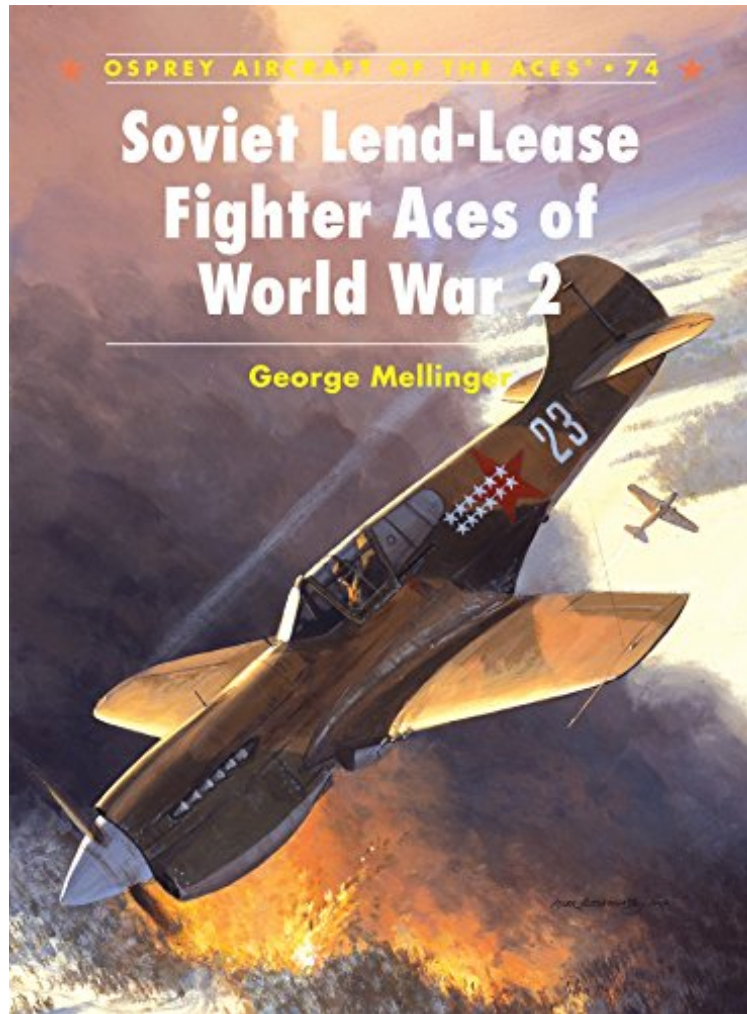


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Marvelous!!By NakitaNow when I pick up George Mellingers' books I have high expectations, aaaannd this one left me wanting more as usual! He'd better not just think and better make that book on Polikarpov aces!! The third book I've read of his and it's the same as the others: Fantastic!!The book starts with the British Lend-Lease Hurricane, then the American Tomahawk and Kittyhawk, then the Kobras, then to the other Lend-Lease planes, such as Spitfires and Thunderbolts, (even a A-20 Havoc!!).I am about to build a P-

39 and am going to paint it after the leading Lend-Lease ace, Aleksandr Pokryshkin. The color plates show P-40s, Hurricanes, Spitfires, Kobras, Thunderbolts and even an A-20!! All his books are almost the same, listing many aces, and a little about the plane in the beginning of the chapter. I did feel, however, that he rushed over a few aces, but that could have been because not much was known of the particular person. The average book in the Osprey 'Aces' series has about 80 pages, this one has 84 pages, which means that there is a lot of information you will find between the front and back cover. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great Book! Excellent edition to anyone's VVS library. By Mishka Split into 4 main sections: Hurricane, P-40, Kobras (P-39), and other lend lease fighters. 80 BW pictures mainly focusing on pilot portraits with aircraft behind. Hurricane section has more aircraft views and crash photos than others. Other lend lease fighters focus on Spits and P-63 in all of its 7 pages-2 pics of P-47 none of A-20. Nice, as always, art by Jim Laurier features 36 side views of all types covered and an A-20!! Only 1 written page (last one) devoted to A-20 (with P-63 photo on it-???!), probably not much info on A-20 yet but good to at least include it and the P-63 photo haha. I enjoyed the Hurricane section and P-40 first hand accounts the most. Worth the money but as always WW2 VVS photo quality not as good as German or American books. Some repeat pictures from previous Osprey books on P-40 and P-39. All in all not bad and a must for modellers. Nice 7 page listing of Lend-Lease Aces Roster includes: Name, Rank, HSU, Unit, Victories, Sorties/Combat, Date KIA, and notes. 96pp. Recommended purchase for VVS historians, account of Lt. Kuznetsov cover story very interesting. Enjoy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. But it is good. By HSIAO SHIH JEN Sorry, English is not my mother tongue, so it is difficult to me to give you comments. But it is good.

By the end of 1941 the Soviet Union was near collapse and its air force almost annihilated, leaving large numbers of surviving pilots with no aircraft to fly. At this juncture the United Kingdom put aside its prewar animosities toward the Communists and despatched several hundred Hurricane fighters despite the fact that at this time the British were still struggling to supply the RAF with modern fighters in North Africa and the Far East. A total of 4300 Hurricanes and Spitfires, as well as several hundred Tomahawks, Kittyhawks and Airacobras, obtained from the USA under Lend-lease, were eventually supplied to the USSR in an attempt to present a Russian defeat. After the United States had entered the war, the Americans extended Lend-lease to include direct supply to the Soviets as well as the British, and among the aircraft sent were almost 10,000 fighters - mainly P-39s, P-40s and P-63s. Although many of these aircraft were outdated when they arrived, and some were not particularly suited to Russian operating conditions, they served when they were needed. A number of Russian pilots became Heroes of the Soviet Union flying Lend-lease aircraft, and many more gained their early experience before converting to their own Yaks and Lavochkins. All of these types, including the Hurricane, remained in active units until the end of the war, and even into the post-war period. The Soviet government tried to play down or conceal the importance of Lend-lease fighters until well into the 1980s, and the pilots who flew them were discriminated against as 'foreigners'. Only in recent years have these pilots felt free to admit what they flew, and now the fascinating story of these men and their heroic achievements can emerge.

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