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Mark Stille : Imperial Japanese Navy Aircraft Carriers 1921-45 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Imperial Japanese Navy Aircraft Carriers 1921-45:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A lot of good in a small package. By Stone Dog Osprey New Vanguard #109, Imperial Japanese Navy Aircraft Carriers 1921-45, zeroes in on the carriers of the Japanese Navy before and during WWII. As such it does a very good job of giving the reader an overview of Japanese naval warfare in WWII. I thought Mark Stille has given us a good account of Japanese carriers as they evolved from the first attempts in the 1920's through wartime carriers. The author gives the reader a good idea of some of the philosophies that drove Japanese carrier design. Some of their carriers were, like the US carriers USS Lexington and USS Saratoga, originally laid down as battleships or battle cruisers and converted to carriers as a result of the Washington Naval Treaty. Their construction gives the reader some insight into why the IJN carriers suffered mortal wounds a US-made carrier could

have survived, such as the construction of their aviation fuel tanks and fuel lines. I think the author did a good job of showing how IJN carrier design changed over time. He also showed the poor anti-aircraft armament these carriers were equipped with. The author gives a brief operational history of the Japanese carrier force from the war in China through the early war in the Pacific through their complete destruction as the industrial might of the US out-produced Japan in both quantitative and qualitative terms. Although Osprey books cannot give the reader a really in-depth treatment of any subject, they do a good job of giving a reader the essentials. I thought this was a good book which gave me a good, basic understanding of Japanese carrier design and operational history. I recommend this book with four stars. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very good summary of Japanese aircraft carrier design and airplane operations in a 48 page book. By Bayard B. Very good summary of Japanese aircraft carrier design and approach to aircraft carrier operations and ship and aircraft handling on board. The book doesn't gove much more detail on the ships than is provided in A. J. Watts and B. G. Gordon's book *The Imperial Japanese Navy*. For the best account of Japanese ship handling and airplane handling on board their aircraft carriers, you must read *Shattered Sword* by Jonathon Parshall and Anthony Tully. If you already have those two books, then you probably don't need to get this one. Still, it gives a good summary for 48 pages. It also contains quite a few photos of the Japanese aircraft carriers that I had never seen before. It also gives a nice discussion of the conversion of the seven passenger liners and five seaplane tenders / auxiliaries to aircraft carriers. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Loved it By Lashtah Great read

The Imperial Japanese Navy was a pioneer in naval aviation, having commissioned the world's first built-from-the-keel-up carrier, the *Hosho*. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, it experimented with its carriers, perfecting their design and construction. As a result, by the time Japan entered World War II and attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor in 1941, it possessed a fantastically effective naval aviation force. This book covers the design, development and operation of IJN aircraft carriers built prior to and during World War II. Pearl Harbor, Midway and the first carrier vs carrier battle, the battle of the Coral Sea, are all discussed.

“Though it only has 48 pages, the book works well with what it has as it provides some impressive information about all of the carriers (some of it, which may impress those that have researched about the subject matter for a long time). This book is mainly for historians (mainly as a starting point for those wanting to learn more about the subject matter), collectors and modelers.” ?Andrew Nguyen, www.combinedfleet.com (July 2009) From the Publisher The unrivalled illustrated reference on fighting vehicles, transport and artillery through the ages. Each volume is illustrated throughout, making these books uniquely accessible to history enthusiasts of all ages. About the Author Mark Stille is a retired commander in the US Navy, currently working in Naval Intelligence. He has had numerous war games published in the past, including some concerning Japanese Aircraft Carriers. Interested in the navy, in particular the Imperial Japanese Navy, for most of his life, he devotes much of his time to researching the IJN and the vessels they used.