



### 1 Junkers Ju 88 Day and Nightfighters; Development – Equipment – Operations 1940-1945

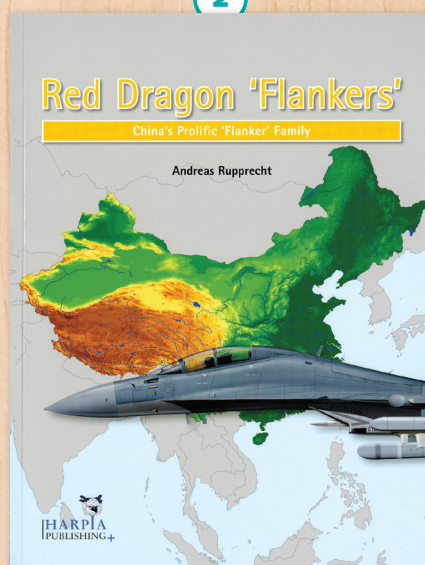
By: Chris Goss and Martin Streetly Pages: 224  
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Third in Crécy's series of books covering the Junkers Ju 88 is this sizable volume dedicated to fighter versions of the twin-engined type, primarily night-fighters. As such, this is a highly detailed examination of the aircraft plus the weapons, radar systems (internal and external) and units involved in such operations and adds greatly to the previous books. The text is organised into a selection of specialised chapters that seemingly leave no stone unturned, from the dates, pilots and aircraft involved – in the latter case, even down to the Werk Nummern. Appendices provide a wealth of further facts, figures and details, with these easier to skim for information. Along with the rich history providing a depth of material for reference and fact-checking, the imagery throughout the volume is sumptuous. Just the highest-quality period photos feature and at significant sizes, with superb reproduction and paper standard ensuring all appear crisp and highly detailed. Furthermore, technical diagrams, drawings and arrangements offer more insight, while a selection of full-colour profiles will aid modelling efforts depicting some of the most famous and important airframes.

Crécy's series on the Ju 88 is setting the standard for in-depth references, with this stunning night-fighter volume acting as proof – it's a must-have for those interested in Luftwaffe or Junkers types and night operations. **JF**



### 2 Red Dragon 'Flankers'

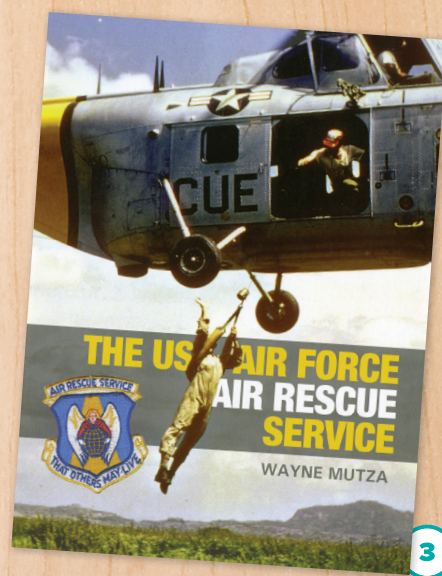
By: Andreas Rupprecht

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Harpia has established a superb reputation for producing in-depth volumes on modern Chinese air arms, and this book takes a logical next step to examine one of the most common aircraft types operated by China: the Sukhoi Su-27 *Flanker* 'family'. As the author demonstrates, it's not a straightforward subject, with China possibly operating more sub-types of this formidable aircraft than any other country, using a mix of direct-export and indigenously developed variants. There's more than a whiff of controversy in places, with claim and counter-claim over China's allegedly illegal production of the J-11, J-15 and J-16 (all *Flanker* variants), but the author takes time to investigate the nuances behind these events. Each of the 13 sub-types (some having sub-sub-types) is then examined in detail, starting with the initial single-seat *Flankers* and moving through to the two-seaters (for training and multi-role operations), to carrier-borne versions. Attention turns then to the weapons carried by Chinese *Flankers*, from air-to-air missiles all the way through to electronic warfare and reconnaissance pods, plus free-fall munitions. This section probably offers some of the best photos – most of which are rare examples showing loaded airframes – although the quality is good throughout the book. All units known to operate the type are then described, and there's even a handy 'equation' to work out the Chinese airframe numbering system. A final appendix provides modellers with a handy recognition guide to the different variants – ideal for those building on a theme. This is a superb volume and comes highly recommended. **SF**



### 3 The US Air Force Air Rescue Service

By: Wayne Mutza

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Schiffer's weighty hardback on USAF air rescue assets is a stunning reference, providing a huge amount of visual/textual information. This tome is invaluable for modellers, regardless of your interest. The book does a stellar job at covering the full history of the USAF's rescue aircraft – both fixed-wing and rotary. It is lavishly illustrated and probably the first dedicated work on the subject. Author Wayne Mutza's narrative begins with World War Two, exploring the efforts of types such as the PBY Catalina, P-47D, B-25, C-47 and Grumman Avenger. Post-War air rescue ops involving the R-4 Helicopter on Liberty Ships are described, along with the volunteer-powered Civil Air Patrol. Mutza weaves factual presentation with personal accounts to maintain an engaging read, but his selection of photos is a winner for modellers, too. Most types used are included, with examples ranging from the Grumman Albatross and Duck amphibians, R-5/H-5 helicopters and lifeboat-equipped B-17s, to the more sizeable B-29 Superfortress. The Cold War brought its own demands and the book explores this period extensively, with glorious photos of H-19Bs. The C-130 Hercules also makes an entrance, along with its hair-raising 'Sky Hook' personnel rescue capability, but other aircraft include the twin-rotor H-21 and Kaman Huskie, along with H-3 variants. The Vietnam War era has its own expansive section, understandably, given the high number of 'downed' US aircrew. Throughout the book, the training, skills and psyche of the Pararescue 'Jumpers' accompanies the otherwise pure aircraft focus. **CC**