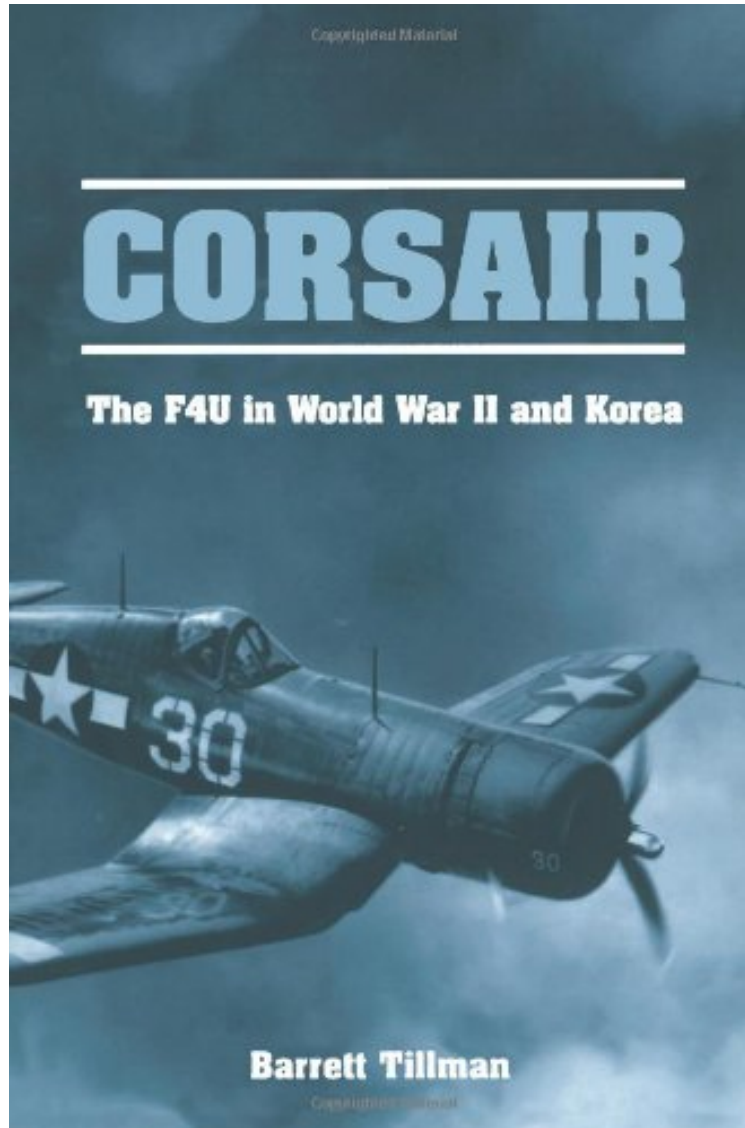


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Everything you wanted to know about the operational history of the CorsairBy DaMacGuyI've read several of Barrett Tillman's books and each one has had a wealth of detail about the aircraft and the pilots who flew them. Admittedly, he does not go into great detail on each pilot and squadron that flew it, but he aims to cover the breadth of its operational history. He covers the initial land-based deployment of the Corsair by the Marines in the Solomons, and its early adoption by the Royal Navy as a carrier-borne fighter,

something that took the US Navy another year and a half to do. As in a lot of carrier developments, the Royal Navy showed the US Navy how to make the Corsair carrier compatible. Once it was on US carriers, it proved to be a deadly foe to the Japanese. It also proved highly capable as a fighter-bomber for ground support, a role for which it was well used in the Korean War. I've always been a fan of the F6F Hellcat, but I have to admit that the F4U was a faster, maybe more maneuverable aircraft than the F6F. Kudos to the Corsair!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of the most iconic of aircraft and the men who flew them into history. By Capt Bob Barrett Tillman knows his subject. He has spared no effort in researching his subject, down to interviewing the men who flew the machine into history. I would not call this an exhaustive treatment of the Corsair, but any more detail and he would probably lose a third of his audience. This is the second book I have read by this author. There is probably no one else, save those who flew the plane in combat, who has such a grasp of the subject. The focus is on the Corsair, but he does not neglect the background of the pilots who flew it. This adds the necessary human element that makes this book more than a technical exercise and study of an airplane. This will certainly appeal to aviation enthusiasts and to very many history buffs who want to know more about this airplane and the conflicts in which it was used.

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About the Author Barrett Tillman is a widely recognized authority on air warfare in World War II and the author of more than forty nonfiction and fiction books on military topics. He has received six awards for history and literature, including the Admiral Arthur Radford Award. He lives in Mesa, Arizona.