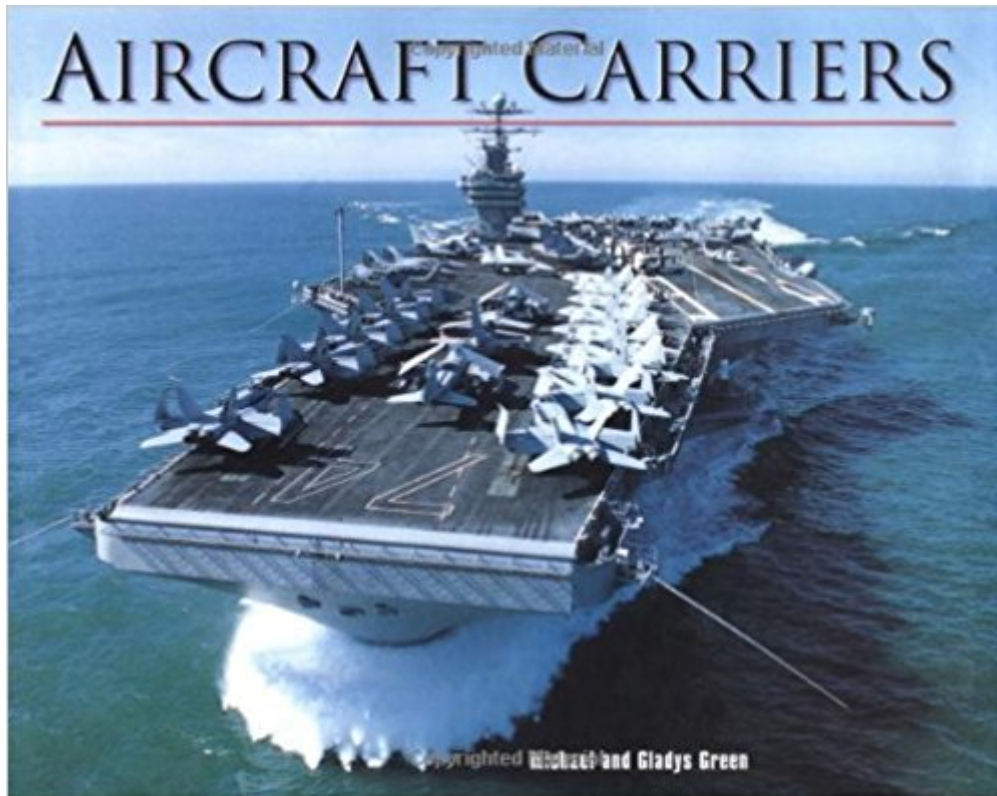




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Synopsis

Even for nonmilitary buffs, the power and massive lines of aircraft carriers inspire awe. Now readers can get a close-up look at these behemoths in this lavishly illustrated volume. It tells the story of the development of these immense vessels, describes their technological and military history, and profiles the carriers-and the planes that fly from them-that roam the oceans today. With more than 150 black-and-white and color pictures, including images of early prototypes, this is an invaluable reference.

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Customer Reviews

Michael and Gladys Green are freelance writers, researchers, and photographers who specialize in military, transportation, and law enforcement subjects, with over 50 books to their credit. Their previous works include Hummer, Tiger Tanks, SWAT Teams, Patton's Tank Drive, MacArthur in the Pacific, Motorcycle Police, Bomb Squads, and Jaguar Sports Cars. In addition, Michael Green has written numerous articles for a wide variety of military-related national and international magazines. They live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

A nice big book with nice pictures! My son became fascinated with aircraft carriers while visiting a naval museum. I got him this book to learn more and to see more pictures, and he has really enjoyed looking through it and read about this giant ships.

There's not much history here, but the large and clearly-reproduced photos, in both black-and-white

and color, make it very worthwhile. There's a fair mixture of World War II (and a few earlier) shots but the preponderance of photos concern modern nuclear carriers, just like that pictured on the cover. And there's a fair mix of interior shots as well as many of these behemoths at sea.

Not only is my kid into super hero comic (Captain Awesome) for laughs, but he is into Navy as well. We have visited Battleship Texas more than a month ago, and upon our trip home to Austin, he asked if he can read more books about the Navy. He likes pictures so I found this book for him, and he is reading a page or two every night since. Great book with a lot of pictures and information on history of carriers.

I got this to look through with a 91 year old vet who had been a 17 year old sailor on the USS Lexington. I was originally disappointed when I saw the book but I was wrong. There were lots of pictures and just enough text. He loved it.

The book was okay but kind of dull, read better books and worse. All in all okay for the money.

Great book for lovers of ships!

This book has a lot of great pictures, but there is no excuse for sloppy errors like this one: On p22, it states the USS Lexington (CV2) underwent an extensive upgrade in 1943-1944. On p23, it correctly states that CV2 went down in the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. They later correctly state that the Essex class carrier scheduled to be named Cabot was renamed Lexington (CV16), commissioned in 1943. The writer must have seen a picture of CV16 from 1944, seen that it looked different than CV2 and written that it was upgraded. Bad job. Go ahead and get the book if you want the pictures, but find another title as a companion to get accurate history.

This book will satisfy most carrier aviation buffs if only for the pictures that fill its pages. Overall, it doesn't go into great detail or too much about the belowdecks supporting units that allow flight operations to exist. What it does offer is a retrospective of carrier operations from before World War II, a decent amount on World War II operations, and then the Cold War carriers that continue serving on until today. There is some information on the British and French carriers, but it is very limited. Overall, this book is introductory, and best serves as illustrating a challenging world in a coffee-table book format.

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