaries of the issues, events, armies and individuals involved.



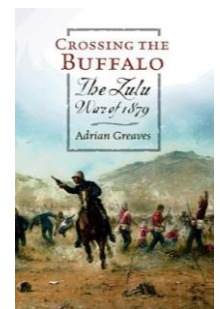
Crossing the Buffalo : the Zulu War of 1879

By Greaves, Adrian, 1943-

Edition: 1st published in Gt. Britain 2005 London : Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2005.

Call no: 554.1 GREA 2005

In the early decades of the nineteenth century, Shaka Zulu established a nation in south-east Africa which was to become the most politically sophisticated and militarily powerful black nation in the entire area. Although the Zulus never had any quarrel with their British neighbours, the rulers of the Cape Colony could not conceive of them as anything but a threat. In 1879, under dubious pretences, the British finally crossed the Buffalo River, and embarked on a bloody war that was to rock the very foundations of the British Empire.



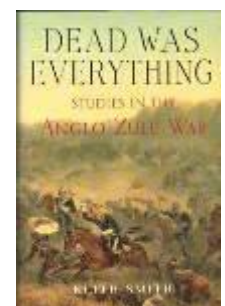
Dead was everything : studies in the Anglo-Zulu War

By Smith, Keith, (author.)

Edition: 2nd ed. Barnsley, Sth. Yorkshire, England : Frontline Books, 2014.

Call no: 554.1 SMIT 2014

Reflecting on several years' research, Keith Smith presents a series of essays which explore hitherto unanswered questions and offer fresh insights into the key battles and protagonists of this epic conflict. He presents some surprising conclusions which differ, often radically, from more orthodox views. He also sets out to reveal the characters of the men – of both sides – who might otherwise have been simply names on a page.



Eyewitness in Zululand : the campaign reminiscences of Colonel W. A. Dunne, South Africa, 1877-1881

By Bennett, Ian H. W. Dunne, W. A. (Walter Alphonsus), 1853-1908.

Edition: 1st ed. London : Greenhill, 1989.

Call no: 554.1 BENN 1989

These reminiscences of Colonel Walter Dunne were written for the first issues of the Army Service Corps Journal in 1891, they provide a rare insight into some seldom recorded aspects of the campaigns in South Africa between 1877 and 1881.



History of the Zulu War and its origin

By Colenso, Frances E. (Frances Ellen), 1849-1887

London : Chapman and Hall , 1880.

Call no: 554.1 COLE 1880

First published in 1880, just a year after the titular conflict took place, this account by Frances Colenso (1849-87) of the 1879 war between British settlers and the Zulu population in South Africa is remarkable in its defence of the Zulu people, a very unusual view for a British writer at this time.



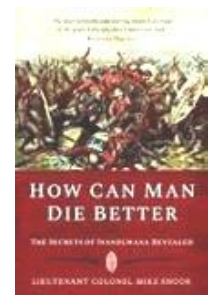
How can man die better : the secrets of Isandlwana revealed

By Snook, Mike.

Edition: Rev. ed. 2018 reprint London : Frontline Books, 2010.

Call no: 554.1 SNOO 2010

A unique analysis of the Battle of Isandlwana, covering the weapons, tactics, terrain, and the intriguing characters who made key military decisions. While much is still unknown about the battle, this work eschews the commonly held perception that the British collapse was sudden and that the 24th Regiment was quickly overwhelmed. Rather, historian Mike Snook argues that there was a protracted and heroic defense against a determined and equally heroic foe. A British Army colonel who served in South Africa, Snook reconstructs the final phase of the battle in a way that has never been attempted before.



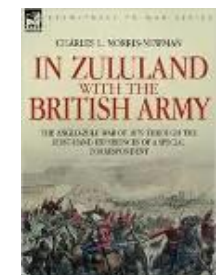
In Zululand with the British throughout the War of 1879

By NORRIS-NEWMAN, Charles L

Lond. : W. H. Allen , 1880.

Call no: 554.1 NEWM 1880

Eyewitness from disaster to victory. Very few professional writers are fortunate enough to be 'on the spot' when momentous events occur. Most often we are left with accounts by amateurs. Charles Norris-Newman is different. He accompanied Lord Chelmsford's expeditionary force into Zululand as a special correspondent and, but for his decision to attach himself to the staff would have been fatefully present at the slaughter that was Isandlwana. In the event he had the chilling distinction of being able to describe the British Camp both before and immediately after the battle. Norris-Newman remained with the Army through most of the remainder of war and left us in his writing an essential, full and immediate view of the Zulu War of 1879 that is without parallel.



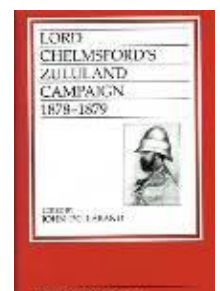
Lord Chelmsford's Zululand Campaign, 1878-1879

By Laband, John, 1947- (ed.) Army Records Society (Great Britain)

Edition: 1st ed. Stroud, Gloucestershire ; Dover, NH : Published by Alan Sutton Pub. for the Army Records Society, 1994.

Call no: 554.1 LABA 1994

Documents relating to Chelmsford's direction of the Anglo-Zulu War, exposing his plans, decisions, problems and disputes to the closest critical assessment.



Narrative of the field operations connected with the *Zulu War of 1879*

By Great Britain. War Office. Intelligence Division

Lond. : H.M.S.O. , 1881.

Call no: 554.1 GBWO 1881

The period from Alexander the Great to the coming of Islam, including full discussion of the history of Christianity in the area, comprises this second volume, in which Potts combines the literary evidence from Greek, Roman, Syriac and Arab sources with an overview of the relevant archaeological evidence.



Rorke's Drift

By Glover, Michael

London : Wordsworth Editions , 1997.

Call no: 554.1 GLOV 1997



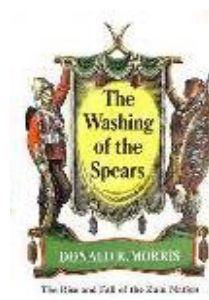
The Washing of the spears : a history of the rise of the Zulu nation under Shaka and its fall in the *Zulu War of 1879*

By MORRIS, Donald R.

London : Jonathan Cape , 1966.

Call no: 444 MORR 1966

In 1879, armed only with their spears, their rawhide shields, and their incredible courage, the Zulus challenged the might of Victorian England and, initially, inflicted on the British the worst defeat a modern army has ever suffered at the hands of men without guns. This is the definitive account of the rise of the Zulu nation under the great ruler Shaka and its fall under Cetshwayo.



Zulu : the heroism and tragedy of the *Zulu War of 1879*

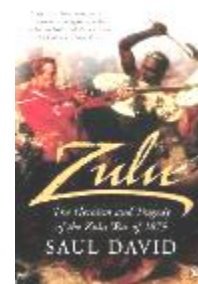
By David, Saul, 1966-

London : Penguin, 2005.

Call no: 554.1 DAVI 2005

The real story of the Anglo-Zulu war was one of deception, dishonour, incompetence, and dereliction of duty by Lord Chelmsford who invaded Zululand without the knowledge of the British Government. But it did not go to plan and there were many political repercussions.

Using new material from archives in Britain and South Africa, Saul David blows the lid on this most sordid of imperial wars and comes to several startling new conclusions.



The *Zulu War*

By Clammer, David

London : Pan Books , 1975.

Call no: 554.1 CLAM 1975

This book places the conflict in its political context, and deals in detail with the military aspects of the campaign. It is based on a wide range of sources, including official accounts, and correspondence, the accounted and memoirs of eye-witnesses and participants.



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