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Synopsis

From their advent in WWI, when flying aces engaged one another in death-defying aeronautical battles, to today's advanced supersonic jets, fighter planes have transformed modern warfare. Over the years, many countries have developed deadly fighter planes in a struggle to maintain air superiority against real or perceived enemies. This attractive book catalogues 101 of the best fighter planes. Easy-to-reference statistics and full-color photographs and illustrations make this an accessible book for readers with an interest in airplanes and aviation.

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Customer Reviews

Another in Rosen Publishing's '101 Greatest Weapons of All Time' series, 101 GREAT FIGHTERS provides an overview of a variety of fighter aircraft flown by various nations over the past 90-odd years. Intended for the 9-12 set, it can be enjoyed by adults as well. Roughly arranged in chronological order, the book, written by author Robert Jackson, offers 'short-and-sweet' historical/development summaries of 101 fighters accompanied by one color profile and a photograph, often in color. Brief tech specs are also included. All the 'usual suspects' can be found in Jackson's book - Fokkers, Camels, Bulldogs, P-40s, P-51s, Zeroes, Spits, Hurris, Bf 109s, Zeros, F-86s, F-4s, MiG-15/17/21s, Hunters, F-15s, etc. I've had a bit of a problem with this series in that some ships/bombers/tanks were included that didn't merit that distinction. In the case of this book, it's not what fighters are included so much as what fighters are excluded. Where, for example, are

any of the Nieuport 11/17/24 biplanes? Jackson devotes a page to the F7U Cutlass, which was a disaster, and the CF-105, which was axed after five prototypes, but no mention of the Se-5, Curtiss Hawks or the F8F Bearcat. But the topper is the page devoted to the Vought A-7 Corsair, which is, was and ever shall be an attack BOMBER!! In any case, fighter fans of all ages should enjoy 101 GREAT FIGHTERS. It's a nice package easy on the eyes with basic facts and colorful artwork. Recommended.

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