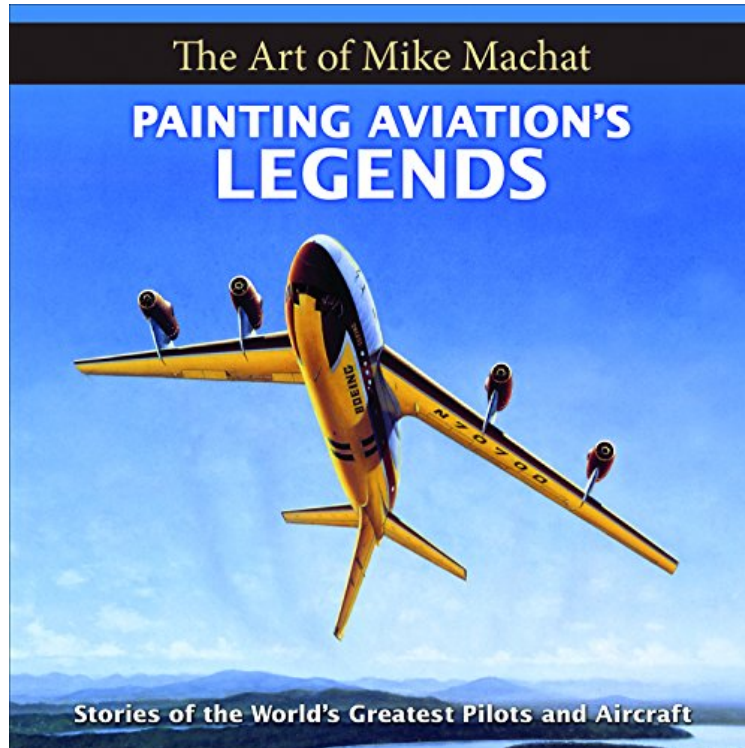


## Painting Aviation's Legends: The Art of Mike Machat

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paintings and tells wonderful stories, detailing a personal connection with each of the plane's pilots. He also talks about his inspirations and gives credit to other artists who have inspired him. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful aviation art with the stories and personalities behind the paintings By Marvin G. Goldman This gorgeous book not only showcases the beautiful aviation art of noted American artist Mike Machat, it does much more. Machat tells the stories of some of the main personalities and aircraft in U.S. aviation history, both military and commercial, and how he transformed these aircraft into works of art. The book is also printed on fine quality paper, with excellent color reproduction. A great addition to your aviation or art library.

Aviation in the 20th Century changed the world forever, and this book portrays that history through art. In addition to more than 60 original fine art paintings of significant moments in aviation history are the dramatic and compelling personal stories of 30 renowned airmen who blazed new trails and accomplished many significant 'firsts' in American skies. Names like Chuck Yeager, Scott Crossfield, Pete Everest, and Joe Engle grace this list. Add pilots like "Fitz" Fulton, Jack Broughton, and "Tex" Johnston, and you have a veritable "Who's Who" of America's greatest aviation legends. This book gives readers a special "behind-the-scenes" look at the actual process of how aviation art is made. Many projects are shown from the very first "back-of-the-napkin" sketch to the complex developmental steps leading to final engineering drawings and finished paintings. If you've ever wondered how aviation art is created, this book not only explains the process in detail, but shows how the pilots contribute to finished artwork as well. Through his award-winning artwork, Mike Machat has documented aviation for the past 40 years in ways never before seen, a process made possible by flying in many of the aircraft he painted, and developing life-long personal friendships with pilots of the aircraft he has preserved for history.

"This vivid volume teaches much. So put your imagination in the locked and upright position. Buckle-up. And take off with Mike Machat's terrifically inspirational tome!" (David L. Veres Cybermodeler.com 2016-06-10) From the Back Cover Lavishly illustrated with world-class aviation art, this book tells the stories of legendary aircraft and the pilots who flew them as seen through the eyes of an esteemed painter of aviation history. Dramatic full-color paintings vividly portray ground-breaking flights as the reader is taken behind-the-scenes of the greatest aerial events of the 20th Century. Supplementing more than 60 original paintings are photos of the pilots and aircraft, plus concept sketches and development drawings showing the evolution of final artwork. From World War II aerial combat to experimental supersonic flight, aviation history comes alive in the paintings of award-winning artist Mike Machat. About the Author Originally from New York, Mike Machat is a well-known American aviation artist, author, and historian. He served in the U.S. Air Force, was a Staff Artist for McDonnell Douglas Corporation, and was elected first president of the American Society of Aviation Artists. Machat's artwork has won numerous awards, and his paintings reside in the Smithsonian National Air Space Museum and the Pentagon. As a pilot, he holds an FAA Commercial Certificate, has flown in 225 different types of aircraft, and logged more than 2,000 flights in sailplanes.