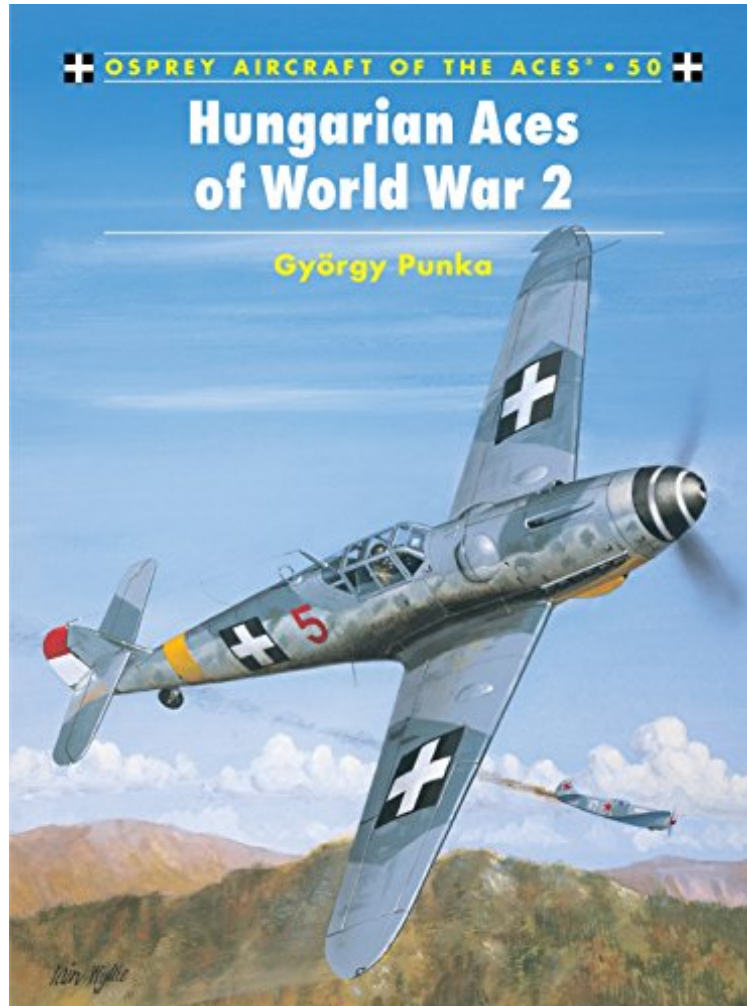


## Hungarian Aces of World War 2

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Russia with the Germans in '42 to the Home Defence in '44-'45. Attacking American B-24s, B-17s, P-51s, P-47, P-38s. Also Russian Il-2s, La-5, La-7s and Yak-9s. It's a wonder the Hungarians could have fought so many with so little. This book has 83 pages of everything. But I did notice that there were no first hand accounts, so if you enjoy reading battles from pilots, this might disappoint you. Still, this book is a good read. I am pleased to see Osprey publish books about little countries that fought in WWII. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must have

By Scott Bailey This book tells the histories of different air aces of the Hungarian air force and the aircraft they flew. The history of the airforce and units are also mentioned. When the Hungarian air force recieved the better of german equipment the kill ratio went up. The Hungarian gave a good account of themselves with a high kill ratio by the end of the war for such a small air force.

Like Germany, Hungary was forbidden from having an air force following the defeat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the end of World War 1. However, again like Germany, the new state of Hungary created an air arm in secret during the 1930s. Hungarian fighter pilots first saw action against their Slovakian neighbours in early 1939, following the annexation of Czechoslovakia by Germany. In June 1941, Hungarian armed forces joined the Germany in the invasion of Russia, and pilots from the I/I Fighter Group saw continuous action into 1942. Flying CR.42s, Re.2000s and Bf 109Es, pilots scored a modest number of kills. However, when the Bf 109G-equipped Hungarian 101 CEPuma1 Fighter Regiment was committed to action over Kharkov in April 1943, numerous aces started to rapidly build there scores. One year later the unit returned home in order to defend Hungarian cities from American heavy bombers, and pilots such as Dezsö Szentgyörgyi and György Debrödy scored the bulk of their kills in desperat battles against American fighters and bombers. Unlike most of Germany's Eastern European allies, Hungary did not capitulate during the Russian advances of 1944, and its fighter pilots fought on until May 1945.

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