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F-15C Eagle Vs MiG-23/25: Iraq 1991 (Duel)



Synopsis

Designed following the relatively poor performance of America's multi-role fighters during the Vietnam War, the F-15 Eagle was conceived as a dedicated air superiority fighter. But, having trained for 15 years in the Eagle it wasn't Eastern Bloc operated MiGs that the F-15 eventually came up against, but pilots of Saddam Hussein's Iraqi airforce. This book analyses the combat between the American and Soviet 'Cold War fighters' in a balanced manner, examining how the technical abilities of the aircraft combined with the different levels of training available to opposing pilots and groundcrews allowed the F-15s to destroy the Iraqi offensive abilities within weeks of the First Gulf War starting. Packed with artwork, illustrations and photographs, this book places the reader in the cockpit during one of the last major dogfighting air wars in modern history.

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Customer Reviews

As far as this series goes it is fairly standard for them but entertaining. What you get is a brief history of each aircraft and some historical context for the development of each programs. From there you get some entertaining stories on these aircraft in action. The actual analysis is pretty limited. You won't find a comprehensive analysis of which aircraft is better however if that doesn't

bother you and you are after a more light form of entertainment then pick this up.

Both the Soviet Union and the United States fielded highly capable jet fighter interceptors for the Cold War, However, it wasn't until the Coalition initiated the air war against Saddam's Iraq that the most advanced aircraft on each side had a real chance to tangle in the skies. A variety of coalition aircraft flew combat sorties over Iraq, but the key match-up in terms of the air superiority fight had been the F-15C against the MiG-23/25. "F15C vs MiG-23/25" is an Osprey Duel Series book, authored by Douglas Dildy and Tom Cooper, with illustrations by Jim Laurier and Gareth Hector. The book opens with a development history and technical specifications of each aircraft type, before transitioning to the situation in Iraq in 1991. The heart of the narrative is of course the air to air combat between the two aircraft types. Several combats are described in detail. The combats come off as distinctly one-sided in terms of their results. There is a nice summary at the end. Recommended as a concise but very readable account of the match-up.

A very interesting account of the 1991 air war, albeit limited only to certain jet types. The ground war was an absolute slaughter, but Iraqi pilots were not so hapless. Even though they got only one kill, they sometimes evaded superior Eagles and other jets.

This state of the art book is a must for who search for truth and accurate details not just about operations Desert Storm, but about the true technical details of the Russian airplane fighters. This is a good view of the hidden story of the air supremacy of the west against the east.

This is a very good book about the USAF F-15s vs Iraqi Mig-23s and Mig-25s during Operation Desert Storm, but I would have liked to have read about Israeli F-15s vs Syrian Migs during the the 1980s, as well.

Thoroughly enjoyed the detailed perspectives from both sides. Excellent research of Iraqi Air Force aviator view of the air war.

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