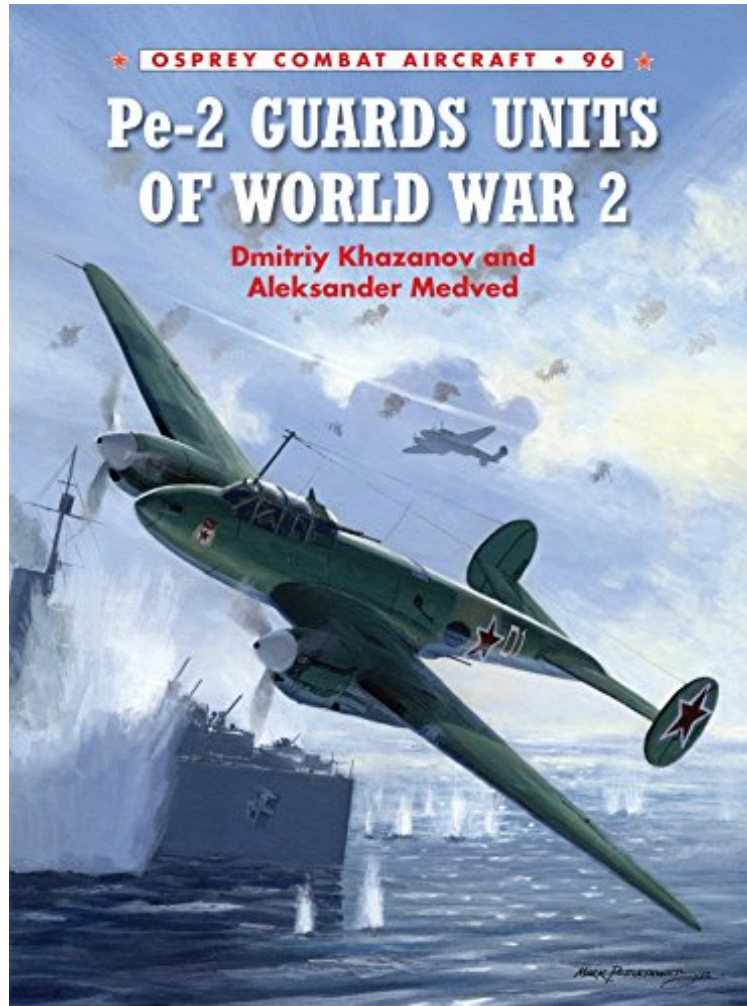


## Pe-2 Guards Units of World War 2 (Combat Aircraft)

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**Dmitriy Khazanov, Aleksander Medved : Pe-2 Guards Units of World War 2 (Combat Aircraft)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pe-2 Guards Units of World War 2 (Combat Aircraft):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ESSENTIAL OSPREY VOLUME OF SOVIET GUARD DIVEBOMBER UNITS By P. A. Panozzo This is a terrific volume from the Osprey Combat Aircraft Series well executed by leading experts on the history of Soviet aviation during World War Two, Dimitriy Khazanov and Aleksander Medved. The cover artwork is superbly executed by Mark Postlethwaite and portrays one of the more salient Pe-2 dive bomber operations that occurred on July 16, 1944. The German warship "Niobe" is shown under attack by the Pe-2 of Major V. I. Rakov of the 12th GvBAP (Guards Bomber Air Regiment). Another reviewer has pointed out the great virtues and value of this book and I agree with his assessment. One of the best parts of these

Osprey books are the color profiles of the aircraft! This book has thirty superbly executed Pe-2 profiles by one of Russia's premiere aviation artists Andrey Yurgenson! I came across this title when I put together a Listmania List on World War Two Soviet Aviation. The Osprey books are fabulous in my opinion. They are a good value for the money. I have been studying Soviet aircraft designs and operations from World War Two and consider this volume to be an important resource in my library. I also purchased Il-2 Shturmovik Guards Units of World War 2 (Combat Aircraft) which I strongly recommend. I also like the Squadron Signal Publication aircraft profiles Petlyakov Pe-2 in action - Aircraft No. 181 and Ilyushin Il-2 Stormovik in Action - Aircraft No. 1550 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A much needed reference on this aircraft. By Alte AdlerFar exceeded my expectations. Finally we're seeing Russian aircraft monographs written by Russian aviation experts with more details than we could ever dream of. We can only hope the author, Dmitriy Khazonov will be doing more of these on Russian aircraft. The author takes us through the war years on these Pe-2 units, including the not oft mentioned Pe-3 fighter units. The profiles are expertly done and the colors are accurate for us modelers, but they don't show the fading, wear marks, etc. for these service aircraft, a minor complaint. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good for a start on Pe-2 By infolotniczeThe authors of the book are well known to Osprey fans - Dmitry Khazanov and Aleksander Medved. First of them wrote 15 books and numerous articles for international publishers. The second is also a retired colonel who also is an aviation historian. The graphic layer is prepared by Andrey Yurgenson, an artist who is recognized for his work with military magazines, but also with Osprey. The book presents a small piece of Pe-2 bombers history associated with their use in the units of the Russian Army Guards. Books related to aviation on the Eastern Front are still not so popular on the Western European publishing market and hence the this book can be seen as complementary to the knowledge in this area for English-speaking readers. The book consists of 96 pages, divided into 6 chapters. At the end we can find attachments and index. Traditionally, Osprey gives its readers a lot of color plates which also present us different versions of Pe-2 aircraft. The first chapter describes in brief the development of the aircraft, and also has information on the reconnaissance versions of the bomber. The remaining chapters describe the use of Pe-2 in Guards formations involved in World War II. In this way we have a condensed knowledge of the above-topic and learn about the commitment made by Pe-2 machines to the air war. The book is written in a simple language and can be used as a starting point for learning more about Russian bombers and the plane Pe-2. Osprey decided not to publish any bibliography so we do not know what were the sources for both authors. Considering their experience and documents included in the iconographic layer, it can be assumed that the base is solid. Two shots showing the tactics used on Pe-2 aircraft are from the Russian instructions and look very interesting. The presented photos are of a decent quality. In conclusion one must say that the book is highly recommended not only to readers interested in this type of aircraft, but also to all willing to get some in formations about Russian Units.

Petlyakov's Pe-2 was the most numerous Soviet twin-engined bomber of World War 2, the aircraft being used as a dive-bomber, ground attack platform and dedicated reconnaissance type. The first examples entered service in August 1940, and by the time production came to end in late 1945, no fewer than 10,547 examples had been built. These equipped more than 80 bomber air regiments, and of the latter, two were accorded Guards Air Corps status, as were six air regiments. Amongst the former was the 2nd Guards Bomber Air Corps, which was commanded by the legendary General Polbin, who was twice made a Hero of the Soviet Union. Pe-2 bomber and reconnaissance versions (the latter in service with four Guards reconnaissance air regiments of the Air Force and one regiment of Naval Aviation) were extensively used from the frozen Arctic north to the balmy Crimea front. A number of Pe-2 also saw brief combat against Japan in the final weeks of World War 2.