

The Navy Air War Annotated: A Comprehensive Guide to the Aircraft, Missions, and Tactics of World War II

The Navy Air War Annotated is a comprehensive guide to the aircraft, missions, and tactics of World War II. It is written by a team of experts and features over 1,000 photographs and illustrations.

The book is divided into four parts. The first part covers the aircraft used by the Navy in World War II, including fighters, bombers, torpedo bombers, and dive bombers. The second part describes the missions flown by the Navy, including carrier raids, anti-submarine warfare, and shore bombardment.



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The third part of the book discusses the tactics used by the Navy in World War II, including fighter combat, bombing, torpedo attacks, and dive

bombing. The fourth part of the book provides a timeline of the Navy's air war in World War II.

The Aircraft

The Navy used a wide variety of aircraft in World War II. These aircraft included fighters, bombers, torpedo bombers, and dive bombers.

- **Fighters:** The Navy's fighters were used to protect its ships and aircraft from enemy attack. The most famous Navy fighter was the Grumman F6F Hellcat, which was the most successful carrier-based fighter of the war.
- **Bombers:** The Navy's bombers were used to attack enemy ships and land targets. The most famous Navy bomber was the Douglas SBD Dauntless, which was used in the Battle of Midway.
- **Torpedo bombers:** The Navy's torpedo bombers were used to attack enemy ships. The most famous Navy torpedo bomber was the Grumman TBF Avenger, which was used in the Battle of the Coral Sea.
- **Dive bombers:** The Navy's dive bombers were used to attack enemy ships and land targets. The most famous Navy dive bomber was the Curtiss SB2C Helldiver, which was used in the Battle of the Philippines Sea.

The Missions

The Navy flew a wide variety of missions in World War II. These missions included carrier raids, anti-submarine warfare, and shore bombardment.

- **Carrier raids:** Carrier raids were missions in which the Navy's aircraft carriers launched attacks on enemy ships and land targets. The most famous carrier raid was the Doolittle Raid, which was carried out by the USS Hornet in 1942.
- **Anti-submarine warfare:** Anti-submarine warfare was a mission in which the Navy's aircraft searched for and attacked enemy submarines. The most famous anti-submarine warfare operation was the Battle of the Atlantic, which was fought between the Allies and the Axis powers from 1939 to 1945.
- **Shore bombardment:** Shore bombardment was a mission in which the Navy's ships and aircraft attacked enemy coastal targets. The most famous shore bombardment operation was the D-Day landings, which took place in Normandy, France, in 1944.

The Tactics

The Navy used a variety of tactics in World War II. These tactics included fighter combat, bombing, torpedo attacks, and dive bombing.

- **Fighter combat:** Fighter combat was a mission in which the Navy's fighters engaged in air-to-air combat with enemy aircraft. The most famous fighter combat operation was the Battle of Midway, which was fought between the Allies and the Axis powers in 1942.
- **Bombing:** Bombing was a mission in which the Navy's bombers attacked enemy ships and land targets. The most famous bombing operation was the Battle of the Coral Sea, which was fought between the Allies and the Axis powers in 1942.

- **Torpedo attacks:** Torpedo attacks were missions in which the Navy's torpedo bombers attacked enemy ships. The most famous torpedo attack operation was the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, which was fought between the Allies and the Axis powers in 1943.
- **Dive bombing:** Dive bombing was a mission in which the Navy's dive bombers attacked enemy ships and land targets. The most famous dive bombing operation was the Battle of the Philippine Sea, which was fought between the Allies and the Axis powers in 1944.

The Timeline

The Navy's air war in World War II can be divided into four periods:

- **The early period:** The early period lasted from 1939 to 1941 and was marked by the Navy's preparations for war.
- **The middle period:** The middle period lasted from 1941 to 1943 and was marked by the Navy's participation in the Pacific War.
- **The late period:** The late period lasted from 1943 to 1945 and was marked by the Navy's victory in the Pacific War.
- **The post-war period:** The post-war period lasted from 1945 to the present and has been marked by the Navy's continued role in America's defense.

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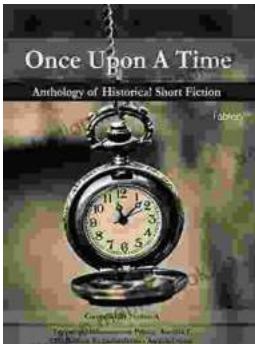


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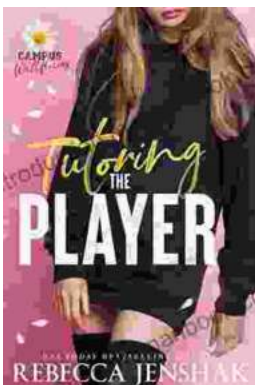
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