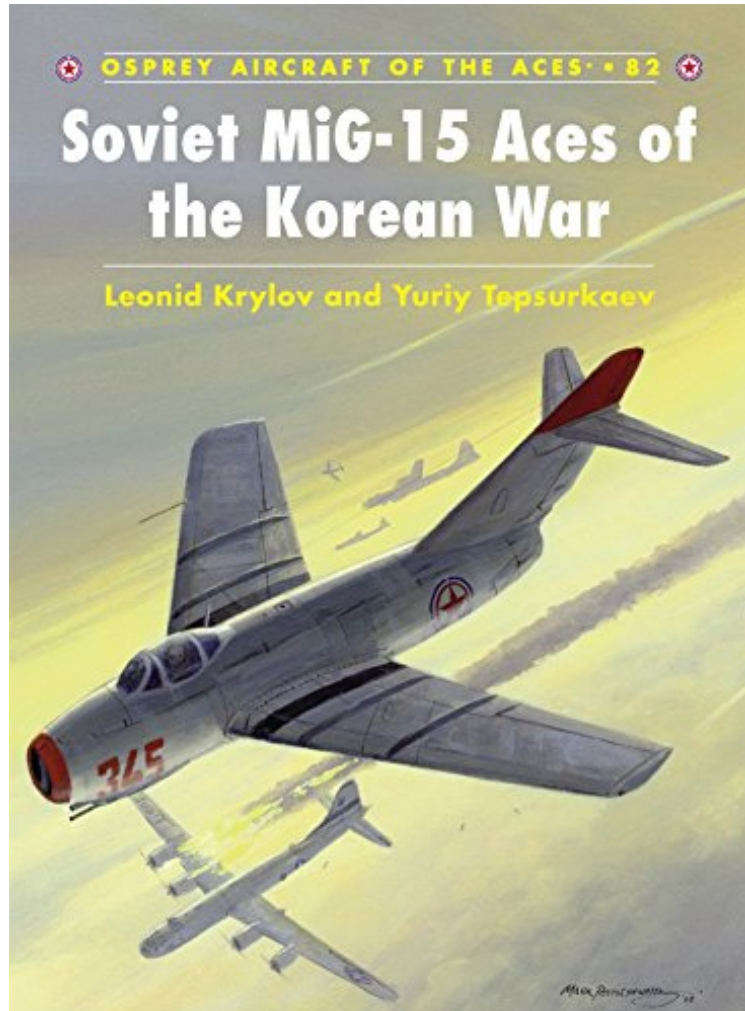


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The other point of view By Kristjan The story of the air war over Korea has been told and retold almost exclusively by US historians. Until the fall of the Iron Curtain we were led to believe that the exchange ratio of F-86 Sabres for MIG-15 fighters was an incredible 10:1, a figure that was later downwards adjusted by the USAF to 8:1. Modern research indicates the air battles over Korea were much less one sided than previously thought with the kill ratio now being downwards adjusted to as low as 1,3:1 in favor of the F-86 when opposed by Soviet flown MIG-15s. This book finally tells the story from the Soviet point of view and for that reason alone it is worth reading. As expected for such a condensed account, the book traces the highlights of air battles

waged by the various Soviet units deployed to Korea. It is a somewhat tedious read, but by no means an uninteresting one. The artwork is nice and just for once, unlike other volumes in the Osprey e-books series, the orientation of the artwork does not require you to turn your head by 90 degrees to properly admire it. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A book that couldn't have been written 20 years ago. By James D. Crabtree This is an excellent look at the MiG pilots who flew aircraft marked as PLA and North Korean fighters. During the Cold War the USSR never acknowledged the involvement of its pilots in Korea (despite the fact that Russian voice intercepts were monitored during aerial combat) and public acknowledgement of their accomplishments were not made. Many of these pilots were WWII veterans who had gained notoriety fighting the Luftwaffe. For the first time we learn the names of many of these pilots, we see their pictures and we learn what units they were assigned to. The artwork illustrating the paint schemes on the MiG-15s flown during the war is very well done as well. It's a pity that no map is included to outline the operational areas where the MiGs flew. Also, the Russian author never discusses the REASON for the secrecy surrounding these pilots or the great lengths the Soviets went to perpetuate the cover story that North Korean and Chinese pilots against UN forces. Political constraints put artificial limitations on the Soviet pilots, preventing them from flying over areas in which they might be captured if shot down. I would have liked to have learned what the pilots thought of all this. Nevertheless, a very good book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book puts you in the MiG-15 cockpit! By Matheus Santos We can see that in the beginning the MiG is a superb machine, while fighting against propeller driven planes and 1st gen fighter jets. But when the F-86 comes into play and by the end, with increasing number and advanced tactics, some of the MiG flaws starts to appear. There is a lot of combats and pilots narratives. The book does not get too repetitive by stating "combat took place on that day over that area, claiming "Y" UN fighters with "Z" losses, being "Y" confirmed/not confirmed by UN forces."

The Soviet Union began assisting the People's Republic of China in its establishment of a modern air force in 1950, when Soviet Air Force regiments were sent to train local pilots. China's involvement in the Korean War in late October 1950 inevitably drew Soviet pilots into the war. A total of 52 Soviet pilots scored five or more victories in the Korean War. The history of these covert actions has been a long-buried secret and this book will be the first English publication to detail the only instance when the Cold War between Russia and the US became "hot." This book uncovers Soviet combat experiences during the Korean War from detailed unit histories and rare first-hand accounts. With access to extensive Russian archives, the authors offer an enthralling insight into an air war that has been largely covered up and neglected, illustrated with previously unpublished photographs and detailed full-color profiles.

"Soviet MiG-15 Aces of the Korean War is well-written and organized very nicely. It is extremely well researched and documented, and provides an insight into the Soviets previously well-hidden involvement during the Korean War. This book could be a valuable historical reference for anyone who chooses to model aircraft from this historical period, and I recommend it highly to anyone interested in the air war in Korea." ?Keith Pruitt, International Plastic Modellers' Society (July 2008) "Leonid Krylov and Yuriy Tepsurkaev's Soviet MiG-15 Aces of the Korean War joins others in Osprey's 'Aircraft of the Aces' series, providing a comprehensive survey of how the USSR's top plane performed and made a big difference in Korea, surveying the first generation of jet fighters in Korea. Pilot exploits are covered in black and white and color here." ?The Bookwatch (September 2008) "In addition to the excellent photos, there are several pages of color profiles of the planes flown by the various aces involved. It is a superlative book on the subject and one that I can recommend to you without reservation." ?Scott Van Aken, modelingmadness.com (June 2008). "...it seems astonishing that now Osprey is able to publish a complete-very complete- book on the subject. Remarkable pilot accounts provide an inside look beyond anything that I thought I would ever be able to read, allied with a detailed history of the units, aircraft and men involved." ?Scale Aircraft Modelling (August 2008). About the Author Leonid Krylov and Yuriy Tepsurkaev have been researching the covert Soviet Air Force participation in the air war over North Korea for almost 20 years, and they have published several articles and books on the subject in Russia. Their research, started in 1989, is based on Soviet documents stored at the Central Archive of the Russian Defence Ministry and recollections of veterans of the 64th IAK. During 17 years of research, the authors have accumulated recollections from over 100 participants in the Korean War, and studied several thousand archive documents ranging from debriefing and combat reports to documents drawn up by the Air Force Commander-in-Chief and the Air Force General Staff. The author lives in Russia.