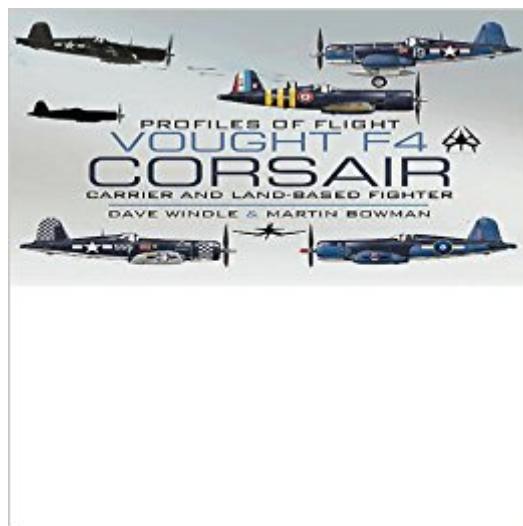


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# Vought F4 Corsair: Carrier And Land-Based Fighter (Profiles Of Flight)



## Synopsis

The Vought F4U was the best carrier based fighter of WW2. 12,571 aircraft were built and downed 2,140 enemy aircraft for the loss of only 189 Corsairs. It was developed early in 1938 for the US Navy. The designer, Tex Beisel, worked on the principle of the largest engine in the smallest airframe. Britain received 2012 of the type. This book contains the world famous color profiles created by Dave Windle of the type in different operational modes, configurations and color schemes. Martin Bowman has written detailed descriptions and photographs to create the perfect enthusiasts reference.

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## Customer Reviews

Dave Windle has gained the reputation of being Britain's most skilful creator of aircraft profiles. He draws upon his service with the RAF to maintain complete accuracy. Lives near Aberdeen.

Martin Bowman is one of Britain's foremost aviation historians and has written many books and articles. He lives in Norwich.

This book is an informative book of the operational history of the Corsair. It is a little more brief in the photos than I would expected, but overall the book is a nice addition to my aviation literature collection.

Another book in the 'Profiles of Flight' series, this work provides an informative review of the history and all general elements of the Vought F4 Corsair for those who previously knew nothing whatsoever of this aircraft. At the outbreak of WW2 only four nations operated aircraft carriers - although France's only such vessel spent the entire war interned in a neutral port. The Royal Navy was the only navy to enter that war still flying small numbers of bi-planes (which took up far more space than single-wing aircraft which were able to fold those wings upwards) whereas the USA and Japan had already introduced far more powerful single-wing aircraft. As far as the US Navy was concerned, that conversion came about after a decision made in 1938 where it was decided to bring their carrier-based aircraft up to land-based performance levels. It was that requirement which led to the first prototypes of the Vought Corsair being designed around the most powerful aircraft engine of the day. This work provides a fascinating history of the Vought Corsair from those early beginnings right through the 14 years of production and all theatres of service - including WW2 and Korea, during which a staggering 12,582 aircraft were built. These include the 7 different versions; F4U-1, F4U-1A, FG-10, F4U-4, F4U-5NL, F4U-7 and F2G-1. Once again with this series of books, the work is well supported by a good selection of historical photographs throughout - including one which shows a surviving example of one which eventually flew with the Royal Navy. The book concludes with a fine selection of colour profiles by Dave Windle which depict 18 aircraft - mostly seen from both sides, in the various liveries of different Squadrons with which they served. Altogether, a most informative work which is well put together. NM

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