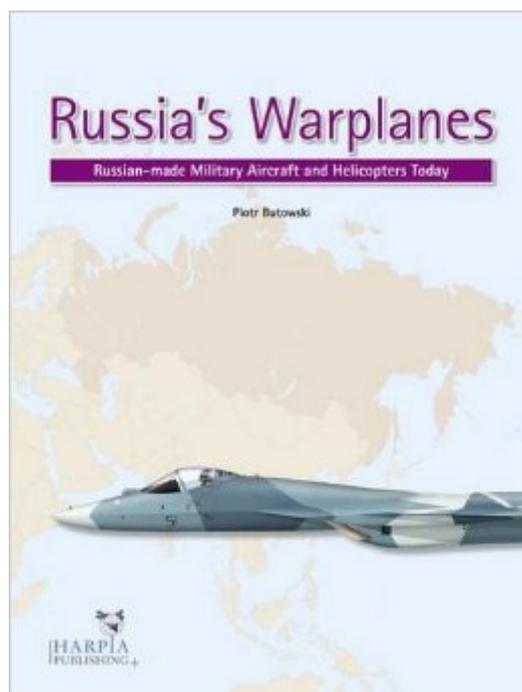


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Synopsis

Russia's Warplanes is set to become the standard reference work on the subject. Written by an acknowledged expert in the field, this will serve as an exhaustive directory of the latest products of Russia's military aviation industry. As well as outlining aircraft that currently equip the various Russian air arms, the first of two volumes also takes into account aircraft developed for and fielded by foreign states in the post-Soviet era. Piotr Butowski provides authoritative technical descriptions for each military aircraft – and every significant sub-variant – currently available from Russia's aerospace industry, or otherwise in large-scale service. With the level of accuracy and insight familiar to Harpia's regular readers, each aircraft profile also includes specifications, and details of operators, upgrades, avionics and weapons. The first of two volumes on the subject presents in-depth coverage of tactical combat aircraft, trainers, Army Aviation helicopters, reconnaissance and surveillance aircraft, airborne command posts and relay aircraft. As such, the breadth of this work extends from the latest multi-role fighters developed by Mikoyan and Sukhoi, via successive generations of combat rotorcraft, to airborne early warning and electronic intelligence-gatherers. As well as familiar types such as the Su-30MK family of fighters and Mi-24/35 assault helicopters that have proven so successful on the export market, Russia's Warplanes extends its reach to the various new and upgraded types that are beginning to populate Russia's rejuvenated air arms, including those still under development, including the enigmatic – fifth-generation – Sukhoi T-50 fighter. Additional assets, including long-range bombers, maritime aircraft, strategic transport and tanker aircraft, theater and special purpose transports, and air-launched weapons will be dealt with in Volume 2. Supplemented by many photographs, some of which from exclusive sources, as well as specially created maps and diagrams, Volume 1 of Russia's Warplanes launches the most comprehensive study of the fixed- and rotary wing aircraft types – manned and unmanned – that can currently be found in Russian service or which are being built or offered for export.

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As an alternative to Yefim Gordon , Andrei Fomin ,Alexander Mladenov and Piotr Butowski are three authors with their own independent access to authentic information on Russian warplanes .

Incidentally ,Piotr Butowski was to come out with a 2 volume Encyclopedia on Russian Aviation Directory by the defunct Aerospace Publishing in the late 90's (which I was tracking) - so this 2 volume series is a welcome offering as there are few english language books published by him.Harpia Publishing is renowned for its original research and content on exotic and new esoteric subjects and the treatment of this popular subject is done in their inimical style - a 250 + Pp 2 volume encyclopedia on Russian warplanes - which should serve as the definitive guide on this subject for the near future.This latest title covers Russian combat planes in current Russian service (thus newer variants /upgrades of Mig 21/23/27 etc lose out) , along with all the choppers , electronic/special purpose/awacs with the latest technical details .There is a wealth of information with a chapter given to each aircraft with superb quality of paper/printing and photographs and details on all the warplanes , example the Su-30 MKI .The details on the electronic and AWACS aircraft are also a revelation,as are the pictures .These cover a brief introduction, history,engine/power plant ,avionics,radar .

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