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Synopsis

Classic Military Aircraft is a comprehensive guide to the world's fighting aircraft from the beginning of World War I to the end of World War II. Packed with fascinating information, this book covers an array of biplane, triplane and monoplane designs, from World War I scouts, through the dead ends and unusual prototypes of the interwar years, to high-powered World War II aircraft such as the P-51 Mustang and Supermarine Spitfire.Aircraft featured include World War I legends such as the Fokker Dr.I triplane flown by the Red Baron, the timeless SPAD XIII, and British stalwarts of the Western Front including the Sopwith Pup and R.A.F. RE.8. Early World War II types include the Hawker Hurricane and Messerschmitt Bf 109. Veterans of the Pacific war featured include the Grumman F4F Wildcat and B-29 SuperfortressClassic Military Aircraft contains detailed spreads on more than 220 combat aircraft from more than 30 years of aviation. 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 such as firepower, troop-carrying capacity, and bombload against other aircraft of the same type.

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Directory.ÃƒÂ¿ He lives in west London.

I bought this book to go along with a history of WWIs air war so that I could get a look a the aircraft involved. This turned out to be a poor use of this book however, because the the aircraft are described alphabetically while the history introduces them in chronological order. It seem to take me forever to find the particular aircraft I wanted and, almost as often as not, the particular variant I wanted was not shown. Having said that, I really like this book. It does include hundreds of aircraft and probably most of the main players. Also, the paper quality is outstanding and the pictures and illustrations are excellent. One thing lacking is frontal and top down or three dimensional views of most of the aircraft. All in all this is a beautiful book and I would buy it again.

This book has all a beginner needs to know about WWII airplanes. It has multiple pictures for each plane, airplane variants, facts, and interesting tidbits. Each plane covers two pages. Along with the facts it also compares it to other planes of that type, so you learn that the service ceiling is better, but it has bad range compared to contemporary planes. Not only is the book wonderful but the customer service is amazing. I emailed the seller with a question not really expecting a reply and the very next day I received a email clearing it all up. On top of being helpful I ordered the book and only 1 day later I received and I didn't do one day shipping! I would highly recommend this book.PS. This review may sound really odd considering the fact that the books are about Military Uniforms. Here's the thing Military Uniforms and Classic Military Aircraft have the same ISBN numbers. It is one of the rare cases where two books were assigned the same ISBN... Very funny: The same happened on B&N and abebooks.com which makes me wonder how all these companies do their data entry...??! I wanted to write a review on Classic Military Aircraft so I just decided to do it here. Sorry if it isn't helpful to those of you who are looking for Military Uniforms.

Excellent book. One of the few books that has extensive coverage on WWI planes which is why I bought it. Each plane is covered in two pages with color renderings, a quick synopsis of the design, diagrams and specs. It is compares the design with other aircraft which helps put performance into context. Content is the proverbial mile wide but 6-7 inches deep (not a criticism but a reality of producing a single volume covering the subjet). They really hit the sweet spot here!

Great book for getting information about the aircraft that fought in WWII from all country's. The pictures are acceptable and most of the data about them is accurate. I would recommend this book

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