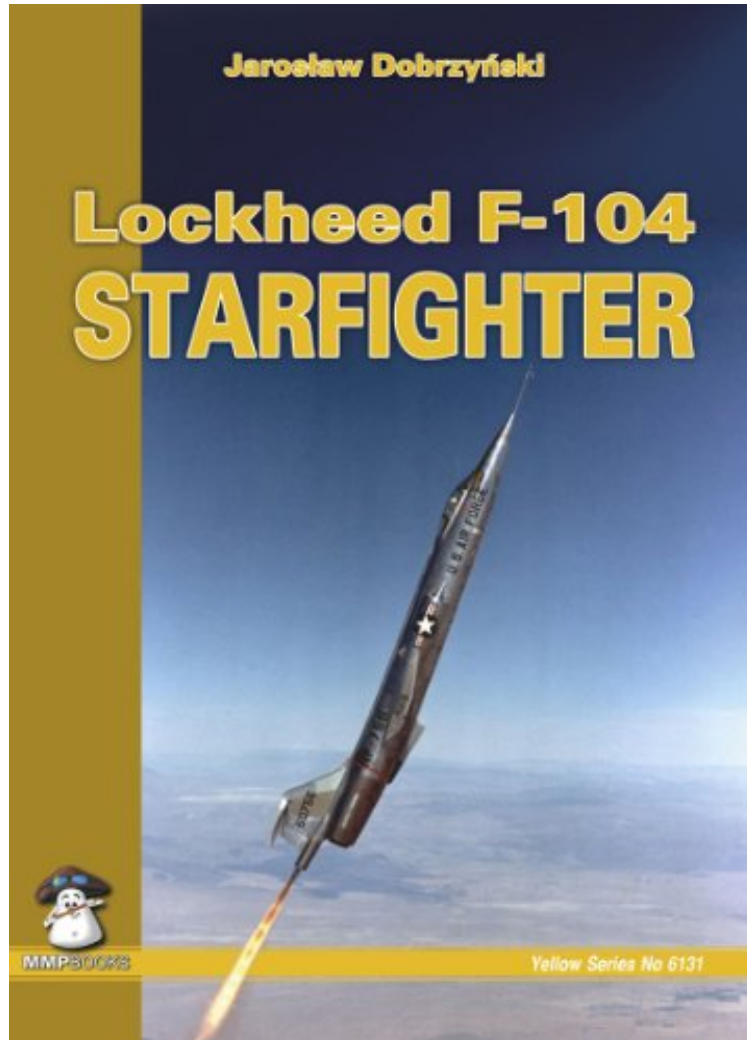


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Jaroslav Dobrzyski : Lockheed F-104 Starfighter: Yellow (Yellow Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lockheed F-104 Starfighter: Yellow (Yellow Series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All You Need To Know About the F-104! By Stephen F Zink Superb history of the Starfighter, even mentioning the three aircraft used by the US Navy in the late fifties and early sixties. Photos are fantastic, with many never before seen by me. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Yellow Series is upgraded By Jim Davis This is the 36th book in MMP's Yellow Series. While the trade dress is the same, the book (and presumably the series) is now published in the 8-1/4" x 11-3/4" (European A4) size. The page count is higher than any previous book in this series at 176, square bound between card covers. Color predominates throughout the book as befits an aircraft that flourished when color photography was becoming the standard, not the

exception. The book is quite outstanding and very informative. I think even long time F-104 enthusiasts will learn something new. The layout of the book is quite straightforward. We have chapters on the development of the F-104 and its major variants, broken down into three major groups, the early models that saw service with the USAF, the NATO F-104G (and its close relatives the CF-104 and F-104J), and the ultimate F-104S. The decisions of the various nations buying the F-104 are discussed at some length. We then get chapters describing the service of the aircraft with each individual operator including NASA and Starfighters Aerospace, the combat record of the F-104, special versions of the F-104, a technical description, specifications, an all too brief flying qualities summary, and production. The combat record is broken down by war/incident from the Quemoy crisis in 1958 to Operation Allied Force against Serbia at the turn of the century. Outstanding are the use in Vietnam and action during the Indo-Pakistani Wars. The technical description is supported by diagrams of the fuel and hydraulic systems while the production tables are rounded out by two very useful production flowcharts which do much to clarify the complex F-104 work sharing. Finally, we have a long section ("In Detail") featuring close up photography of preserved examples and drawings from the contemporary technical manuals. A bibliography ends the book. The text and photos are complemented by 9 pages of line drawings at 1/72nd scale and 26 pages of color profiles (and a few plans). Complaints are minor. I would like to have seen other versions get the full six view treatment with line drawings (or at least more plan views) but only the F-104G actually does. The record breaking N104RB record breaker might have warranted mention. The authors are also not consistent in the way they refer to the F-104s competitor, the Grumman F11F-1F Supertiger which was also powered by a GE J79 engine. In conclusion, the book is highly recommended. The various MMP series devoted to aircraft seem to have become indistinguishable; this book could have been published in the Orange or White Series.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Story of a Remarkable Aircraft By John Matlock

The Lockheed F-104 Starfighter garnered itself several nicknames during its rather long (40+ year) life: The Missile With a Man in It was probably the nicest. The Flying Coffin and The Widow Maker followed. The F-104 followed the tradition of the most successful fighters of the second world war which was to take the most powerful engine available and around it wrap the smallest possible airframe. The design came from Kelly Johnson and his famous Skunk Works. He visited Korea in 1951 and was told by the pilots that what they wanted in a follow on airplane from the F-86 was speed and altitude. Kelly Johnson gave them what they asked for. The F-104 could hold a constant Mach 2+ speed, and set both time to altitude and absolute altitude records. The problems that the plane had were two fold, maybe three fold. First the engine was a state of the art brand new design and not terribly reliable. The engine tended to fail a lot during or just after takeoff. When the engine failed the very small wings gave it a gliding capability somewhat like a rock. The final problem was the ejection seat which ejected downward, fine if you were at altitude, but if you were on the ground or just taken off and lost the engine -- The Widow Maker. Between a third and a half of the planes built were lost in crashes. This book follows the standard concept of this publisher with a good bit of the history and use of the plane, along with a huge number of photographs and detailed drawings. This includes a lot of photographs taken for this book of the details of aircraft currently preserved.

An illustrated technical history of the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter supersonic interceptor and fighter-bomber. One of the Century Series of aircraft, it was operated by the air forces of more than a dozen nations from 1958 to 2004. The different versions of the plane, from the prototypes to the final export and license built versions are described and illustrated; all the changes in specification, equipment and performance are recorded. Drawings and data from the original technical manuals, full dimensional details and photographs of surviving examples preserved in aviation museums illustrate all aspects of the airframe, inside and out. Contemporary photographs and many pages of color illustrations complete the book's comprehensive coverage. About 40 color profiles. Profusely illustrated with photos, including walk-around section showing all aspects of the airframe, and diagrams from official manuals. Includes 1/72nd scale plans, and color profiles showing many of the colorful schemes applied to the Starfighter by its users, including anniversary schemes.

...examines and presents a completely documented, comprehensive coverage from the prototypes to the final export and license-built versions. They are all fully described and beautifully illustrated plus he listed all the changes in specification, equipment and performance records....As a modeler, I found lots of cool and interesting paint schemes and different versions of the plane. Its all here; the color illustrations, the color walk around photographs and rare bw archive photographs that all modelers love. If youre looking for unusual European camo (IPMS) Looking for a handy, lavishly illustrated history of the F-104 jet fighter? Look no further than MMP's latest!...What a cool, colorful, convenient compendium. Make MMP's Starfighter study part of your Cold War reference library! (Cybermodeler)