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**Jim Laurier : Fighter!: Ten Killer Planes of World War II** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fighter!: Ten Killer Planes of World War II:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Extremely pleasedBy BymoreI thoroughly enjoyed this book. The art work, photos, and accompanying background on these - at the time - state of the art pieces of machinery is outstanding. I purchased it for my son who shares my love of planes but wound up reading it cover to cover myself.The book is the perfect size measuring 9.5 x 11.5 inches with sturdy hard cover binding and a beautifully illustrated dust cover. The book highlights 10 of the most highly rated single seat fighter planes from WWII. Along with each description are the author's beautiful and detailed illustrations. He points out in the foreword that at the time there were few color photos of these planes so his artwork fills in the gaps. There are many actual photos as well as interviews with the few surviving pilots from US, Britain and Germany. I learned many things as well as an appreciation for the life and times of the men who flew these aircraft so many years ago. If you are a fan of history and WWII aircraft in particular you will definitely want to add this fo your collection.My sincere thanks to Mr. Laurier for his talent and effort to produce such a work of art. Thank you, thank you, thank you.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Greatest WWII fighter book of all time. Breathtaking art combined with historical facts and specs is unique. I bought six.By FritzThe greatest WWII fighter book ever written. I bought six for gifts. I have never seen this incredible combination of art, history, technical specifications and dramatic pilot stories combined like this before. This is a groundbreaking work. I enjoyed every minute spent within these pages. You will too.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. He was very nice to help me all he couldBy Old GoatI once contacted Jim Laurier concerning a pair of models I was making after a painting of his. He was very nice to help me all he could. So, when I saw this book, I snatched it up. It's worth every penny I paid for it. Jim has taken 10 fighters from WWII, inserted paintings and pencils of them in combat, ect., put comprehensive articles describing the plane, its development, how

many were made and which theater of the War they were used in. I really like this book and it will come in handy as I make more WWII plane models.

Plunge into the action, and marvel at ten of the best and best-known World War II fighter aircraft! There's no shortage of fantastic archival aviation photography from World War II. But photos from the period fall short in three major categories: the vast majority are black and white, most were composed under duress, and very few capture moments that have since entered the written record of aerial conflict. Award-winning artist Jim Laurier rectifies the situation in this stunning, large-format, hardcover book celebrating World War II's top fighter aircraft. From design and weaponry to the daring tales of the pilots who flew the aircraft, *Fighter!* is a unique and lavishly presented look at World War II aviation through the imagination of military aviation's top artist and illustrator. The book presents chapters about ten legendary aircraft, each featuring paintings of the fighter in action, multi-view color plates (including cockpits), archival photography for context, and the stories behind the planes' design and service. The featured aircraft are: the Messerschmitt Bf 109, Hawker Hurricane, Lockheed P-38 Lightning, Mitsubishi A6M Zero, Curtiss P-40, Focke-Wulf Fw 190, Supermarine Spitfire, North American P-51, Republic P-47, and Messerschmitt Me 262. While each of Laurier's paintings and illustrations are breathtaking and technically exacting, the stories highlight key moments in battle and the nostalgia surrounding these fighters and their pilots, offering anecdotes that enhance the art's power. A complete appendix includes key statistics for each aircraft. A warbird history like no other, *Fighter!* brings the romance of aerial combat, the power of agile takeoffs, and the fury of deadly weapons alive on the page.

""The words as well as the art of *Fighter! Ten Killer Planes of World War II* are intimate yet each aircraft's creation and history are concisely described in easily read, though richly informative, writing."