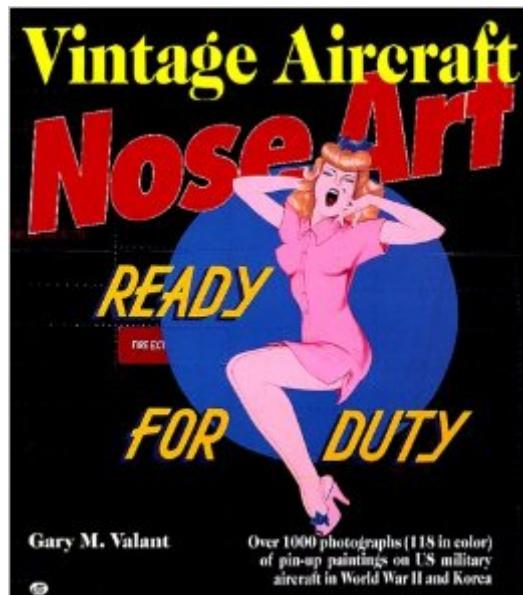


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Vintage Aircraft Nose Art: Over 1000 Photographs Of Pin-Up Paintings On USA Military Aircraft In World War 2 And Korea



Synopsis

A unique and interesting collection of color photos depicting a variety of warbird nose art. Over 1,000 wartime photos show art work close up, with explanations of art, aircraft, and pilots.

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Customer Reviews

Phenomenal book for the ages. Valant does an incredible job not only preserving the rich history of WWII nose art, and whenever possible, he also list Bomb Groups and Squadrons to accompany the photographs. THIS IS A COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS, not a lot of written material on the history of WWII pinups. This is a great collection for the collector as it also has some pictures of the old A-2 Leather bombers with the pin-up art painted on them as well. Easily worth the money. Get it before it goes out of print.

This book is excellent! The first time I looked through this book it was like going through a time machine. To see all of those black, white, and color photos, and thinking that the majority of the airplanes where shot down was very majestic. Then I turned to one page and it had a photo of a B-29 named "Werewolf" and I remember seeing that exact photo at my grandfather's house, the nose art was from my grandfather's brother's plane. It's an honor to have his plane's photo in the book. This book is a must have for all aviation buffs.

Excellent monograph of vintage photos of aircraft & crews with jackets displaying art of the times. Full color photos.

I bought this book as a birthday present for a wonderful 92-year old man who has been in my life since I was a very little girl. Mr. Curt was a Navy pilot in the Pacific theatre in WWII. Nearly every year, he and his wife go to the annual reunion of his pilot buddies from that time. As you can imagine, the group gets smaller and smaller each year. For each birthday of Mr. Curt's, I try to find something very special for him. I think he's enjoyed everthing, but from what I understand, this year I hit it out of the park with this book. His wife told me she had not seen him as excited about anything in a long time as he was in going through this book. He had personally seen so many of the planes himself and he really loved experiencing them again. I am so glad I found this book for him! I have a feeling Mr. Curt will be enjoying this colorful book for again and again. I also have a feeling that it will accompany him on his next trip to his annual reunion.

I had first bought a copy of this book as a present for a fellow nose-art/pin up fan, after flipping through it I decided that I would buy myself a copy as well. There is only a minimal amount of text, and some of it is wrong, but that seems to be an issue with many historic photo books, so I would not count that against the book. I am mostly interested in the art and images as a model plane builder, it serves as inspiration for decals, so for that or as a casual interest in airplane art this is a good book. If, however, you are looking for in-depth information on the artist, planes and/or history this is not the right book. Luckily this is an affordably priced book, so you will be able to fill out your collection.

This book is a wonderful reminder of the art and spirit of World War II aviators. Pilots and aircrews faced enormous dangers, so their spirit was in their aircraft and the creative nose art was the visual symbol. The collection is vast, and the photos are clean and crisp. Working your way through the book, you do not just appreciate the esprit that went into the nose art, but also the emotions of the pilots and crews as they went out, mission after mission. Seeing that personalized plane gave them a bit of familiarity as they went off to uncertain destinies. If you remember aircraft nose art, or even just saw it occasionally in old war movies, this book takes you back to those days of brave aviators.

I have always had a great interest in WWII bombers and fighters. In addition to this my, step-uncle was a 1st Lt. Co-pilot on a B-17 stationed in Deenethorpe, England and flew 30 missions between 6/44 & 11/44 in the 615th B.S. of the 401stBG (H). I purchased this book after reading the good reviews it had. I was very impressed with the book. There are B&W pictures of nose art on B-17's,

B-24's, B-29's, B-26's, B-25's, A-26's, P-51's, C-47's, C-87's, P-38's, P-47's, P-61's. There are also some color pictures and also there are some pictures of the back of a few flight jackets. The pictures are 99% bombers. This is a picture book with info below the pictures if available.

This book is everything I expected. Of course it would be nice if there were more color photos but guess what? The pictures were taken before the planes were demolished and that was before color photos were generally available. I always find it funny when people complain about a lack of color in books showing photos from the 40's-50's. That being said, the book is great and the seller got it shipped quickly and it was well packed to avoid damage to the dustjacket. I especially like that the author of the book provided information on the disposition of each aircraft when it was known. So many of the planes only lasted a few months before they were lost in action along with their brave crews.

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