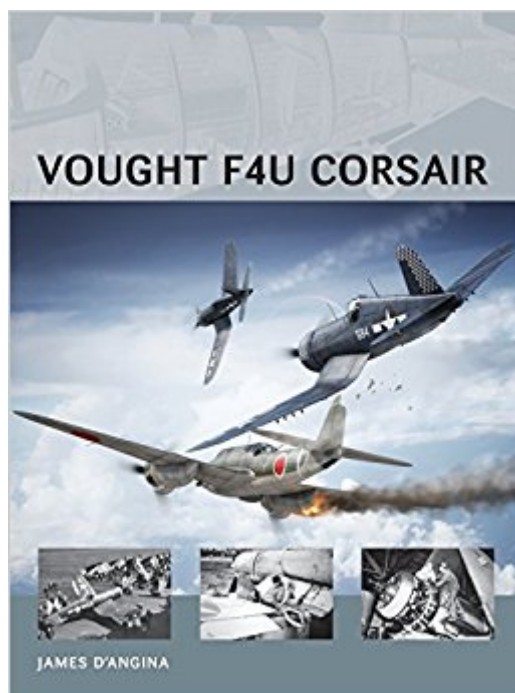


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# Vought F4U Corsair (Air Vanguard)



## Synopsis

This is a definitive technical guide to the Vought F4U Corsair. With over 12,500 produced, the Vought F4U Corsair is one of the icons of mid-20th century military aviation. With a USN kill rate of 11:1 during World War II, demand exceeded Vought's manufacturing capabilities, and it holds the record for longest production run of an US piston-engined fighter aircraft. It was as a Marine Corps aircraft that the Corsair was to become famous, fighting through World War II and Korea. Able to outperform its contemporaries, notably the A6M Zero, the Corsair combined speed, resilience and firepower. It also served in Indochina and Algeria, and in 1969's 'Soccer War' between Honduras and El Salvador, Corsairs were flown by both sides and fought the last propeller-aircraft dogfights in history. Color illustrations and photographs augment the examination of the technical characteristics and combat performance of this exceptional and important aircraft.

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James D'Angina is the former Curator for the US Army's Air Defense Artillery Museum, Fort Bliss, and has written multiple articles for the US Air Force and the United States Marine Corps. The author lives in Lawton, OK.

I bought this as a gift for my husband, and he loves it. Lots of detail throughout.

Says almost everything in a nutshell about the Corsair

Good technically, need more deployment stories.

nice. if you love Corsairs, you must have this! you will not be disappointed!

great read

Good book

This book is a waste of money and a waste of time. I have bought many Osprey books. This seems to me the worst one. It reads like a Wikipedia article. It's just a dry recitation of statistics.

The iconic F4U Corsair is the topic of the 17th title in the greatly appreciated AIR VANGUARD series. The Author details the genesis and the troubled development of this powerful and versatile fighter-bomber (the post-war AU-1 had a 2,000 lbs. warload!). After the first duels in Europe during 1940, the US Navy changed the requirement for armament with additional 0.50" M2 machine guns, so the prototype had to be hurriedly and deeply modified just after the first tests. Then Author David Angina neatly describes the rich operational career of the bent-winged bird since the WW 2 duels in the Guadalcanal skies, going through the Korea War, the French campaign in Algeria and the 1969 soccer war between Honduras and El Salvador. The usual high level iconographic section by Adam Tooby greatly enriches this nice book that will be surely appreciated by all warbird enthusiasts.

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