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Strike Eagle: Flying The F-15E In The Gulf War





Synopsis

Taking readers into the cockpit of the U.S. Air Force's F-15E, the pilot-author of Warthog: Flying the A-10 in the Gulf War recounts the all-too-human experiences of war in the skies over Baghdad.

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Customer Reviews

This was a well put together collection of stories from real American heroes. I feel I have a better understanding of just how challenging it is to keep a military edge.

Awesome book I am an Aviation geek my self love airplanes. This book is geared toward fight pilots used good amount of lingo that I myself had to look up. Very good read recommend if you are into any aviation.

A very good read.

It still amazes me when we under-employ or poorly employ assets we have in our quiver. While I found the book to be a very good read, I get frustrated with American Leaders and their weekness.

Probably more suited to history buffs or to those interested in aviation (as I am). The book deals in the Eagle as essentially a strike aircraft as opposed to those involved in air to air combat. But the overriding picture is gained by studying the everyday lives of all of those who were up there living in extreme conditions and also to an overloaded schedule. I am looking forward to my next purchase, also my Mr. Smallwood about the A10's role in the Gulf.

this review comes from a civilian point-of-view, so don't expect me to comment on the accuracy of the information given in this book. I guess I would have to say that any critique I give this book, it comes from what I felt was missing and what I felt worked well in the book. That said, this book was incredibly attractive to any Gulf War buff or a person intrigued with modern aviation history. And with the part the F-15E played in the Gulf War, I felt this book was a needed addition to my library. And it really didn't fail me. Some of the stories told were eye-opening, they helped open my eyes not just to the life of the F-15E pilots and wso's, but also to the political nature of the war. I feel the political nature of this conflict is something important to understand for those who are trying to understand what participated in the conflict and why however, i feel the author did not focus on the history of the F-15E enough, granted, the title of this book is "Flying the F-15E in the Gulf War." so i understand why he wrote what he wrote, however, i felt he had an incredible opportunity to help the layperson understand where and why the F-15E came to being, that addition probably would have added a chapter to the book, but throughout the book, i just kept thinking it would have been a very welcomed addition.however, this book was a very important part of my gulf war library and one that i do not, for one second, regret taking the time to read. This book covers a part of the war that, in the pilot's view, that was badly underrepresented. And now, after reading, i would most definitely have to agree.

Overall a good read if you like this sort of book. Lots about attack aircraft tactics and practical concerns. Some excitement, trivia and tragedy to make it stand out.

This book is an amazing insight of the US air dominance during the Gulf conflict as told by the men and women who were there! William Smallwood does a fantastic job of asking the questions those interested would want to know. Great read!

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