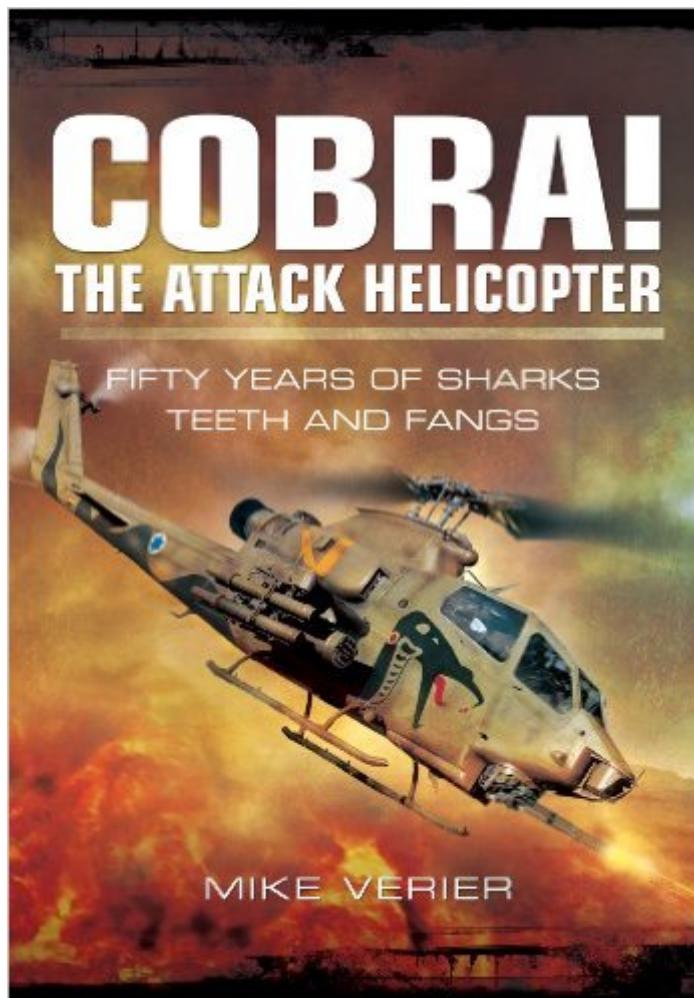


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Cobra! The Attack Helicopter: Fifty Years Of Sharks Teeth And Fangs



Synopsis

The history of the Cobra helicopter is a long and varied one, characterized by extensive deployment in some of the most dynamic theaters of war. Designed in 1965, we are fast approaching the 50th Anniversary of the craft's inception into the world of combat flight, so it seems timely that we should be presented with this, a comprehensive historical account of the various landmarks of the Cobra's service history. This heavily illustrated volume relays the story of the Cobra from the days of early development and concept dissection right through to modern day uses, in both combat and civil contexts. Details of the early trials at Rucker are detailed, as is the birth of air mobile deployment, offering an illuminating insight into a most eventful period of developmental expansion. A full account of the Cobra's service history during the Vietnam campaign is also on display, describing the various tactics and weapons employed. The development of iconic variants such as the King Cobra and Supercobra is outlined, their individual histories set alongside those of lesser-known and under-sung types, one off designs and oddities that add yet more color to this fascinating history. Included alongside the authors text are firsthand accounts that supplement the history, enlivening the facts with accounts of authentic pilot experience, the handling and flying characteristics that can perhaps only truly be described by those in command of such machinery. The work is brought thoroughly up to date with details of current deployment and uses in both combat and civil capacities. The employment of the Cobra by NASA and USCS illustrates its usefulness in a variety of fields, proving that the craft is so much more than a mere component part of the machinery of war. This book is sure to appeal to helicopter and aviation enthusiasts keen to enhance their understanding of this iconic type. It has been long defined, and with good reason, as "the Spitfire of the helicopter world" here it is granted the platform it deserves in order to be appreciated by a wider audience. **REVIEWS** Heartily recommended to all aviation enthusiasts. **JP4** Aviation Monthly

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Customer Reviews

I've been looking for a comprehensive single source history of the Cobra for some time, and this is it. Verier has done an excellent job tracing the history of this iconic attack chopper from the drawing board to the present. Most thought this bird would last 20 years tops, but through upgrades, advances in technology, two engines, the Cobra is still in use after 50 years. While not completely up to the standards of an Apache AH-64, the Cobra is still a viable threat on the battlefield. In addition to the narrative, there are many excellent crisp color photos, line drawings, data tables and pilots stories. I have only one complaint, that is made with reservation - the book is small at 7x9 inches. I know, cost vs size, publisher trying to do the consumer a favor. Other than that, it is an excellent read for Cobra fans and I'd recommend it to aviation buffs and modelers alike.

A good coverage of all the history of the Cobra. It is actually a small format size sort of like a large novel, which I actually really like as it makes it quite portable and fun to read. The downside of this however is that it makes the pictures invariably smaller. The history is covered quite well as is foreign users and the like. It would have been nice to see a bit more technical information on the aircraft and some more detail on its actual combat history would be nice too. If you want more detail on those items then you might need to look elsewhere, nevertheless it is a nice history of the aircraft.

An excellent accounting of the development, use, variants, and countries flying the venerable Cobra attack helicopter. The book is well written, clear to the layman and written with an obvious enthusiasm for the topic. The author makes clear the changes that occur between the different models and the reasons behind why and how the helicopter was improved over the years. If you're an aviation enthusiast, or just love the Cobra, this book is well worth a read.

A lot of what was in this book is in Mike Verier's previous 2 AH-1 Cobra books so I was disappointed at the small level of actual new material. And those books date all the way back to the late 80's so that may say a lot. My dad flew the aircraft "Betsy" mentioned in several of the photographs during

Desert Storm provided to Mike from Floyd Werner which was originally provided by me so that was a surprise. It's actually pretty neat that I can show something to my kids when they are older that their Grandfather is in a book! Just wish the photo credit was given to my dad since he took the pictures.

I flew over 900 combat missions in the G Model Cobra and this book takes me right back to those days. The book is meticulously researched and presented in incredible detail. The pictures and illustrations tell a story by themselves. Packed with detail and facts, COBRA also delivers the feel and color of those days.

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