

# Eagles of Mitsubishi: The Story of the Zero Fighter

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**Jiro Horikoshi : Eagles of Mitsubishi: The Story of the Zero Fighter** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Eagles of Mitsubishi: The Story of the Zero Fighter*:

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engineer of the Mitsubishi Zero (then called Prototype 12) aircraft project, which our Naval Aviators faced in combat in the Pacific during World War II. My primary interest was that I am an Aeronautical Engineer and an Air Force pilot, and I knew that the art of stress analysis was invented here in Nagoya, Japan starting in 1937. I feel a kinship with Dr. Horikoshi because he was a dedicated and talented aircraft designer who succeeded in his art far beyond his wildest dreams. Unfortunately he was also dismayed at the fact that his aircraft was used for purposes beyond his control and knowledge, including Kamikaze. I only hope Dr. Horikoshi was able to recover his pride after the war because he seemed to end the book with a broken heart.

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