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Review

“An excellent, well-researched, literate overview of 20th century warfare and the development of the fighter plane. *Lords of the Sky* will captivate history and aviation buffs alike.” (STEPHEN COONTS, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Flight of the Intruder*)

“Meticulously researched and beautifully written, this must-read chronological history of fighter pilots reads like a great literary novel. Dan Hampton has crafted an important work that is sure to become a classic within the historic lore of military aviation.” (CHRISTINA OLDS, co-author of *Fighter Pilot: The Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds*)

Praise for *Viper Pilot*: “Hampton’s one of the most decorated pilots in Air Force history.... We may never see his like again.” (New York Post)

“Dramatic, fast-paced, and definitive -- a pleasure for everyone who loves reading about aviation, and the life-and-death drama of air combat.” (MICHAEL KORDA, author of *With Wings Like Eagles* and *Ike*)

“An epic history of the fighter pilot world by a gifted author and historian with the trained eye of a combat pilot. This will be an enduring work of aviation literature. Experience the thrill, hear the wind, encounter the danger: Read this book!” (Major General DON SHEPPERD (USAF Ret.), co-author of *Bury Us Upside Down*; former Director of the Air National Guard.)

“Superbly written. Paints a vivid picture of the skills, scares, scars, and science of air combat brilliantly, weaving them into a fascinating historical fabric that embraces technology, history, and politics. Buffs and the general public will agree that this is a first in the field!” (Colonel WALTER BOYNE (USAF, Ret.), Former Director of the National Air & Space Museum and author of *Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the United States Air Force*)

From the Back Cover

Lords of the Sky is a thrilling history of the fighter pilot, masterfully written by one of the most decorated aviators in American history. A twenty-year USAF veteran who flew more than 150 combat missions and received four Distinguished Flying Crosses, Lt. Colonel Dan Hampton draws on his singular firsthand knowledge, as well as groundbreaking research in aviation archives and rare personal interviews with little-known heroes, including veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Hampton (the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Viper Pilot*) reveals the stories behind history's most iconic aircraft and the aviators who piloted them: from the Sopwith Camel and Fokker Triplane to the Mitsubishi Zero, Supermarine Spitfire, German Bf 109, P-51 Mustang, Grumman Hellcat, F-4 Phantom, F-105 Thunderchief, F-16 Falcon, F/A-18 Super Hornet, and beyond. In a seamless, sweeping narrative, *Lords of the Sky* is an extraordinary account of the most famous fighter planes and the brave and daring heroes who made them legend.

About the Author

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Dan Hampton flew 151 combat missions during his twenty years (1986–2006) in

the United States Air Force. For his service in the Iraq War, Kosovo conflict, and first Gulf War, Col. Hampton received four Distinguished Flying Crosses with Valor, a Purple Heart, eight Air Medals with Valor, five Meritorious Service medals, and numerous other citations. He is a graduate of the USAF Fighter Weapons School, USN Top Gun School (TOGS), and USAF Special Operations School. A frequent guest analyst on CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC discussing foreign affairs, military, aviation, and intelligence issues, he has published in *Aviation History*, the *Journal of Electronic Defense*, *Air Force Magazine*, *Vietnam* magazine, and *Airpower* magazine, and written several classified tactical works for the *USAF Weapons Review*. He is the author of the national bestsellers *Viper Pilot* and *Lords of the Sky*, as well as a novel, *The Mercenary*.

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