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War In The Air: The World War Two Aviation Paintings Of Mark Postlethwaite



Synopsis

For over fifteen years, the name of Mark Postlethwaite has been well-known and respected throughout the world of aviation art. Now, for the first time, over fifty of Mark's finest original paintings of this period are brought together in one truly outstanding collector's edition. Unlike most aviation art publications, *War in the Air* sets out the history shown in each of the paintings, with first-hand accounts and rare original wartime photographs. The historical text has been specially commissioned from leading aviation author Chris Goss, an expert in Luftwaffe and RAF operations over Europe.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book for WWII enthusiasts... I loved it!!! Mark's art is very very good, it really captures the look and feel of air war during WWII.

Bought this book for a friend who is really into war aviation. Great art work. He loved it! I highly recommend this as a gift.

If you're one of the many aviation enthusiasts who have enjoyed Mark Postlethwaite's fine cover art done for Osprey Publishing, you'll be delighted by this coffee-table art book that highlights over 50 of his original paintings. Postlethwaite is a top-notch artist with an excellent eye for detail and a clear commitment to historically correct, realistic military aviation art. My personal favorites include the

marvelous cover artwork depicting JG 5 FW 190s, the Battle of Britain scene on p. 23, "Blenheim Attack" on p. 61 and the Short Sunderland painting on p. 88. Postlethwaite's artistry is complemented by Chris Goss' text which supplies the historical background for each painting, often including first-person narratives of the aircrew involved. The price (\$49.95) might seem a bit steep but, unless you are an aviation art collector, the book is the next best thing to purchasing the real thing. Highly recommended! One aside: Postlethwaite included one Osprey cover in this book. I wish he had included more. His cover artwork for the "Luftwaffe Sturmgruppen" book is an absolutely superb piece of aviation art!

My main interest is in the history of WW2 aviation, aviators, and aviation art. Mark Postlewaite is one of the world's finest aviation artists, one who's WW2 aviation passion seems to be along the same lines as mine. His artwork and written historical facts are always spot-on and beyond reproach. His artwork mixes specific WW2 actions with well known WW2 aviators. Not only from an artistic standpoint, but from an historical perspective, this book should be in every WW2 aviation library. His second aviation artwork volume is about to be released this month, August 2012. The new title is WAR IN THE AIR II.

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