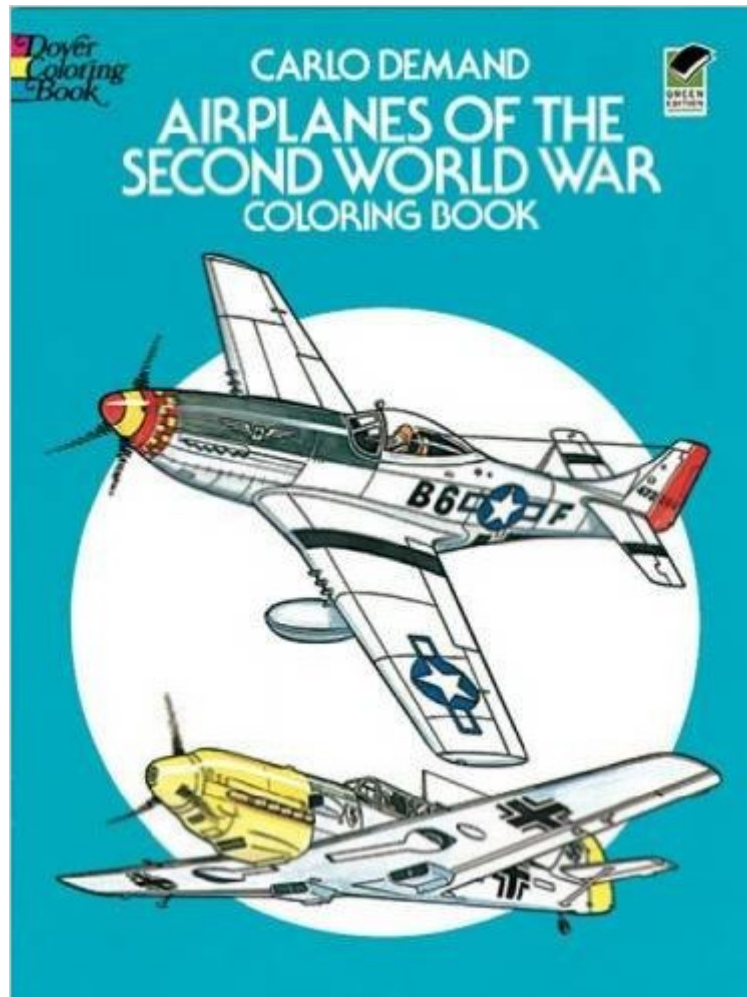


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# Airplanes Of The Second World War Coloring Book (Dover History Coloring Book)



## Synopsis

During World War II, armed aircraft became more deadly and sophisticated as the Allied and Axis powers struggled for supremacy. Fighters, bombers, reconnaissance planes, and transports were rapidly developed by both sides and sent into the conflict. The technology changed so quickly that some highly effective planes used early on were outmoded before the end of the war. Now Carlo Demand, internationally known graphic artist, has rendered 46 planes of World War II especially for coloring. Among them, the "Enola Gay," the Japanese Zero used by kamikaze pilots, the German Komet jet fighter, and the spunky British spitfire that performed so valiantly in the Battle of Britain. Colorists will find detailed information in captions concerning authentic coloring, markings, and insignia, as well as information about design innovations, each plane's military role and affiliation, and other pertinent data. The illustrations are accurate and authentic, and as part of the Dover Pictorial Archive Series, may be used royalty-free. Thirteen of the planes are shown in full color on the covers. All of the planes pictured here are now, of course, obsolete; but for aviation buffs, military historians, model builders, and illustrators, these superb renderings will recall an era a time when the needs of a global conflict spurred tremendous advances in aerial technology, both military and commercial.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

You might think it odd that a middle-aged man might buy a coloring book for himself. However, I bought this book due to a fascination with WW2 fighter planes I used to build as a boy. And I didn't want to have to buy and rebuild the models again to capture the nostalgia and fascination I felt as a youth. The models have long since disappeared from my personal belongings, but the idea of a coloring book with the major ones to look at for a very low price, was too hard to resist. The coloring book met my expectations by providing VERY realistic coloring pages of WW2 fighters apparently based on actual planes. If you include two full-color planes on the front and rear covers, there are 13 color pictures, as well as about 46 black and white coloring pages of fighters, bombers, and cargo planes from the mid 1930's forward that were used in WWII. The pages are printed on a heavy, high quality paper, and each fighter has a paragraph or so of background information at the bottom of the coloring page. Information isn't consistent for each plane, but usually covers the number of each plane produced, their nationality, when they were used in the war, any conversions they underwent, as well their performance against other planes during their era. There is usually a paragraph indicating the colors used on each part of the airplane. The one-page, text-only preface to the book describes the explosion of aircraft-building in the 1930's and 1940's, and describes a couple key planes used to turn the tide in WW2. I agree with a previous reviewer that to color the planes properly, one needs to understand the anatomy of a plane -- the author assumes you know this, so there is no explanation given. Therefore, I appreciate the site listed by a previous reviewer that describes the parts of the plane. Overall, I love this coloring book, really enjoyed seeing the planes whose model numbers I still remember from my boyhood, and reading about their history. I may even get out the pencil crayons to color and perhaps frame a couple of them -- or -- much to the chagrine of the my wife, start rebuilding my collection of painted model planes all over again :)

This is a very easy book to color and a lot of fun. Although the author gives detailed coloring instructions in the captions, they may be a bit challenging if one is not familiar with parts of the plane. I found an excellent site on the internet which provided me with small color images of many of the planes, which helped a lot. The site is: [...] The book is a "must" for any military aviation enthusiast who also likes to color.

I bought this for a friend of mine who is in his 80's and wanted to have a new hobby. He has always liked planes, and when I surprised him with this he was delighted. It has brought him hours of enjoyment.

My two sons have spent hours pouring over these pages, and working very hard to make their planes look like the originals. First coloring book my 10 y/o has ever wanted to use!

Great Quality. Paper is white and sturdy - doesn't bleed through with markers, colored pencils or crayons - unlike most coloring books purchased in retail stores. Pictures are authentic Tanks and planes and fun to color. Our grandson loves Planes and Tanks, so these coloring books provide hours of enjoyment for him.

Quality, accurate, detailed, full of aircraft. It even has truly obscure planes like the Westland Whirlwind and Dewoitine 520. Its even inexpensive. My only complaint would be the difficulty understanding how to color them properly. I've built models of many of these, including the Whirlwind. Dover demonstrates that coloring books don't have to be simplistic or cartoonish.

I bought this coloring book for a friend's 6 year old son who loves airplanes, The pictures are authentic and not too hard to color. I have one of this young man's colored pictures on my refrigerator door now. Good coloring books of airplanes are hard to find. Most are very juvenile. This one may require a little instruction about WWII and the roll of aircraft in the war, but that's not a bad thing.

Really neat. Features a lot of aircraft and a wide variety of WWII aircraft, not just the popular ones but some of the more obscure ones like bombers from the late 30's that saw service at the beginning of the war before becoming obsolete.

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