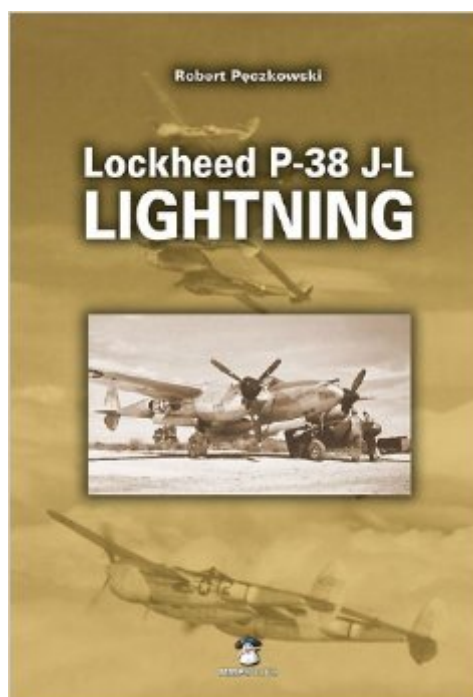


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This is a really neat book. I have a lot of warbird books, and this is one of the best, especially if you're a big fan of the P-38. There are tons of Mustang and B17 books and not too many really good ones on this aircraft. There is a lot of technical information, as well as great photos and drawings. Recommended for aircraft buffs.

A lot of various P-38 models and paint schemes. Interesting and good background for historically interested and model makers. A nice addition to other books on the P-38 for P-38 fans; contains information not readily found in other books.

I've always thought the P-38 was the best looking airplane the US ever developed. A friend flew them (he actually flew a J model which is the subject of this book. So after reading this book I loaned it to him. He was based in Italy and in January of 1944 was on a mission over Vienna. A large caliber anti-aircraft shell went off under his plane. Both engines quit, the electrical system quit, control cables were cut so he had no control at all. He wasn't flying, he was just inside a bunch of scrap metal. So he opened the canopy and got out. Page 3 of this book mentions "a high risk of injury to the pilot when he was forced to bail out, due to the tail arrangement." My friend hit the tail as it went by, compound fracture of his right leg and he thought his left leg was broken. He looked down, his right foot was pointed backwards and blood was coming out where the bone came through the skin. Landing in a chute is difficult, about like jumping off the roof, and his legs must have smarted a little. He looked further down and the ground was getting closer. He doesn't remember what he was thinking, but it couldn't have been good thoughts. He might have even thought of a few select words not used in polite company. He spent from then to the end of the war in a German POW Hospital. As for a description of the book, it has dozens, perhaps hundreds of pictures, many never published before. I enjoyed reading it and so did my friend.

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