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THE SPITFIRE STORY

DVD

With the courage and skill of fighter aces like Johnnie Johnson, Sailor Malan and Bobby Tuck, the Supermarine Spitfire helped change the course of the war in favour of the Allies. The only match for the Luftwaffe's Messerschmitt Bf 109, the Spitfire played a major role in the success of the Battle of Britain. The classic combination of airframe, Rolls-Royce Merlin engine and dual cannon/machine gun armament struck terror into the hearts of the enemy's most fearless flyers and won the aircraft a place in history as a timeless thoroughbred fighter. The Spitfire fought in the front line throughout the war, and rightly remains an aviation legend today. Combining dramatic wartime film with colour footage of surviving Spitfires in flight. This is the definitive documentary of a thoroughbred fighter.

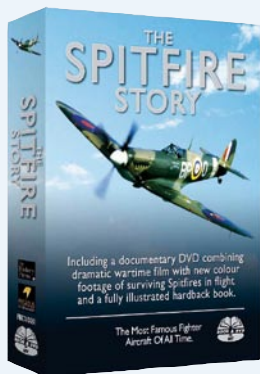
BOOK

Arguably the most famous fighter of all time, the accompanying book continues the remarkable story of this iconic aircraft. From the end of the war until its final operational RAF sortie in 1954, the Spitfire was continually developed. A celebration of R.J. Mitchell's unique contribution to aviation history, The Spitfire Story contains a listing of preservation projects including the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Appendices include technical specifications, significant milestones and a list of all airworthy airframes.

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THE HURRICANE STORY

DVD

It's eight wing-mounted Colt-Brownings spitting flame, the Hawker Hurricane swooped to dispatch over two-thirds of all enemy aircraft destroyed in the Battle of Britain. Courageous squadron commander Douglas Bader, 14-kill hero Cobber Kain, Ginger Lacey — the top Battle of Britain ace with 18 victims — and many other RAF pilots owed their reputations and their lives to this toughest mount of all. The Hurricane was outnumbered but never outclassed, designed to hit the enemy hard, absorb tremendous punishment yet live to fight another day. Featuring colour footage of the last surviving aircraft, alongside original combat film. This is the definitive documentary of a fighter plane that truly changed the course of history.

BOOK

The Hurricane Story follows the development of the Hurricane from fighter to bomber and from ship-borne fighter to ground-attack specialist, continuing the tale from the Battle of Britain to the end of the Second World War. The book features photographs from all theatres in which the Hurricane fought and details post-war preservations, including the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and a listing of preserved airframes.

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Length: 57 mins

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THE LANCASTER STORY

DVD

As RAF Bomber Command took the war to the enemy under Air Chief Marshal Arthur Harris, the four-engined Avro Lancaster reined supreme, replacing the rugged, reliable Wellington in laying waste to German cities by night. This most successful of all World War II 'heavies' could carry more than its own weight in bomb load, including the 22,000 pound Grand Slam Earthquake Bomb - the biggest conventional weapon ever made. And when fearless Guy Gibson led 617 Squadron to fame on the low-level Dambuster raid - one of the war's most daring operations - the Lancaster was confirmed as an aviation legend. With recent colour film of 'City of Lincoln', the RAF's last airworthy Lancaster, among the wartime footage, this is the Lancaster's dramatic story.

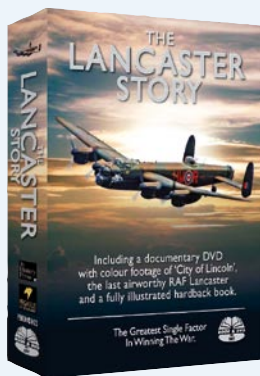
BOOK

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Arthur Harris called the Lancaster 'the greatest single factor in winning the war'. The Lancaster Story tells the tale of this aircraft from birth to the last operational flights with the RAF in 1956. The evocative Lancaster lives on with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, also covered here, and the book contains fascinating 'Did You Know' facts and a complete listing of Lancaster milestones and Lancaster survivors.

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Length: 57 mins

ISBN 978-0-7524-5726-0



THE RED ARROWS STORY

DVD

Here is a true celebration of 45 years spectacular achievement. The whole world knows the Royal Air Force's amazing aerobatic team, the Red Arrows. Now you are in the cockpit, hearing the leader's every command and sharing in every exciting manoeuvre. The cameras of veteran aerial photographer Arthur Gibson are your guide, first sky-high with the Gnats, the Red Arrows' saucy little jet, and then in the powerful new generation Hawks flying today. Raymond Baxter introduces you to the team leaders, aviator legends themselves, from Lee Jones in 1965 to modern pilots such as Tom Miller. Now you have a lasting memento of the more than 2,000 daring intricate displays the team has performed before millions in 42 countries, and of the consummate skill of its pilots.

BOOK

Following the story of the 'Reds' from the early days of the 'Yellowjacks' to the full nine ship displays of the modern team, The Red Arrows Story provides comprehensive specifications of both the Gnat and the Hawk. With fascinating 'Did You Know' facts and important milestones, this full colour book reveals the entire Red Arrows history.

Cat No: PBKDVD004

Length: 45 mins

ISBN 978-0-7524-5724-6



THE CONCORDE STORY

DVD

This programme chronicles the remarkable history of Concorde's development. The years of painstaking research at the frontiers of technology and design and the aircraft itself, one of the most elegant and graceful ever to sail the skies, is assessed in detail illustrating 'the Concorde Experience' which for thousands of travellers remains the ultimate in air travel.

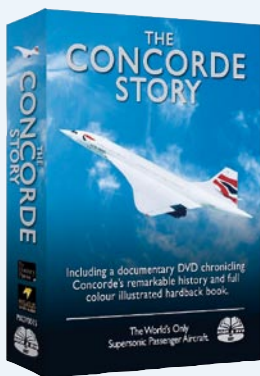
BOOK

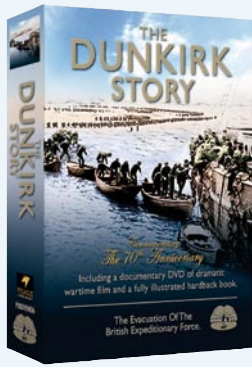
The Concorde Story relates the entire history of this iconic aircraft, including the latter days of Concorde with the tragic event in Paris and its eventual retirement from airline service. Featuring a comprehensive listing of the airframes and their final resting places and with full colour and fascinating 'Did You Know' facts, this book completes this celebration of the world's first and only supersonic passenger transport.

Cat No: PBKDVD005

Length: 60 mins

ISBN 978-0-7524-5725-3





THE DUNKIRK STORY

DVD

"So long as the English tongue survives, the word "Dunkerque" will be spoken with reverence..." The glowing language, with which the New York Times greeted the extraordinary rescue of the beleaguered British Expeditionary Force from otherwise certain defeat and captivity on the continent, was in many ways typical of the time. In Britain, despite Churchill's stern reminder that "was are not won by evacuations", a tangle of myths quickly sprung up around Dunkirk, which came to be regarded almost as a major victory. A major victory it certainly was not. Dunkirk was a brilliantly-executed withdrawal of land forces - minus all their equipment - across the Channel, following a series of unparalleled military disasters. Indeed, to the Germans, Dunkirk was virtually a sideshow. Intent on completing the conquest of France, they no longer regarded the small British Army as posing any significant threat. For the French, Dunkirk became a bitter symbol of British betrayal. Quarrels and misunderstanding had beset the Alliance, and at one stage the British were near to systematically deceiving their partner. Yet the evacuation owed much to the unstinting bravery of the French troops fighting at the Dunkirk perimeter or beyond, and gratitude was not wanting. The visions conjured up of a ragged fleet and fishing boats, yachts and dinghies sailing the Channel, their pilots risking life and limb to save our soldiers from certain defeat and captivity, is vividly realised using very rare footage only recently obtained and painstakingly reassembled.

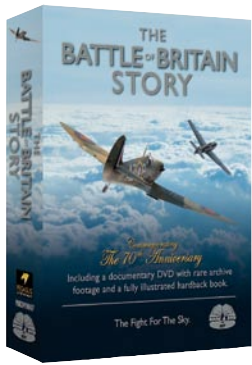
BOOK

The remarkable story of the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk is one of heroism, tragedy and extraordinary determination. Under constant attack from the Luftwaffe, German artillery and well equipped infantry, over 300,000 men were successfully rescued and returned to Britain. This commemorative 70th anniversary fully illustrated hardback book gives a detailed background account of the events leading up to the evacuation as well as in-depth analysis of the men, machines and the operational requirements of this unparalleled rescue.

Cat No: PBKDVD006

Length: 60 mins

ISBN 978-0-95664202-2-0



THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN STORY

DVD

With the surrender of France on 22nd of June 1940, Britain and her Commonwealth stood alone against the might of the German armed forces. In that dark summer of 1940, the threat of invasion hung heavily over Britain and children were once more evacuated to the countryside. The army was still recovering from its defeat in France and could offer no real defence against invasion. Britain had a strategy to meet the German threat, which was due to one man, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding. Against enormous internal pressure, Dowding had resisted committing the majority of his Spitfire and Hurricane squadrons to the battle on the Continent, knowing that the major battle was yet to come - the Battle for Britain itself. Having preserved his squadrons, Dowding could now concentrate on his four-point master plan of defence: a fighter strike force of Spitfires and Hurricanes, a superbly flexible radar fighter direction system, a defence shield of anti-aircraft cover and a brilliantly simple defence strategy, disrupting the bomber attacks before they could reach their targets, but ensuring enough air cover for the bases of the squadrons involved in the battle. This documentary, using newly discovered footage, gives full justice to the exceptional Commander, Hugh Dowding, to Keith Park, his second-in-command, and to all the men and women who, during that dark summer of 1940 inflicted the first defeat on German arms.

BOOK

Perhaps the most famous aerial conflict of all time, the Battle of Britain stands as testament to those who gave their lives in defending Britain and all that freedom stands for. To commemorate the 70th anniversary, complete with a full Roll of Honour of those pilots who fought in the battle, this fully illustrated hardback book includes a brief background to the events preceding the fight and a comprehensive account of the battle itself. It also includes detailed accounts of the aircraft involved and in-depth analysis of the battle plans which ultimately lead to Britain's "finest hour".

Cat No: PBKDVD007

Length: 60 mins

ISBN 978-0-95664202-3-7



HITLER'S WAR

DVD

Whilst the tumultuous years between 1939 - 1945 are better known as the Second World War, most of the catastrophic events which were perpetrated during this time came from the vile mind of Adolf Hitler, and so it is perhaps his name which has come to define this period. With the use of archive footage and rare colour film, this programme gives a plotted history of these bloody years and pays particular attention to Hitler's personal involvement and sinister agendas. It is a comprehensive account of the bloodiest conflict in human history and a reminder of how one man orchestrated the Second World War.

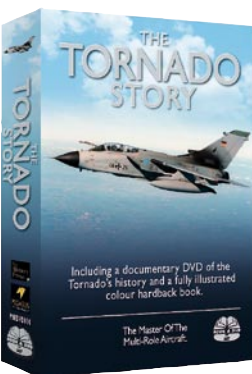
BOOK

His name and image are synonymous with tyranny, brutally and a chapter in human history which, though painful to remember, should never be forgotten. Hitler's War is the fully illustrated story of how an unremarkable boy from Austria rose to become the most powerful leader in the world, indelibly scaring the global landscape as he went. Examining Hitler's childhood, early military career and his rise and fall as Germany's Führer, this book is a fascinating insight into the makings of a monster.

Cat No: PBKDVD009

Length: 117 mins

ISBN 978-0-95664202-8-2



THE TORNADO STORY

DVD

Tornado was designed to meet the needs of Britain's Royal Air Force, Germany's Luftwaffe and Marineflieger and Italy's Aeronautica Militare Italiana. No aircraft before or since has packed such striking power into such a compact package. The initial production model was used by all the original customers and Saudi Arabia. In late 1990, Tornados formed the spearhead of UN striking power in the Gulf, ready to hack it "for real" at a moment's notice. Tornado IDS can hurtle down steep-sided valleys carrying an 8,000 lb bomb load without using any of the pylons on its pivoting swing wings. It is the fastest aircraft in the world at treetop height, at 800 knots, and has been cleared to carry more types of stores than any other warplane.

The Tornado ECR - electronic combat and recon - version is packed with advanced avionics for finding and defeating hostile defence systems. The Tornado ADV - air-defence variant - is also in service with the Royal Saudi Air Force. In can destroy aircraft in a blizzard, at night, 1000 miles from its base. Thunder into action with Command Vision's Tornado accompanied by a detailed commentary written by leading aviation authority Bill Gunston.

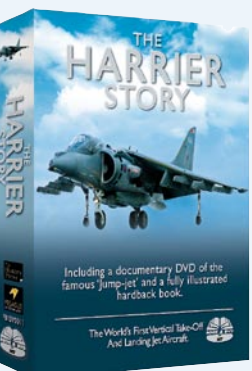
BOOK

The Tornado is a phenomenal flying machine born of Tri-national collaboration between the UK, Germany and Italy. This 'Jack of all trades' became master of them all, a truly multi-role platform. First introduced in 1979, over 992 variants have been built and many will continue in service until 2020. The Tornado has been present in most major conflicts since their arrival on the military scene. Deservedly the stuff of legends, the history of the Tornado is comprehensively told in this illustrated hardback book, an invaluable addition to any enthusiast's library.

Cat No: PBKDVD010

Length: 60 mins

ISBN 978-0-7524-5982-0



THE HARRIER STORY

DVD

For more than twenty years the Harrier has been a unique weapon in the western armoury, the world's first vertical take-off and landing combat aircraft capable of operations from unprepared strips and small ships. Harrier tells the story of this revolutionary fighter from the experiments with the 'Flying Bedstead', Short SCI, and P.1127 Kestrel to today's worldwide deployment of GR.Mk3s with the RAF. Also featured are the FRS.1s with the Royal Navy and Indian Navy, AV-8Bs with the US Marine Corps, and AV-8A Matadors with the Spanish armed forces.

In addition to film of the Harrier during its combat initiation in the Falklands Campaign, there are extraordinary scenes of weapon delivery. Harriers are also seen operating close to the front line in Central Europe and supporting amphibious landings during NATO exercises. The superb footage is accompanied by a detailed script by leading aviation authority Bill Gunston.

BOOK

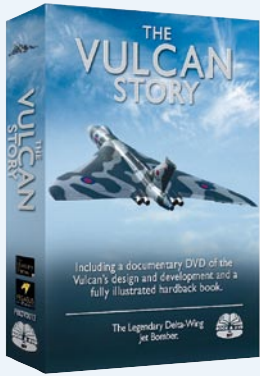
The 'Jump jet' was the first vertical/short take-off and landing (VSTOL) operational jet aircraft developed using the revolutionary vectored thrust Pegasus engine. Following its development from the P.1127 first tethered "hops", to the Sea Harrier and the powerful and potent GR9, The Harrier Story also includes a look at other air forces who operated the aircraft. This hardback illustrated book is full of fascinating 'Did You Know' facts completing the extraordinary story of the Harrier.

Cat No: PBKDVD011

Length: 60 mins

ISBN 978-0-7524-5980-6





THE VULCAN STORY

DVD

As World War Two finally came to a close, military minds were already looking to the future and to the design of weaponry that would hopefully prevent such a waste of life again. Using archive footage, this DVD looks at the design, development and production of what would become an iconic bomber - the Vulcan Bomber Mark 1. From early conception to test flights, we examine how this instantly recognisable plane went from the drawing board to service in the RAF.

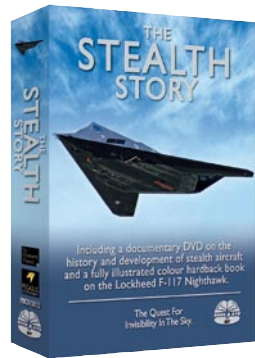
BOOK

An RAF iconic delta-wing Cold War leviathan, the Vulcan is an enduring image. A cornerstone of Britain's nuclear deterrent, it later worked as a conventional bomber and saw active service in the Falklands Conflict. This illustrated book, written with the help of the 'Vulcan to the Sky Trust', continues the Vulcan story with the development of the B2 to the final operational use as a tanker platform. The book follows the final service flight of the Vulcan to the newly restored (with the help of Heritage Lottery Funding) last airworthy Vulcan B2 XH558, which in many ways fills the gap left by Concorde's retirement.

Cat No: PBKDVD012

Length: 30 mins

ISBN 978-0-7524-5984-4



THE STEALTH STORY

DVD

Stealth or LO (Low Observables) governs the design of all today's combat aircraft. Any aeroplane or helicopter that enters hostile airspace has to do its best to be undetectable. This means it must try to be invisible to radar, invisible to the eye, invisible to infrared or heat sensors and silent. This programme traces the attempts made by aircraft designers since World War II to try to achieve invisibility. The first such stealth warplane, the USAF's amazing Lockheed F-117A, was used in action during "Operation Just Cause" in Panama 1989. Close behind it came the Northrop B-2 which was designed, made and flown by computers.

In 1991 the USAF chose between the Northrop/McDonnell Douglas YF-23 and the Lockheed/GD/Boeing YF-22 as its future Advanced Tactical Fighter and this programme examines the prototypes of these supersonic aircraft. This fascinating footage is accompanied by a detailed script by aviation expert Bill Gunston.

BOOK

This is the amazing story of Lockheed's stealth fighter. With its origins in the SR-71 Blackbird, XST and Have Blue, the F-117 was developed, flown and tested in absolute secrecy before it entered service with the US Air Force. This illustrated hardback book features the aircraft's development, dramatic combat record over Iraq and squadron service at Tonopah and Holloman, in addition to facts, figures and pilot's comments about this once top secret aircraft.

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Length: 60 mins

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THE APOLLO STORY

DVD

The 21st July 1969 will live long in the memories of those lucky enough to witness the events being beamed live into their living room and remember the pride felt as man conquered the final frontier. This special programme explores those inspiring events as Neil Armstrong stepped down from Eagle and in to the pages of history with the immortal words "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind".

Using archive footage this double-sided DVD covers the lunar missions from Apollo 11 to the safe return of Apollo 17 and includes the fateful mission of Apollo 13

BOOK

The pinnacle of the Apollo programme was the first steps taken on the moon by Neil Armstrong in 1969. This came at a price: the launch pad fire of Apollo 1 and the drama of Apollo 13. From these beginnings the Apollo programme went on to push the boundaries of endurance in space with Skylab and ended with the Americans and Soviets joining forces in orbit. Eight short years saw not only an incredible technological achievement but also the unbelievable bravery of an elite team of astronauts who rode into the unknown on the most powerful rockets ever devised. With fascinating 'Did You Know' facts this book narrates the entire Apollo story.

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