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Modern Military Aircraft: The World's Fighting Aircraft 1945 To The Present Day



Synopsis

Modern Military Aircraft is a comprehensive guide to the world's fighting aircraft since World War II, from the earliest jet fighters and basic piston-engined bombers, to today's high-tech and stealthy superfighters. Aircraft featured include: the F-86 Sabre, which fought its way to convincing victory over Russia's MiG-15 in the world's first jet-versus-jet battles in Korea; the Grumman F-14 Tomcat, the deadliest fleet fighter ever built, which has played an important part in the conflicts of the late 20th and early 21st centuries; and Russia's export miracles the Sukhoi Su-27, currently in service with air arms across the world in an array of variants. This book contains detailed features on more than 220 combat aircraft and helicopters from the past 65 years. Presented alphabetically by manufacturer, each aircraft is covered in detail, with feature boxes outlining its development, technical specifications, performance data and variants. Unique graphics allow the reader to compare specific features like firepower, troop-carrying capacity, and bombload with those of other aircraft of the same type.

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Customer Reviews

This book is generally good, using the same format as Winchester's Classic Military Aircraft. Lots of aircraft covered from all over the world in two page spreads. My only criticism is the non selection of certain aircraft which have some historical significance. The book contains multiple spreads of variants of the same aircraft. Five separate spreads on the Lockheed C-130 for example, as well as some less interesting types. Unfortunately missing is the Lockheed F-80, the North American B-45,

the Martin B-57, the Northrup YB-49, the Douglas B-66, the Douglas C-124 and the Fairchild C-119. Each reader will probably have his own list of omissions, but these aircraft are either significant, interesting of both. I would still recommend the book for the price. Robert Anderson

I've been a military aviation fanatic since I was 10. I had a pocket sized book (Modern Combat Aircraft - published in UK, don't remember the publisher's name) with 110 aircraft (one color side profile for each aircraft, and 3D sectional diagrams for most but not all aircraft and specifications). I'd memorized it within a few weeks and could identify any aircraft from the book instantly. Bought this for my 7 year old, who has similar interest in aircraft, cars and all things machines. Obviously, it's a coffee table book not geared towards a young audience because little minds can't fathom all the details the author provides, so they remain content with leafing through it looking at the pictures. But for me, it's been fascinating. Highly recommended, especially for the price I'd paid for it (just under \$20). Had it shipped (along with 3 other books - a total of about 20 lbs) to my current location in Middle East via Global and it arrived within one week. Cost me less than \$50 for shipping all 20 lbs of these books. Not bad at all. Kudos to Global.

First I am a builder of 1/144 th scale model aircraft. This book has been a great aid to that purpose. The book was printed in 2004, and a number of the aircraft reviewed have "retired"; IE the American Tomcat and the British Jaguar. Still it was a bargain, and well worth the cost.

As with the other books I purchased, this, too, is excellent. Being an avid model builder (among other hobbies and interests), I rely heavily on books, magazines, the internet, for images for color schemes of the models. I have a vast collection of books with information as well as photographs of world aircraft. This book is one of them. It is an excellent addition to anyone who engages in that hobby. However, anyone who is searching for more detailed technical information such as materials, radars, radar angles, cross sections, and other such minute details, would be more comfortable relaying on 'Janes' books. For me, and my needs, this book is more than adequate.

This would be a good starter book for youngsters with an interest in aviation, but there's considerable content overlap with some of the other books in this series (eg Military Aircraft of the Cold War, Concept Aircraft, etc), so make sure you don't go buy ALL of these books by the same publisher. While it indicates this book was last published in 2014, the version I received was from 2006, and the data regarding upgrades, service entry and current users of each aircraft reviewed

was quite outdated, and not all of the technical and performance data was accurate. Out of this series the "Military Aircraft of the Cold War" and "Aircraft of WWII" are the best selections. The illustrations would be an excellent resource for model aircraft enthusiasts. But this is definitely NOT a valuable resource for more knowledgeable aviation enthusiasts.

I bought two of these books. One for my husband who flew in B52's and is a retired Avionics engineer. He really enjoyed looking back on the planes he flew in and worked on. Thanks for the memories. The other book was for my son who is in the air force and works on the F22.

Nice addition to my already swollen library of info for modelling. Nice to have something to update my collection and get the creativity simmering! Good colour, information, (as accurate as information can be,) and all in one convenient place.

Love this book. Though it didn't have all the aircraft that I expected it too, the ones it did have had great detail and information.

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