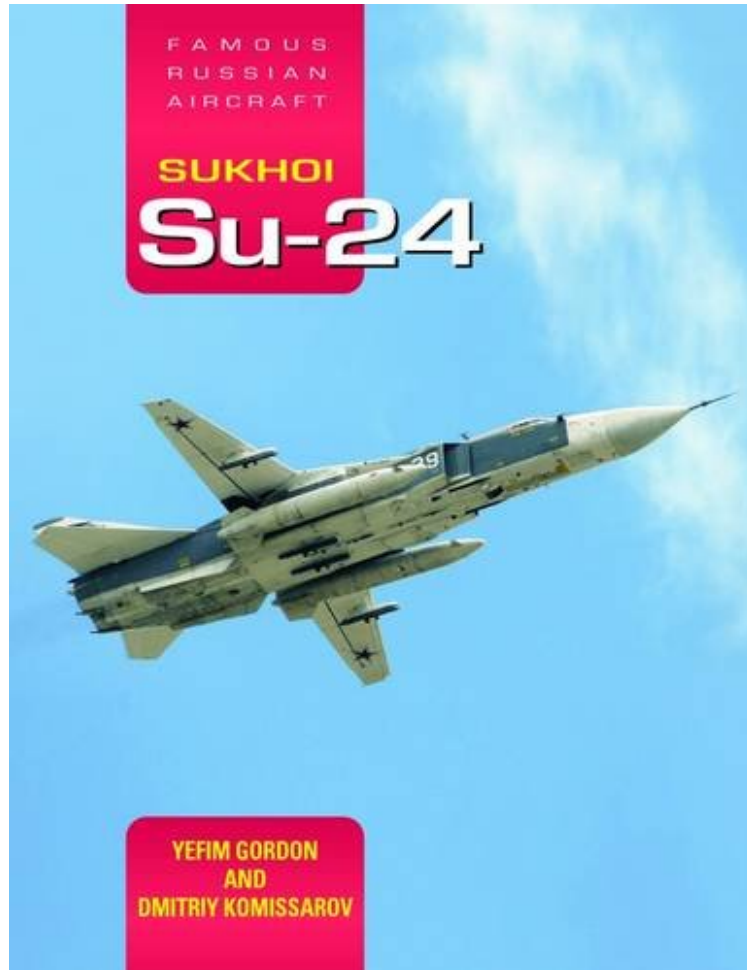


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others in this series. The book begins with a chapter covering the background of the aircraft and the influences which brought it into being. This is followed by a chapter describing the construction and testing of the prototypes. Then there is a long chapter detailing the various versions of the Su-24 including the most recent upgrades and obscure, never built projects. Then we have the obligatory "The Su-24 in detail" chapter (certainly my favorite) which minutely describes the aircraft and is well supported by photographs, drawings, and tables. Then there are two chapters describing the service of the aircraft in peacetime and combat respectively. The final chapter, "Su-24 operators", takes us through a nation by nation (and service by service) tour of operators. The book closes with two appendices, a production list and a list of losses due to accidents, and five pages of line drawings. A nice addition, and the first volume in this series to feature this, is an index. It is not a general index but a number of specialist indices covering Aircraft Types, Bombs and Missiles, Engines, Locations, NATO Reporting Names, Numbered Factories/Plants, Numbered OKBs, Soviet and Russian Air Force and Navy Units, and Test/Research Establishments. Complaints are few. This book needed more than five pages of line drawings; the ones we get seem to have been recycled from the Aerofax title covering the Su-24 of some years back. The authors' have a Russian centric view of the various conflicts described (Chechnya, Georgia, Ukraine, etc.) which might be off putting to some but for myself I appreciate getting these viewpoints. Sometimes the authors include a chapter that compares the titular aircraft with western contemporaries. They didn't do that this time; a comparison to the F-111 and Tornado would have been welcome. The trade dress is almost identical to the Midland one except for the spine. A glance at your shelf will tell you what was published by Midland and what was published by Crecy. As always, the translation by coauthor Komissarov is a delight. The text and captions are well written, engaging, with nice touches of humor. Highly recommended. Two more books in this series (Mig-17, Il-28) have been announced; I'm especially looking forward to the Il-28 one. I only hope another Midland series, the one that covers the various OKBs (design bureaus), can also make a comeback.

Developed in the Soviet Union in the 1960s, the Su-24 tactical bomber has become one of the most successful aircraft in its class. Featuring delta wings and auxiliary lift engines meant to improve its field performance, the first prototype turned out to be more of a liability than an asset and the aircraft was redesigned to have variable geometry wings. The Su-24 had its baptism of fire in the Afghan War and was also exported to Iraq, Iran, Algeria, Libya and Syria, seeing action in some of these countries. At home, Russian Air Force Su-24s were heavily involved in the first and second Chechen campaigns and the type has undergone a mid-life update allowing it to carry precision-guided munitions, and is still going strong. Illustrated with over 750 photographs, many previously unpublished, as well as line drawings, color side views, insignia, unit badges and nose art this latest addition to the Famous Russian Aircraft series will be of interest to aviation enthusiasts and scale modelers alike.

"There's a lot to tell, and of the several books that have tackled the subject before, this new one is easily the most thorough, which is no wonder if you consider who wrote and who publishes it. Author Gordon is pretty much still the gold standard for books available in the West about Russian aircraft, and whoever joins him on any one project is likewise a reliable guide." (Charly Baumann speedreaders.info 2016-01-13) From the Back Cover The Sukhoi Su-24 Fencer twinjet tactical bomber has been one of the most successful aircraft in its class. The first prototype featured delta wings auxiliary lift engines, which were dropped in favor of variable-geometry, and in time this adaptable platform has served in a variety of roles. A mid-life update allowed it to carry precision-guided munitions and new targeting systems led to the emergence of the more effective Su-22M, which in turn, became the basis for the SU-24MR and Su-24MP ECM variants. In this book, the latest in the Famous Russian Aircraft series, the Su-24s protracted development and refinement are fully described in technical detail, weapons, systems and service use. Additionally, there are closely-detailed production lists, operator listings, a review of accident attrition and copious illustrations including around 660 photos, over 120 specially-commissioned color side-views, cutaway and other drawings, plus insignia, unit badges and nose art. Chapters cover peacetime operations and combat service including the Afghan War and both Chechen campaigns, as well as foreign service including combat action with Iraq, Iran, Algeria, Libya and Syria. With over 1,500 Su-24s built from 1970 to 1993, it looks set to remain in service for at least another decade until sufficient numbers of its successor, the Su-34, can be brought into service. Its importance to the Soviet Union and Russia cannot be overstated. About the Author Yefim Gordon is one of Russia's leading aviation writers and publishers. He is the author of many books on Soviet aviation and currently lives in Moscow. Dmitriy Komissarov is a respected authority on Russian and Soviet aviation. He works in the publishing industry and lives in Moscow.