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- *Habsburgs Jüdische Soldaten, 1788-1918* (Wien - Köln - Weimar: Böhlau, 2014) [Jewish soldiers in Austria];
- *International Crisis Management: Squaring the Circle* (Study Group Information, Wien: Austrian Ministry for Defence and Sports in co-operation with Geneva Centre for Security Policy, 2011) [editor, with Walter E. Feichtinger and Ernst M. Felberbauer];
- *Blaue Helme, Rotes Kreuz: Das österreichische UN-Sanitätskontingent im Kongo, 1960 bis 1963* (= Peacekeeping-Studien 1, 2nd rev.ed., Innsbruck - Wien - Bozen: StudienVerlag, 2010) [The Austrian UN Medical Unit in the Congo Operations];
- *Des Kaisers Bosniaken: Die bosnisch-herzegowinischen Truppen in der k.u.k. Armee – Geschichte und Uniformierung von 1878 bis 1918* (Wien: Edition Militaria, 2008) [Bosnian troops in Austro-Hungarian service; editor, with Christoph Neumayer];
- *The Hungarian Revolution 1956* (= Elite 148, Oxford: Osprey, 2006) [with László Ritter; ill.: Peter Dennis];
- *B-Gendarmerie, Waffenlager und Geheimdienste: Der militärische Weg zum Staatsvertrag* (Wien – Köln – Weimar: Böhlau, 2005) [Austria's rearmament and the State Treaty of 1955 – editor, with Walter Blasi and Felix Schneider];
- *Die Ungarnkrise 1956 und Österreich* (Wien – Köln – Weimar: Böhlau, 2003) [The Hungarian Crisis of 1956 and Austria – editor];
- *Österreich im frühen Kalten Krieg 1945-1958: Spione, Partisanen, Kriegspläne* (Wien et al.: Böhlau, 2000) [Austria in the early Cold War – editor];
- *Peace Operations Between War and Peace* [= *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 10/2] (London: Frank Cass, 2000) – [editor];
- *Der „Anschluß“ Österreichs: Der deutsche Einmarsch im März 1938* (Bonn: Bernard & Graefe, 3. rev. ed. 1994) [The annexation of Austria by the Third Reich in 1938];
- *Formen des Krieges: Vom Mittelalter zum Low-Intensity-Conflict* (= Militärgeschichtliche Forschungen 1, Graz - Wien - Köln: Styria, 1991) – [Forms of Warfare from the Middle Ages – editor, with Manfred Rauchensteiner];
- *The Boer War and Military Reforms* (= War and Society in East Central Europe, Vol. XXVIII = Atlantic Studies on Society in Change, No. 51, Lanham - New York - London: University Press of America and Atlantic Research and Publications Inc., 1988) – with Jay Stone.

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