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Marek Murawski, Jakub Plewka : Messerschmitt BF 109 E.: The Blitzkrieg Fighter (Monographs Special Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Messerschmitt BF 109 E.: The Blitzkrieg Fighter (Monographs Special Edition):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. First-Rate Monograph By Stephen Stults I am very pleased with the publication and wouldn't hesitate to recommend it either to historians or modelers. The book begins with a very brief recap of the earlier marks and points out the significant improvements that resulted in the Emil; most importantly the lighter, more powerful, and more reliable Daimler Benz 601 engine. The book goes on to briefly describe the

differences in the various E variants. Next is a very useful, but rather rudimentary, description of the various systems on the aircraft (landing gear, armaments, etc.). The majority of the book is taken up with histories of the Emil's deployments in the West, East, and N. Africa. Included are many truly fine photographs with descriptions of aircraft systems and functions, color schemes, as well as photographs and descriptions of some of the more famous German pilots of the early war period. No color photos, however, even reprints of ones I have seen in color in other publications. A bit disappointing, but probably a cost consideration when printing. At the back of the book are 34 pages of excellent line drawings on all aspects of the E model. These would be most invaluable to the modeler. Additionally, there is an insert (not bound) that folds out with superb line drawings of the Emil from multiple perspectives in 1/32 scale (obviously with the model builder in mind). Included are cockpit detail, etc.; absolutely first-rate. The book ends with 16 pages of color plates depicting all variants of the E model in a wide variety of camouflage schemes and locales. As I have said, the book is excellent and I think well worth the money. Why not five stars? More detailed technical information on Emil mechanical, structural, and instrumental systems would improve the book. A smattering of color photos would have been nice. Most importantly, I found the selected bibliography scanty. The book is packed with detailed notes on Jaggeschwader operations that seem quite accurate, but with nothing referenced to back them up. Also, I am highly skeptical of the kill ratios related in the section on the Battle of Britain. One comes away with the idea that about seven Hurricanes and Spits were shot down for every one Emil lost. Other accounts do not jive with these figures. In conclusion, Murawski and Plewka's book is very good and I highly recommend it. It's not perfect, but then few things are. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Underexposed photos annoying.... By R. Petrosky I have many books on the 109. This is an excellent book on this iconic aircraft, the drawings and color art are especially helpful to this modeler. However, many of the photographs appear very "washed out". These photos are better seen in other publications on the "E" where many are duplicated and exhibit better contrast. Really annoying. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must Have! By Cristobal A Ruiz This book turned out to be a truly great source of information. Extremely detail in the explanation of all the E model variants. Also contains a vast amount of aircraft markings in color. It was really more than what I expected from beginning to end.

The latest addition to the Monographs Special Edition series is devoted to the Messerschmitt Bf 109 E. This new book gives not only a thorough insight into the development, variants, technical features and camouflage of the Emil, but also an excellent overview of the aircraft's service with the Luftwaffe. Packed with period photos, color profiles and scale drawings, this title is a perfect guide for aviation modelers.

Absorbing anecdotes season the story. And given the book's length, the authors naturally spotlight some personalities and units more than others. But Kagero capably recaps the whole story including international use. If you're seeking compact coverage of "Emil" operations, this handy handbook superbly fits the bill. Dozens of photos and color plates season the visual feast. And scale drawings, selected sources and illuminating endnotes neatly wrap things up. Make it part of your Luftwaffe library. Recommended! (Cybermodeler) "There are lots of 109 books but this one looks like a perfect reference for the modeler.... highly recommended for the modeler and the historian." (IPMS)