



Book Review: Fighting on Empty

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“**Fighting on Empty**” is a book on the economics of World War II by Australian journalist and author Robin Bromby. Mr. Bromby has written about mining and commodities for the past 28 years for *The Australian*, a national daily newspaper. I first encountered his work during the rare earth element bubble of 2009-2012.

The book details the economic preparation or lack thereof of the Axis powers, Germany, Japan, and Italy, prior to and during World War II. It is appropriately subtitled, “*How Hitler and Hirohito Lost the Economic War*”.

It is an extensively researched book filled with a compendium of facts and figures. Author Bromby convincingly makes the case that the three fascist countries lost their respective theaters of war primarily due to economic factors.

The lack of forethought, planning, and execution regarding sound in-country economies, industrial capacity, and security of food supplies prior to initiating wars of aggression in the late 1930s all but sealed their eventual fates.

This book will be of interest to aficionados of military history, WWII, and the economics of war.

It is available via this link: [**Fighting on Empty: How Hitler and Hirohito Lost the Economic War.**](#)

Ciao for now,

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