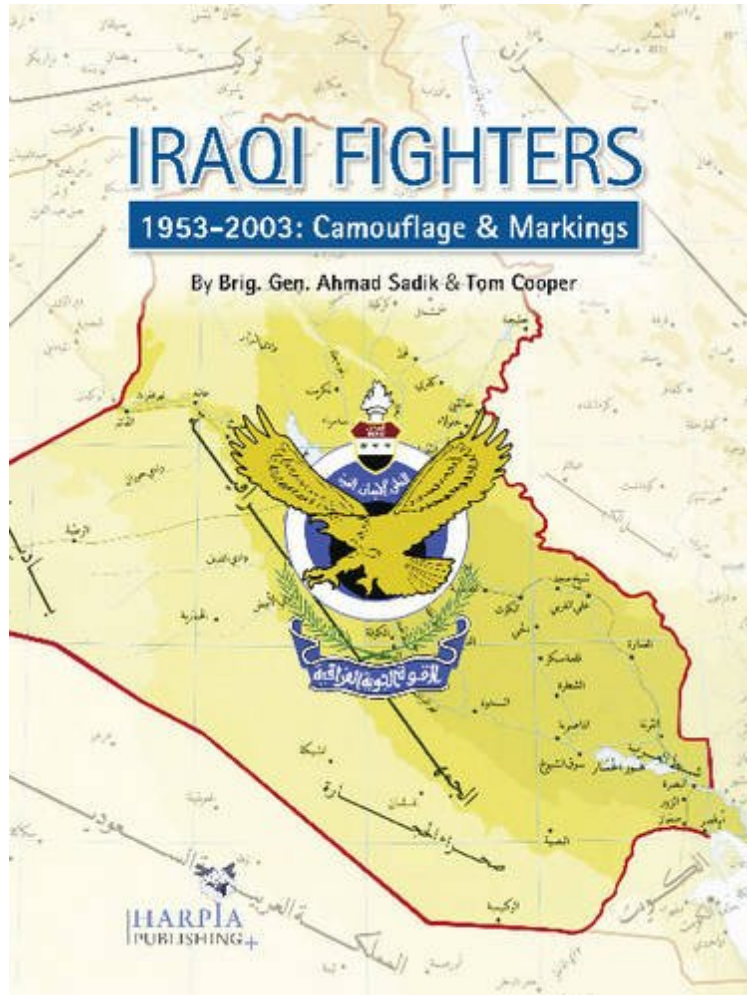


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losses contradicts US figures, in some cases US F-15 kills are challenged on the basis that a particular type was not in the area the kill was made, yet if you read the F-15 pilot's description (in other works) of the air combat in which the F-15 pilot describes seeing a Mirage F-1 and downing it, you come to the conclusion that one of the sides must be lying. Again, no attempt is made to reconcile the versions or to explain the discrepancies. The lack of footnotes detailing sources leaves one in doubt about the credibility of what the authors state. This failure is why I give this otherwise excellent work only 4 stars.

This book provides an exclusive insight into service history of 13 fighter jet types - from Vampires and Hunters to MiG-29s and Su-24s - that served with Royal Iraqi Air Force (RIrAF) and Iraqi Air Force (IrAF) between 1953 and 2003. Serious investigative research, including exclusive primary evidence gathered by both authors in- and outside Iraq, generated a level of detail and color of unmatched degree in any previous publications about any Arab air force. The result is a detailed history of RIrAF and IrAF markings, serial numbers and camouflage patterns, the in-depth history of each Iraqi fighter squadron, their equipment over the time as well as unit and various special insignias. Richly illustrated with photographs and artworks, the book provides details about a number of air-to-air and air-to-ground weapons, many put to the ultimate test only by the Iraqi Air Force. A list of original names for air bases used by IrAF is included as well. An appendix lists the existing plastic scale model kits in 1/72, 1/48 and 1/32 scale as well as decals sheets in regards to Iraqi Air Force.

"...detailed and sound and for anyone interested in combat aircraft of this troubled region, the book is essential" (Air Classics)"If you missed this vital volume when it first appeared, grab it now. Modelers will love it. In addition to dozens of BW and color photos, co-author Coopers reliably outstanding color profiles many with inset unit badge details superbly sample the sumptuous swath of Iraqi warplane camouflage.... It remains the ideal companion to Harpias recently released Iraqi Air Power Reborn: The Iraqi air arms since 2004 as well as to the publishers brilliant, multi-volume Arab MiGs series." (Cybermodeler)About the AuthorTom Cooper is an Austrian aerial warfare analyst and historian. Following a career in worldwide transportation business during which he established a network of contacts in the Middle East and Africa he moved into narrow-focus analysis and writing on small, little-known air forces and conflicts (about which he has collected extensive archives). That resulted in specialisation in such Middle Eastern air forces as those of Egypt, Iran, Iraq and Syria - plus various African and Asian air forces. As well as authoring and co-authoring 25 other books and more than 400 articles, he has co-authored an in-depth analysis of the Iranian Air Force at war with Iraq - resulting in groundbreaking books such as Iran-Iraq War in the Air, Iranian F-4 Phantom II Units in Combat, Iranian F-14 Tomcat Units in Combat and IRIAF 2010: Modern-Day Iranian Air Force.