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Tony Holmes : Hurricane I vs Bf 110: 1940 (Duel) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hurricane I vs Bf 110: 1940 (Duel):

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Interesting entry in Osprey's Duel series By Steven Peterson One of the aircraft duels of World War II was the British Hurricane I versus the German Bf 110. Indeed, it was not, in effect, a fair fight. The Bf 110 was designed as a "bomber-destroyer" and was not up to one on one dogfights with the Hurricane. While the Bf 110 was poor in acceleration and was not nearly as maneuverable as the Hurricane. While the Bf 110 could generate decent speed, it simply was not built to succeed in battle against the Hurricane. The year 1940 is examined in this slim Osprey volume. The book notes the beginning of the duel between the two planes, during the "Phony War" and continuing thereafter. A nice chronology appears on pages 6-7, outlining key points in the evolution of the aircraft. Next, the work examines design and development of the two planes. The Hurricane was one of the first

monoplanes in the British air arm. The next section examines the technical specifications of the two airplanes. Page 24 provides, in tabular form, a nice comparison. The Bf 110 was a considerably larger and heavier aircraft. Then, a discussion of the strategic situation in which combatants piloting the two warplanes operated within. Unit organization is commented upon and the Battle of Britain is mentioned. Next, the combatants. We learn of the training of German and British pilots. The combat between the aircraft is elaborated upon, followed by the disproportionate statistics, with the Hurricane shooting down more Bf 110s than vice versa. A fine introduction to these two World War II era combat airplanes. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. staggeringly good historical review! By Wounded Combat Veteran This is the first of this series of "duel" books that I've read. First, I must echo what previous reviewers have written. This book is faultless, unless one can complain that it ended too soon! The photos, graphical layout, large number of brief ace biographies and excerpts of their combat stories - all are superb! I am staggered by the quality of this! 10 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Png52 More personal combat accounts would have been nice. I'd still buy again

The Hurricane was the RAF's first monoplane fighter and saw significant combat during the fight over France and the Battle of Britain. One of its principal opponents in 1940 was the Bf 110 twin-engined, two-seat heavy fighter. Following the invasion of France, these fighters clashed regularly as the RAF's Hurricanes attacked German bomber formations defended by Bf 110. Although the Hurricane had the upper hand when it came to maneuverability, the Bf 110 outclassed it in terms of fire power, with its mix of machine guns and cannon. This is the story of the dramatic battles in the skies over France and the Channel as Britain desperately tried to hold back the German onslaught from her shores.

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