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Bomber pilots who become fighter pilots are rare, but Hermann Buchner was one. The author, a Luftwaffe NCO pilot and Knight's Cross holder gives a riveting account of his training with the pre-war Austrian air force, instructing with the Luftwaffe then the terrifying ground attack operations on the Eastern Front trying to stop the Russian juggernaut. Despite being shot

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down twice, Buchner himself targeted Il 2s, Yak 9s and Boston bombers who fell victims to his eagle eye. Later tasked with opposing the Allied daylight bombing raids into the heart of Germany, Buchner laboured to protect his homeland. Serving alongside many well-known aces and sometimes taking off from his home airfield while under Soviet shellfire, he paints a picture of a man surviving against incredible odds, who became one of the elite with JG7 and learnt that the important thing with the Me 262 was to

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land near a convenient foxhole.

Illustrated with many photographs, mostly from the author's personal collection together with colour profiles of his aircraft and opponents, Stormbird presents a remarkable insight into the life of a Luftwaffe pilot in WWII.

A fascinating insight into the largely untouched world of Japanese secret projects, many of which actually took to the skies in amidst the chaos of World War II.

Germany's WW2 jet fighter development

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Luftwaffe Secret Projects

Contains more than seven hundred illustrations of military

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aircraft of World War II used by both Allied and Axis Countries, together with capsule specifications and history From jet planes and high altitude aircraft to radar-equipped fighters configured to deliver chemical weapons, numerous Luftwaffe planes were designed and reached prototype stage but never made it into mass production or battle. Luftwaffe X Planes is a def

The Second World War was a time of tremendous technological progress in aviation with innovations such as jet engines and swept wings being brought in as engineers on all sides desperately sought every possible performance advantage. In Germany, the quest for better aircraft resulted in some astonishing designs - everything from bombers with forward-swept wings to ramjet fighters and disposable rocket-

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propelled interceptors. In Secret Projects of the Luftwaffe in Profile, renowned aviation artist Daniel Uhr has brought the original German construction sketches and three-views of these designs to life like never before - offering a whole new perspective on images previously only seen as black and white line drawings. Accompanying Daniel's artworks is a full description of the competitions and requirements which produced such a huge number of innovative and unusual designs during the war, as well as descriptions of the designs themselves, written by German Second World War aircraft development specialist Dan Sharp and based on the latest historical research.

There has for many decades been a great deal of speculation around the world on whether flying saucers have any basis in

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reality. Discounting such extra-terrestrial connections, what can be established as fact is that over the years a variety of experimental aircraft designs have been made in different countries.

Jet Fighters 1939 -1945

Secret Aircraft Designs of the Third Reich

Luftwaffe

Warplanes of the Luftwaffe

French Secret Projects 1: Post War Fighters

Junkers Ju 287

Luftwaffe: Secret Project Profiles features more than 200 highly-detailed full color profiles of jet-propelled aircraft designs produced in Nazi Germany during the Second

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This is the first detailed book in the English language that studies the origins, design, development and operations of German composite aircraft during the Second World War. Known as 'Mistel', the concept was originally intended for use in times of peace as a means of extending the range of passenger and mail-carrying aircraft. But by 1942, as Nazi Germany struggled to fight an ever-demanding war, so a small team of pilots and technicians began to adapt the idea for military purposes. Following a series of radical and dramatic glider-based experiments, a new, formidable weapon emerged to stock the Luftwaffe's arsenal - one that became known as the 'Grossbombe' - 'Super Bomb'.

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Drawing on several years of research and enhanced by superb color artwork and unrivalled technical drawings, this book represents an important study of the Luftwaffe's 'super bomb' which was used in a desperate attempt to hold off the Soviet advance towards Berlin in the closing months of the Second World War. Using hundreds of wartime documents and reports and many new and previously unpublished accounts from the pilots of this extraordinary aircraft, the author tells the story from both sides. This book will serve as the standard reference for years to come.

Now we know what spooked the Allies in the closing months of the war and why they were in such a panic to

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win quickly. The Allies assembled intelligence reports of supermetals, electric guns, and ray weapons able to stop the engines of Allied aircraft in addition to their worst fears of x-ray and laser weaponry. Then there were the bombs. Contained in this book are reports of structured bombs of nipolit, N-stoff bombs, cold bombs, oxygen bombs which destroyed all life, atomic bombs and rumors of the mysterious molecular bomb. The true history of the fuel-air bomb is revealed by our own military. There is even a probability that the SS black alchemists of the 3rd Reich were experimenting with red mercury bomb technology. This book documents very large mystery rockets under development in Germany,

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far beyond the V-2. Technological history is also examined. Guess who invented the computer, magnetic tape and computer programs? How about refining crude oil using sound waves or producing gasoline for 11 cents per gallon or the synthetic penicillin substitute, "3065"? Very exotic technologies are also discussed including German experiments in time, sustained fusion reactions, zero point energy and travel in deep space. Chapters include: The Kammler Group; German Flying Disc Update (Witness to a German Flying Disc); The Electromagnetic Vampire; Liquid Air; Synthetic Blood; German Free Energy Research; German Atomic Tests; "Project Hexenkessel" The Fuel-Air Bomb; Supermetals;

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Red Mercury; Means To Stop Engines; Magnetic Wave-Motorstoppmittel; "Death Rays"; Distillation of Crude Oil Using Sound Waves; What is Happening in Antarctica?; Large German Mystery Rockets; Experiments in Time; tons more.

This book charts the history of the US airlifter from its origins in World War II to today's transport giants. In doing so, it reveals and describes numerous designs which never saw the light of day, examining the thinking behind them and giving insights into why they did, or did not, succeed. In many ways, this untold story of aviation history reflects both the changing face of conflict and the exercise of geo-political power; it has also had a major

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bearing on the development of civil aviation. The book has been made possible by the authors being given unprecedented access to major aerospace company archives, uncovering scores of design proposals which have never previously been revealed. It is profusely illustrated, much in full color, with artwork and three-view drawings extracted from manufacturers' archives and with photographs of original project models. As well as describing how airlifters were progressively developed to meet ever-more demanding military transport requirements, the book looks at other roles for which they were adapted, from nuclear test-beds to Space Shuttle carriers. This previously untold story describes

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more than 200 unknown, or little known, designs, and contains more than 400 illustrations detailing some of the largest and most incredible aircraft ever conceived.

Eagles of the Luftwaffe: Focke-Wulf FW 190 A, F and G

Luftwaffe Advanced Aircraft Projects to 1945

Panic Fighters of the Second World War

Enemy at the Gates

Axis Suicide Squads

Experimental Aircraft of the IJA and IJN, 1939-1945

This is the latest among Midland's very successful 'Secret Projects' series. This, the second of three volumes covering Soviet secret aviation projects, is devoted to post-World

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War II fighters and will include designs from famous bureaus such as Lavochkin, Mikoyan, Sukhoi, Yakovlev, Myasishchev, and Tupolev. The book covers early post-war fighters, competitions for the first-generation supersonic designs (MiG-21 and Su-7/-9), advanced designs of the 1960s which led to the MiG-2 and competitions to build the specifications which resulted in the MiG-29, Su-27, and MiG I-44. A number of previously unpublished Yakovlev designs from the late 1950s and early 1960s form a separate chapter, followed by another covering Yakovlev's VSTOL work. The book also describes the competition between design bureaus for orders and shows the progress made in

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aircraft design behind the Iron Curtain. It will give both experts and enthusiasts the chance to compare this work to Western aircraft programs of the era.

Designs from Germany's aerodynamics engineers detail proposed military aircraft, including wing span and area, aspect ratio, length, height, weight, speed, and armament. The biggest success of the Focke Wulf company during the Second World War was the choice of a radial engine for the Fw 190 fighter, in this way avoiding to compete against Messerschmitt for the in line engines. The decision of the Oberkommando der Luftwaffe to assign the few turbojets available to the Messerschmitt and Arado firms and the

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discovery of the terrible aerodynamic effect known as compressibility buffeting by mid-1942, made the life of fighter designers of the time very interesting. The Kurt Tank team proposed to install a centrifugal turbojet of his design in the nose of an Fw 190 A/3 with the intention of replacing it with a Jumo 004 B when available in 1943. Several designs followed that were able to use all turbojets, turboprops, ramjets and rocket engines, either projected or at their disposal. They constitute the documental foundation of this book. After failing in the TL Jagdflugzeug contests in March 1943, Volksflugzeug in September 1944 and Hochleistungs Nachtjäger in January 1945, Focke Wulf could finally

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overcome its competitors with the great Jagernotprogramm design Ta 183. Although it was too late to intervene in the Second World War, it served as inspiration for numerous designs of other countries during the first years of the Cold War.

Horten brothers biographer David Myhra continues his efforts for a full accounting of the events surrounding the design, construction, and flight testing of the twin turbojet powered all-wing prototype Horten Ho 9 fighter/interceptor and its serial production prototype the Horten Ho 229V3.

Luftwaffe X-Planes

The Horten Ho 9/Ho 229

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American Secret Projects: Fighters and Bombers of World War

American Secret Projects 2: Airlifters

Secret Projects of the Luftwaffe - Vol 1 - Jet Fighters 1939 -1945

Japanese Secret Projects

This volume describes the major fighter and bomber proposals from the American aircraft industry for the period roughly 1937-1945.

During the Second World War both Germany and Japan developed several types of anti-aircraft and anti-ship missiles. Unfortunately for them, the

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Allies were technologically superior in electronic warfare by mid-1944, just in time to interfere the guidance systems of first generation. The Japanese thought to have found the tactic to stop the invasion fleets, with the ritual of the terminal dive bombing. The Germans adapted their Sturmjäger squadrons to the Taran tactics learnt from the Soviets. Once the radio frequency war was lost, the Axis scientists tried to develop other control techniques. But the acoustic, electrostatic and infrared sensors, together with the TV guidance system, were not ready on time and broken cables made the wire guided bombs

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frequently fail. Both countries began to design ramming fighters and suicide bombers when the futile devastation of their cities by the Allies bombers ensured that, when the time comes, there would not be lack of volunteer pilots. But this book is just about machines, depicting all known designs of all Axis suicide airplanes and panic fighters.

Nurse Emily Tyler has come to Greece with good intentions. But Nikolaos Leonidas sees only a gold digger, with eyes fixed on his family's fortune. It's his plan to expose the fragile beauty. A weekend of champagne and seduction on his opulent yacht

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ought to do the trick. By the time Emily has proved her integrity, it's too late. She's fallen for the daredevil Greek. But his risk-taking lifestyle makes cautious Emily wary—especially now that she's pregnant with the Leonidas heir!

During World War 2, Hitler's engineers had pioneered an incredible array of futuristic secret weapons, from the Me 262, the first operational jet fighter, to the deadly V2 inter-continental ballistic missile. With the Third Reich shattered and lying in ruins, in the summer of 1945, the Allies launched a frantic race to grab what they saw as the justifiable spoils of war. The Americans

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and Russians in particular were anxious to secure not only the aircraft and the research and production facilities, but also the key German scientists and engineers. This Nazi technology would define the balance of power in the phoney peace of the Cold War era, launching an arms race that shaped our modern world for decades to come. But what of Britain's role in this supermarket sweep. The Race for Hitler's X-Planes tells the untold story of the British mission to Germany.

Hitler's Suppressed and Still-Secret Weapons
U.S. Experimental & Prototype Aircraft Projects

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The Most Advanced Jet-Bomber of the Luftwaffe
Fighters 1939-1945

German Secret Weapons of the Secret World War
Secret Projects of the Luftwaffe in Profile

*Following World War II France made
determined efforts to catch-up with
other countries in developing high-
performance aircraft and designed
successful machines to fulfil the needs
of the Armee de l'Air, the Marine
Nationale and compete in export
markets. For the next twenty years they*

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were the only aircraft manufacturers to investigate with equal effort, turbojet, ramjet and rocket propulsion for manned fighters, either taking advantage of German 'war-booty' technology or using national pre-war research. A few, such as the Leduc and Griffon ramjet-powered fighters, reached prototype form, the Trident rocket-interceptor advanced to the experimental series (pre-production) stage and the Ouragan, Mystere, Super-

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Mystere, Mirage III and Etendard were produced in quantity and went on to win export orders. Later, when the turbojet had won the race for the optimal propulsion system, many attempts were made to design variable-geometry aircraft (including the Mirage G series) and VTOL types (the SNECMA Coleoptere and Dassault Mirage IIIV), and there were even a few flying boat interceptor studies. In the late sixties, in the pursuit of ever-higher

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speeds, Nord Aviation, Sud Aviation and primarily Avions Marcel Dassault also produced many Mach 3+ proposals. Period drawings, promotional art, photographs of prototype aircraft, mock-ups, wind tunnel and promotional models are all combined to present, for the first time in the English language, a complete view of French military aircraft design from the Liberation of France to the late twentieth-century.

Germany's air ministry was quick to

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grasp the potential of the jet engine as early as 1938 and by 1939 several German aircraft manufacturers were already working on fighter designs that would utilize this new form of propulsion. Rocket engines too were seen as the way of the future and companies were commissioned to design fighters around them. As the Second World War began, the urgent need to bring these advanced new types into production saw a host of innovative

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aircraft designs being produced which would eventually result in Messerschmitt's Me 262 jet fighter and the Me 163 rocket-propelled interceptor. And as the war progressed, efforts were increasingly made to find better ways of utilizing jet, rocket and latterly ramjet engines in fighter aircraft. Aviation companies from across Germany set their finest minds to the task and produced some of the most radical aircraft designs the world

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had ever seen. They proposed rotating wing ramjet fighters, arrowhead-shaped rammers, rocket-firing bat-winged gun platforms, sleek speed machines, tailless flying wings, tiny mini fighters and a host of others ranging from deadly looking advanced fighters to downright dangerous vertical launch interceptors. Secret Projects of the Luftwaffe Volume 1: Jet Fighters 1939-1945 by Dan Sharp, based on original research using German wartime

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documents, offers the most complete and authoritative account yet of these fascinating designs through previously unseen photographs, illustrations and period documentation from archives around the world.

Presents technical descriptions and histories of aircraft types used for ground attacks and special purposes by the Luftwaffe during World War II.

This is the story of an aircraft that might have changed the air-war in

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1945/46. Lots of photos, drawings, information, data and more than 6000 words give a detailed insight into the development of this unique piece of aviation. When US troops in May 1945 moved into the Junkers aviation works in East Germany, they discovered two very unusual aircraft with forward-swept wings. They marveled at the first two prototypes for the Luftwaffe's new long-range jet-bomber - and handed them over to the Russians. The Junkers

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documents on swept wings found there, changed the aviation industry of the USA, the United Kingdom, Russia, and other nations. Boeing immediately modified the design of its B-47 and B-52 under development. The Russians build further prototypes and learned much from this advanced aircraft. Uwe W. Jack in 1990 discovered documents that proved that all other publication to date on this aircraft had been wrong. He met the chief test pilot of Junkers,

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who had flown the prototype of the Ju 287 and got first-hand information on its behavior in the air. Uwe W. Jack shared his knowledge liberally with other authors - but now publishes his version. Don't miss the first part of the series - Aerospace History Files 01 !

*The Secret Projects
Britain's 1945 Mission To Capture
Secret Luftwaffe Technology
Fighters Since 1945*

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*German and Japanese Secret Projects of
the Second World War*

Stormbird

Technical History

Renowned German aviation specialist Manfred Griehl has collected a unique and valuable selection of photographs of Luftwaffe projects that never made it into battle. They remained on the drawing board or at prototype stage either because they were deemed unsuitable or the developers simply ran out of time and the projects never went into production. Most photographs come from the development sites and testing grounds of the major manufacturers of Nazi

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Germany: companies such as Dornier, Junkers, Focke-Wulf and Heinkel all received funding from the government to develop bigger and faster aircraft. A huge amount of private testing went on with major organizations such as Daimler-Benz, BMW and Siemens investing huge amounts in new engine systems and other advances such as radar. This book also details the innumerable alterations that were made to existing service aircraft to equip them for new roles. There are examples of Fw190s developed for the delivery of chemical and toxic weapons, the high altitude Junkers EF 61, the early prototype WNF 342 helicopter as well as numerous examples of developmental jet fighters that could very well have

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been realized had it not been for the effectiveness of the Allied bombing campaign in restricting the supply of necessary materials.

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Design and development of an extreme high-altitude fighter for the Luftwaffe during WW2.

The phrase 'German Secret Weapons' immediately conjures up images of the V-1 and V-2 missiles which bombarded London in 1944. But what of the V-3 and V-4? What of Schmetterling, the Rochling shell, the Kurt bomb, the Hs293? These, and many other devices, were all part of the German secret armoury but are relatively unknown except to a handful of

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specialists. What of the German nuclear bomb? And the question of chemical warfare? The sheer magnitude of the secret weapon projects of the Third Reich is revealed in this comprehensive study written by one of the world's great experts on weaponry. The book explores the various fields in which the Germans concentrated their weapon development and discusses the multiplicity of ideas, the difficulties, and, in several cases, how these ideas were subsequently exploited by the victors. Although much of the German wartime development was not completed before the war's end, it nevertheless provided a foundation for a great deal of the munitions development which has since taken place.

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Comparisons with Allied projects are also drawn. This book explodes some of the myths surrounding Hitler's secret weapons to reveal a truth all the stranger for being fact.

Mistel

A Secret Baby Romance

Ground Attack & Special Purpose Aircraft

Secret Project Profiles

Strategy For Defeat: The Luftwaffe, 1933-1945

[Illustrated Edition]

Blohm & Voss Bv 155

In Secret Aircraft Designs of the Third Reich aircraft biographer David Myhra gives the reader much more

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than pictures of proposed German aircraft projects, although this work is richly illustrated by state-of-the-art digital images by Mario Merino. The total number of German projects is in excess of 400. Blohm und Voss tops the list with over 200 project designs. The reader is introduced to the men behind these proposed aircraft. One will discover Wolderman Voights frustration with his Me P.1101 and why it simply would not jell. The reader will learn why Dr. Gthert of Gotha lobbied the RLM to take his Go P.60 designs and scrap the Horten Ho 229. We see why critics of design genius Alexander Lippisch said that he was a man who had a new design almost every day but fails

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to put most of them into the air. Myhra describes the shameful handling of Hugo Junkers, the father of German aviation, by the Gestapo. It was Junkers who said that ideas for advanced aircraft projects were about as cheap as blueberries. To an idea must be added materials, resources, and time. And time in all the secret projects was short, very short. Although over 400 aircraft projects were on the drawing board when the war in Europe ended in May 1945, only a handful were in the prototype stage. This outstanding book also offers a superb collection of photographs of scale models from contributors throughout the world, and digital images by Mario Merino and Andreas Ott

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that offer a one-of-a-kind look at secret German designs.

This eagerly awaited companion volume to the enormously popular volume on fighters looks at the might-have-been strategic German bombers. Filled with transatlantic jets and projects that were on the drawing board or in prototype form at the war's end. Full color action illustrations in contemporary markings and performance data tables show vividly what might have been achieved had the war continued beyond 1945.

This book focuses on those American fighter projects of WWII that never reached combat forces, or only in a

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very limited manner. The book illuminates little known or minimally documented aircraft and projects that significantly advanced fighter design that never went into full-rate production and deployment.

The original version of this book described the development work from the end of WWII to build the new generation of British jet fighters, in doing so it lifted the lid on many projects and 'dead-ends' which had never been publically discussed. This was the book that launched the hugely successful 'Secret Projects' series and the writing career of renowned historian and author Tony Buttler. This completely revised and redesigned second edition takes the

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original primary source material and adds to it new material that has come to life in the decades since the original edition was published. Particular emphasis is placed on the tender design competitions and the decisions at the Air Ministry to reject many promising projects, yet allow others to be built and flown.

Aircraft types covered include the Hawker P.1103/P.1116/P.1121 series, the extraordinary jet and rocket mixed power-plant interceptors from Saunders-Roe, the equally impressive Fairey 'Delta III' and the origins of today's Hawk and Eurofighter. The book includes appendices that list all the British fighter projects and specifications for this period. There are

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also a number of specially commissioned color renditions of 'might-have-been' types in contemporary markings, plus photographs and general arrangement 3-view drawings--over 400 illustrations in total. The result is a unique insight into the secret world of British jet fighter projects through the 'golden years' of the British aerospace industry, while also presenting a coherent picture of British fighter development and evolution.

Jet Planes of the Third Reich

Luftwaffe Special Weapons 1942-45

Luftwaffe Secret Projects of the Third Reich

Soviet Secret Projects

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The Greek Millionaire's Secret Child

The Race for Hitler's X-Planes

Full profile of the legendary German Second World War fighter.
Book illustrated with photos and cutaways of all types of
German aircraft from the Second World War.

A highly illustrated history of German experimental secret
project fighters and ground-attack aircraft in alphabetical order,
starting with those manufactured by Arado and ending with
Junkers. Volume 2 will cover projects manufactured by
Lippisch through Zeppelin.

Includes the Aerial Warfare In Europe During World War II
illustrations pack with over 200 maps, plans, and photos. This
book is a comprehensive analysis of an air force, the Luftwaffe,
in World War II. It follows the Germans from their prewar

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preparations to their final defeat. There are many disturbing parallels with our current situation. I urge every student of military science to read it carefully. The lessons of the nature of warfare and the application of airpower can provide the guidance to develop our fighting forces and employment concepts to meet the significant challenges we are certain to face in the future.

The Missiles, Rockets, Weapons & New Technology of the
Third Reich
Spitfires Over Berlin

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Combat Aircraft of World War II
Attack and Training Aircraft
X-Planes

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When the Nazis started to threaten the world with their efficient machine of propaganda, the main concern of European governments was the overwhelming reaction of panic that the expected bombing of the Luftwaffe might cause within the civil population. During the Munich Agreement in 1938, the democracies were defended by old biplanes and a bunch of modern fighters: 50 Hurricanes, 20 Morane-405 and 5 Fokker D.XXI. France and Great Britain took up the production of USA airplanes and cancelled exports to small countries, which were forced to design and build their own PANIC FIGHTERS with the intelligence and skill that desperation provides. When nothing seemed able to contain the German advance, France, Great Britain and the USSR developed several programs of emergency

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fighters, as did Australia, to face the Japanese expansion. At the time the course of events switched, it was the Axis powers that had to create their own PANIC FIGHTERS, some of them suicidal. The present book includes several last resource designs of fighters that are practically unknown and that were developed in times of tribulation by Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Japan, Yugoslavia, Latvia, Netherland, Poland, Romania, Sweden and Switzerland.

This second volume of two describes German jet and rocket propelled night-fighters, all-weather fighters, ground-attack and special purpose aircraft, jet bombers, reconnaissance types, training and jet transports designed and developed

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but seldom flown before the end of WW2.

As the course of World War II turned against the Third Reich after Stalingrad some of the most inventive and radical proposals, and designs, were put forward by armaments manufacturers, scientists and technicians, aircrew and even private individuals to the Reichsluftministerium (German Air Ministry) for consideration. Some proposals were destined never to leave the drawing board, while others not only underwent trials but were issued to operational units and used in action. In this fascinating new book, leading Luftwaffe historian Robert Forsyth examines the many different types of weapons that comprised the Luftwaffe's increasing potent arsenal during the second half of the war. This was the period that saw the development and adoption

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of aerial torpedoes, wire-guided rockets and missiles,
batteries fired by photo-electric cells, chemical weapons,
composite bombers and air-launched flying bombs.

Strategic Bombers 1935-1945

British Secret Projects 1: Jet Fighters Since 1950

German Experimental Aircraft of World War II