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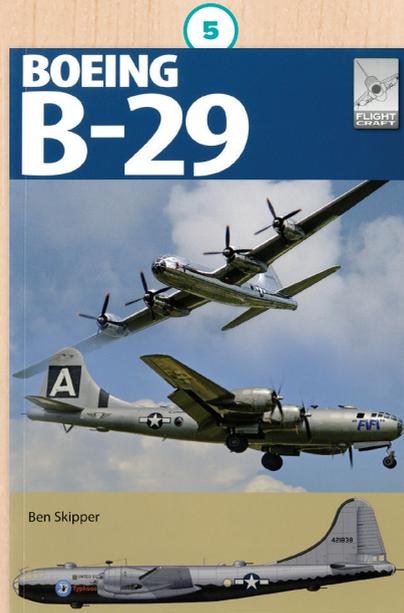
Operation Eldorado Canyon

By: Maj Jim Rotramel (USAF, Ret)
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Much has been written about Operation Eldorado Canyon, in which US Air Force F-11s struck targets in Libya, but often they focus on just the USAF element and address the 'what' and 'when'. This new publication from Harpia is written by an ex-F-111 aviator and takes a different approach, as it adds the 'who' aspect, in terms of those involved in the planning and execution of the mission, along with the US Navy missions – conducted under Operation Prairie Fire. These not only provided critical defence-suppression efforts for the USAF strike, but also targeted other installations.

What results is a fascinating insight into how such long-range contingency operations are planned and executed (at the time it was the longest such mission by a tactical fighter), how the various US air arms operated in sync despite being separated by thousands of miles, and the use of precision munitions (a new practice at the time, but now almost taken for granted).

The narrative is superb throughout, being backed by high-quality colour photos of the aircraft types involved, with well-drawn maps highlighting the transit distances and locations of the major 'players'. Time is also taken to explain the capabilities of the F-111, EF-111 and weapons used during the operation, with a similar breakdown provided for the US Navy's A-6, A-7, F-14 and F/A-18 aircraft. Above all, this is a splendid tribute to all those service personnel who contributed to Operations Eldorado Canyon and Prairie Fire and the definitive account of those missions. **SF**

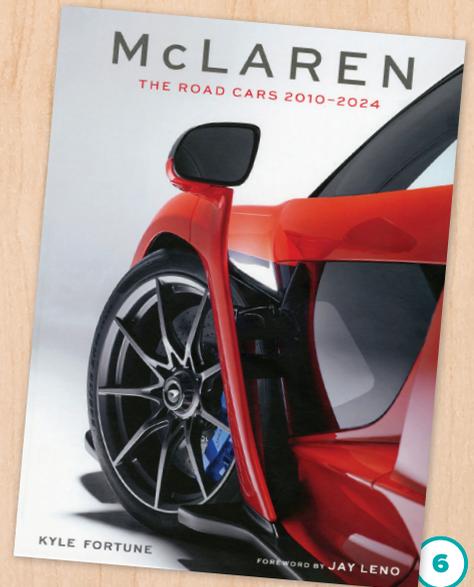


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Flight Craft 29: Boeing B-29

By: Ben Skipper
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Flight Craft's aptly numbered Volume 29 provides an examination of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress long-range bomber. A short introduction leads into the type's development – showing how the design matured. Focus then shifts to the bomber's internals and engines, with good quality photos that will be useful for the modeller, followed by a chapter explaining the type's operational service. It's then on to a description of the Superfortress variants, from the basic bomber (both the B-29 and follow-on B-50 families) through to photographic reconnaissance, air refueller, air-sea rescue and weather reconnaissance platforms. Eight pages of colour profiles provide an abridged colours and markings section, with 24 airframes depicted – curiously, none portray Korean War schemes. The modelling section occupies almost half the pages, a marked change from other publications in the series, along with it occupying the final pages, instead of being sandwiched between historical narratives. There's a basic kit listing in the various scales, accompanied by a short decal overview – the latter omitting many products – while aftermarket accessories, of which there are numerous examples, are absent, which is disappointing. Four builds then follow, although three are essentially the same (Academy's 1/72 kit), meaning there's considerable repetition; the remaining build features the Revell/Monogram 1/48 B-29. The photos are generally good, but most are gallery shots, meaning there's little guidance/information passed on to modellers wanting to attempt a Superfortress project. **SF**



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McLaren – The Road Cars 2010-2024

By: Kyle Fortune
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Schiffer's sumptuous book on modern McLaren supercars will aid any auto modeller seeking high detail on subjects by this famous marque. *McLaren – The Road Cars 2010-2024* explores mainly roadgoing vehicles from the MP4-12C right up to the 750S, encompassing the 570S, 600LT, 720S, 765LT, Senna and many others. And when the Foreword is penned by US chat-show host and avid car collector Jay Leno, you know this publication means business. McLaren's cars are some of the world's most thrilling, powerful and technologically brilliant – and are great fun to model. Schiffer's book offers a wealth of detail in various full-view shots of the cars. However, the real intricacies are highlighted by close-up studies of grilles/vents, wheels, brakes and the like – plus the interiors, so you can scrutinise the nuances of seating, steering wheels, dashboards and trim styles. Each type is described in full, with input from McLaren staff alongside quotes from motoring journalists and test drivers. There's plenty of stats and specs for car fans who enjoy knowing the subject intimately, but it's an inarguable fact that the imagery is what many modellers will covet above all else. Heaps of splendid photos fill the pages, even down to close-ups of instruments, centre consoles, load spaces and other features, giving any McLaren fan just about everything they'd want if building scale examples. The price tag is pretty hefty, but will repay handsomely if you're intending to build on a theme. **CC**

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