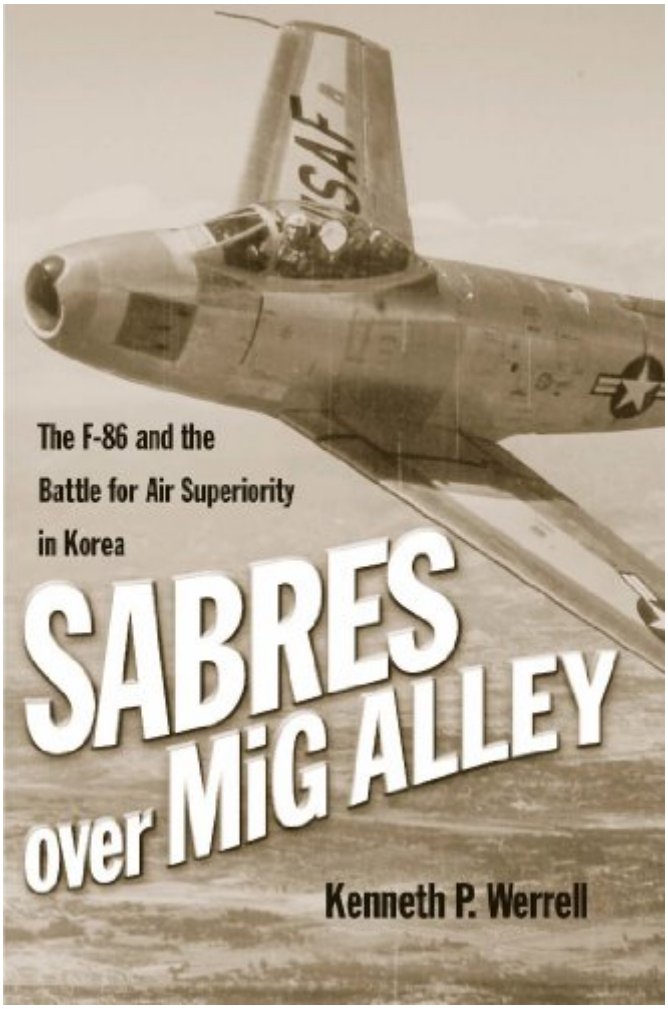
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Synopsis

This is the story of the first jet versus jet war, the largest in number of victories and losses, and one of the few military bright spots in the Korean War. It tells how an outnumbered force of F-86 Sabres limited by range and restricted by the rules of engagement, decisively defeated its foe. Based on the latest scholarship, author Kenneth Werrell uses previously untapped sources and interviews with sixty former F-86 pilots to explore new aspects of the subject and shed light on controversies previously neglected. For example, he found much greater violation of the Yalu River than thus far has appeared in the published materials. The F-86 became a legend in "The Forgotten War" because of its performance and beauty, but most of all, because of its record in combat.

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Customer Reviews

It was an interesting book and easy enough to read. Some of the pictures were interesting as well.There was a rather extensive section, at the end, about Korean War POWs that I found informative. I have read previously other books about the Korean War POW account. In this book, I

learned that in the 1990s the N. Koreans had run a spy sub aground on S. Korean shores. They, in true Oriental fashion, only wanted to save face by not having to make a formal apology (to S. Korea) and implied to USA that they would trade some Korean War US POWs that they still held if the US would get S. Korea to forgo any demand for apology. US basically declined and gave N. Korea what they wanted anyway without any progress on POW issue. What a rotten gov't we have.What I was disappointed most about this book was that there was not much of a discussion about the F-86 pilot experience. There were some accounts of F-86 missions but no real description of what it was like in the air as well as on the ground. No pilot descriptions of what it was like to be in the first, and most extensive, jet age combat. No comparison by pilots with both WWII and Korean experience, propeller vs jet aircraft performance. Things like that. I would have thought the author could find some of the remaining Korean War pilots and interview them for the complete experience.

A look at the F-86 Sabre and the duels in the skies over Korea with the Mig 15.The F-86 was at best equal to the Mig, but superior American pilots ran up a lopsided score against their Russian, Chinese and North Korean opponents. Details the design history of the F-86, the air battles and the pilots who flew the Sabres.Even if you're familiar with the story, this book adds new detail and discusses things that have been largely ignored -- including the fact that much of the combat actually took place over China.

Good compilation of data on the title a/c. It will provide a strong reference for future study of the Korean War. Read on Kindle for the iPad, the links to and from the footnotes are problematical. About 40% of the links don't work. It appears as if they are too close to the text.

Good Book

Excellent Book!

Very good

Great read!

Sabres Over MiG Alley by Dr. Kenneth P. Werrell tells the story of the F-86 Sabre against the MiG-15 in the skys over North Korea. However rather than focusing on the men and the combats

from unit histories, Mr. Werrell approached this from a slightly different approach; first focusing on the technical development of the Sabre and it's technical comparison to the MiG-15, then focusing on the men in general, finally focusing on the specifics of individual pilots. By looking at the air war this way we get a good feeling for how well the two combatants compared (especially the part where Dr. Werrell tells us about flying the captured MiG-15) with some descriptions of how the individual pilots flew. In going over the non-combat aspects, Dr. Werrell has sections that focus on such things as; Efforts to Improve Performance; Maintenance: Unappreciated but Vital; F-86 Flying Safety; and Friendly Islands and Rescue Service. Btw, in addition to a pretty nice section on individual pilots, there's several small sections on the general air war over Korea. Supporting content wise there are some excellent pictures but no technical drawings or maps showing where the airbases were or where the battle occurred.Given this, how do I rate this book... a more complex answer than one might expect. Technically it's a 5 star book. Dr. Werrell does an outstanding job telling about the development and evolution of the Sabre. The stories of the individual pilots is worthy of 4-4.5 stars, but the general air war over Korea is rather weak and only worthy of 2.5 stars. Given all of this and my personal focus's I can only give this book 4 Stars. I really wanted to give it more than that because of the development history of the Sabre, but I was looking to get more about how the Sabre was used, how engagements developed between Sabres and MiG's and maybe something more on the use of Eastern Block aviators.

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