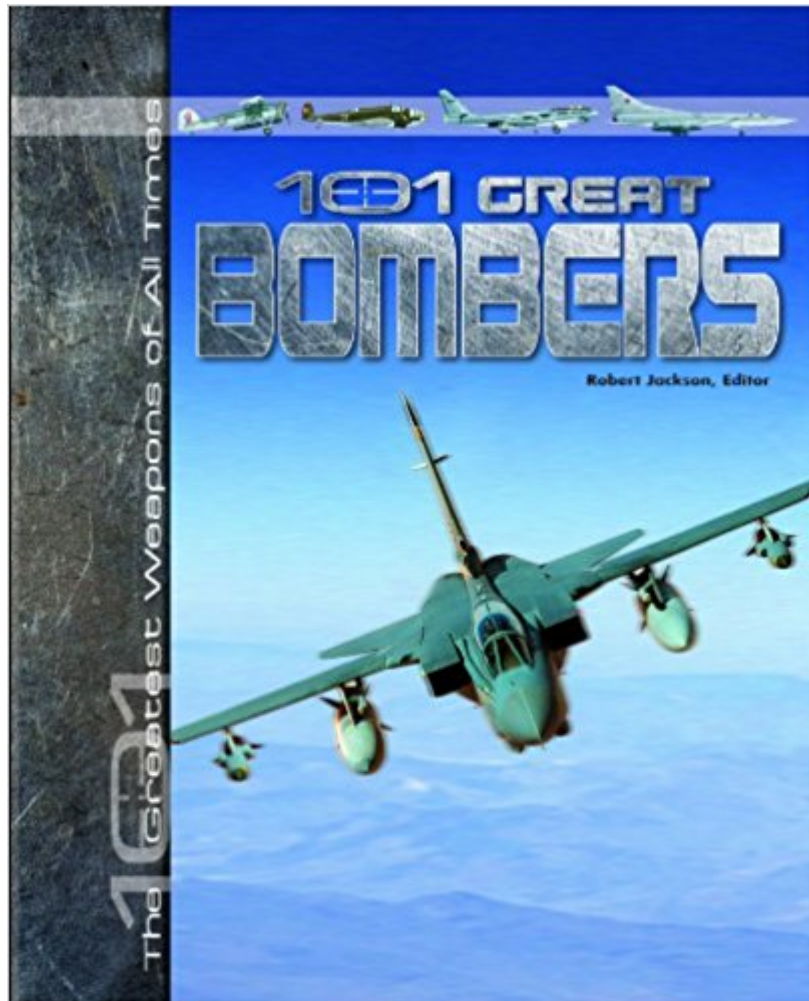




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Back matter includes a listing of memorials and museums and an excellent further-reading list. A first purchase where the subject is popular. (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Another volume in Rosen Publishing's '101 Greatest Weapons of All Times,' 101 GREAT BOMBERS by Robert Jackson provide mini-bios, tech specs and illustrations of "101 of the world's finest bombers" operated over the years by various air forces. Although aimed at readers in grades 7-9, adults will enjoy the mix of data and pix. Arranged in rough chronological order, Jackson's book features all the usual suspects: Gothas, Vimys, Do 17s, B-17s, B-24s, SBDs, Ju 87s, Vals, IL-2s, Lancs, B-47s, Vulcans, A-4s, Jaguars, F-117s, etc. The bios are short and sweet, generally accurate as are the tech specs. Each aircraft rates a color profile - many of which are recycled Art Tech/Aerospace artwork - and a photograph, some of which are in color. Appendices include a glossary and sections on 'For More Information' and "For Further Reading." Most of the aircraft found in 101 GREATEST BOMBERS rate inclusion but I question a few. The Airco DH.9 was a disaster when introduced over the Western Front. The Vickers Vildebeest was slaughtered when used against the Japanese in 1941. The Battle was a failure; ditto the Manchester, He 177 and so on. In any case, if you're looking for a basic introduction to 'heavy metal,' 101 GREATEST BOMBERS will suffice. Recommended.

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