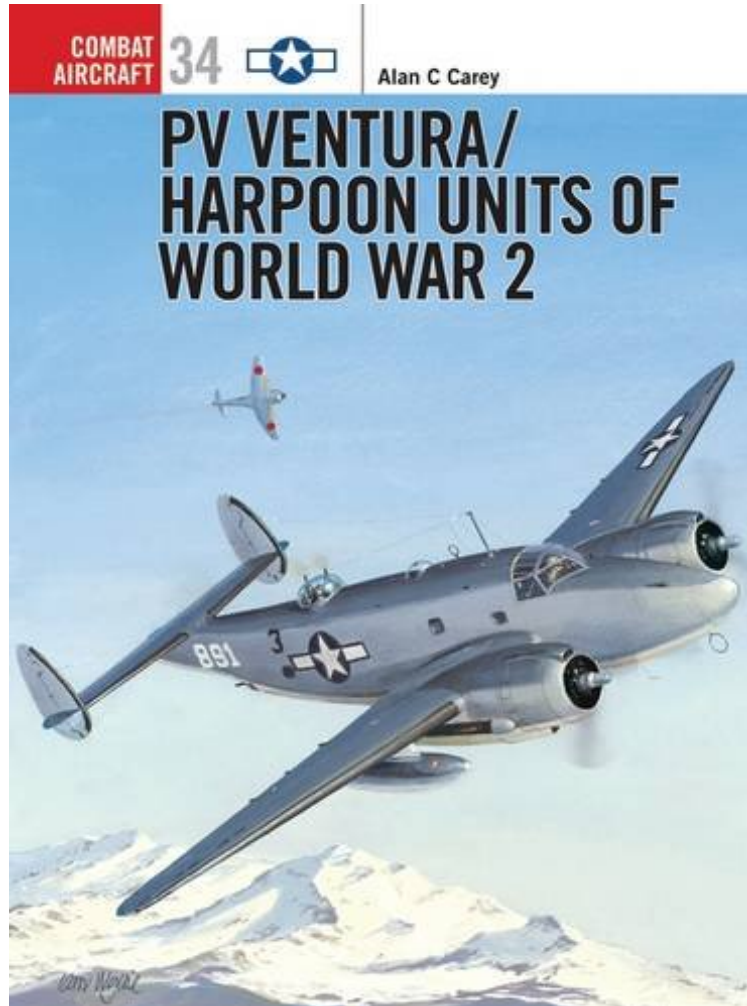


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**Alan C. Carey : PV Ventura: Harpoon Units of World War II** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised PV Ventura: Harpoon Units of World War II:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book on Ventura/Harpoon Units of WW-II +++By Kevin KierskyAuthor Alan C. Carey -- a service veteran [Marines and Army] with History, technical and writing experience -- has created a book that is well crafted via clear font, good writing and many illustrations -- followed by a nice summary, conclusion, appendices and index. This work presents the story of this twin-type [PV-1/2] twin-engined medium recon-patrol-bomber -- developed from the [civillian] Lockheed Model 18 Lodestar. This reader especially appreciates the presentation via WW-II field operations units -- which is a great natural way to combine technical and humanist aspects. As this work shows -- the Ventura-Harpoon was versatile and durable -- and mostly very useful and successful. It is rare that a civilian aircraft can be quickly modified into a frontline field-ops aircraft. As this work

shows -- some Brits called it the \*Pig\* -- due its lack of speed and grace -- as compared to the Brit Mosquito. That may have been unfair -- as this reader would rate the Mosquito as one of the topmost combat-intended twin-engined aircraft of WW-II -- much like the Brit Spitfire was for one-engined aircraft. Even so, the Ventura-Harpoon was at least quite durable with good range, load and handling. Especially interesting for this reader was the saga of the USA Navy Ventura-Harpoon units of the Aleutians [islands] field operations as shown in this book. Even Naval Aviation units -- such as VBP-139 and VBP-135 with their longer-ranged bigger-winged PV-2 Harpoons -- had to endure and survive cloudy-misty-foggy-snowy-icy weather of long recon-patrol-bombing missions of Aleutian-based field operations over land and sea -- as well as determined and skillful Imperial Japanese interceptor aircraft and antiaircraft guns of boats and bases. Those USA Naval Aviation Flyers must have had great skill and will to endure and survive -- like most of the various national service veterans of WW-II +++0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Read it and donated it to a military museum. ...By C. M. WoodRead it and donated it to a military museum. My father was killed in WWII flying a Vega Ventura, and the museum already had his uniforms and other memorabilia. He is mentioned in the book (LCDR CM Wood Jr)0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy NetRaiderNice overview

Osprey's examination of the PV Ventura/Harpoon Units and of their participation in World War II (1939-1945). A development of the successful Lockheed 'medium twins' of the late 1930s, the PV Ventura/Harpoon family of patrol bombers saw widespread service with both the US Navy/Marine Corps and the TAF and Commonwealth from October 1942 onwards. The USAAF also used surplus Venturas originally ordered by the RAF, designated B-34 Lexingtons, in the bomber training and coastal patrol roles. The final variant in this family was the larger PV-2 Harpoon, which was built to a US Navy requirement from March 1944 onwards. Used primarily in the Pacific, 470 Harpoons saw frontline service on anti-shipping and submarine patrols through to VJ-Day. This book covers each of these variants in complete illustrated detail.

“Alan Carey has done a fine job in combining an operational history with personal accounts of crews operating this rather neglected aircraft. The widely contrasting opinions of the RAF and US crews make for fascinating reading -- at times it's hard to believe they're describing the same aircraft. Historians will welcome the unit histories, while the photos and profiles provide a useful modellers' reference. Recommended.” ?Rowan Baylis, AeroScaleFrom the PublisherOsprey's Combat series combines the best archival photography available with specially commissioned artworks and first hand accounts, making these books favourites amongst historians, modellers and aviation enthusiasts everywhere.About the AuthorBased in Round Rock, Texas, Alan C Carey has worked as a freelance aviation author since 1999. A former member of the US Marine Corps Reserve and Army Reserve, he graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a graduate degree in public administration and an undergraduate degree in history. Since 1997, Alan has taught social studies, reading and behavioral courses in the Georgetown, Texas, public school system. The publication of this volume on the Ventura and Harpoon follows previous aviation works by the author on the PB4Y-1 Liberator, PB4Y-2 Privateer and the PBJ/B-25 Mitchell for Schiffer Publishing Ltd. This is his first book for Osprey.