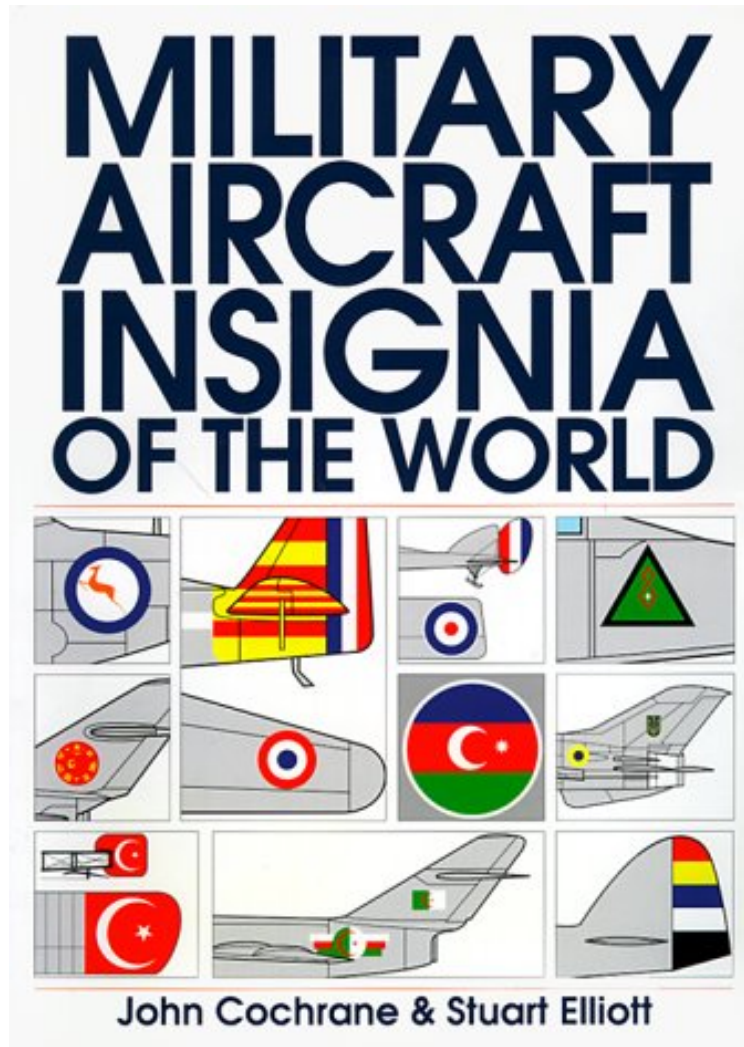


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John Cochrane, Stuart Elliott : Military Aircraft Insignia of the World (The Putnam Aviation Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Military Aircraft Insignia of the World (The Putnam Aviation Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Long Awaited Update - May 2014 By KRISHNA JAGABooks on the history of aircraft roundels are very rare - almost none in the last 15 years. Hence this is a real labour of passion and it has taken almost 15 years since the publication of the first edition with the same name and by the same authors by AirLife - for a publisher to finally release an update on this exotic subject. If ever you wondered on all the historical

roundels for a particular country and where could you look it up - this is the one book which has it all. The authors have kept in touch with many enthusiasts around the world including me and researched some of the really really rare historical roundels for this updated edition. Its In glorious full colour - and comprises around 142 Pp (the authors originally planned a detailed 2 volume which Crecy compressed into a single volume but the above cover is not fully correct as its no longer A-K)- depicts all the latest roundels for all countries including all the notable historical roundels for countries which no longer exist like Katanga , Biafra South Vietnam etc approx 500 + in all . the opening description of Afghanistan with around 9 historical roundels and a 2 Page history sets up a nice opening. The new roundels include Abkhazia, Iraqi Air Force ,Chad ,Afghanistan etc - lots of new roundels are added but Iraq 2006-9 and Abkhazia 1992-2008 seem to be missing. However instead of diagrams and artwork profiles as in the earlier edition by Airlife - the updated edition features instead colour pictures (some are very tiny and unclear) - and the book loses one star as the diagrams in the previous edition also depicted the fin flashes which is missing and a real disappointment for me and i will need to retain the first edition due to the diagrams. For some of the countries like South Sudan and Kurdistan , the authors state that the national flag is used - would have been appropriate to display the flag instead of keeping it blank . Another comment is that for all the roundels currently in service , the entry date is omitted . - IMHO some of the text also could have done with an update from the first edition (example for India) and some of the navy roundels are also missing .Some countries like Afghanistan, italy and Turkey are covered more comprehensively than others - though from personal research and i think there are more historical roundels for Bulgaria than shown. i think the book could have done with another 50 Pp if the publisher had been more generous and included more photographs or artwork profiles and the authors included diagrams to show the fin flashes . Also it should have been published in a bigger size like the first edition done by Airlife - nevertheless i am quite excited as its a long awaited update on this esoteric topic and a must buy.

The military aircraft insignia of 186 countries are covered in this essential introduction to their general history. Extensive country-by-country listings give the reader a brief history of the military air activity of a particular country and the political reasons for any changes to the insignia. Each country is accompanied by full-color line drawings showing the national markings of the era positioned on the typical aircraft that were operational at the time. This invaluable reference addresses the serious absence of adequate information about the national insignia of military aircraft and will appeal to modelers, aviation historians, and those interested in flags and heraldry. Over five hundred illustrations are included.