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Mark Chambers, Tony Holmes : Nakajima B5N 'Kate' and B6N 'Jill' Units (Combat Aircraft) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nakajima B5N 'Kate' and B6N 'Jill' Units (Combat Aircraft):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another good Osprey Combat Aircraft book By DANO Another good Osprey Combat Aircraft book. The usual development, campaigns, etc, lineup. Though I've read much about the Pacific campaigns, which for a mere hobbyist like myself, can be extensive, this book was an enjoyable read. Apart from other Japanese issues, which are inherently few, this book not only described 'Kate' ops, but succinctly and comprehensively described the major background naval campaigns including Pearl, Indian Ocean, Coral Sea, Midway, Australia, Solomons, Philippines, and Okinawa. The description of the terrible losses inflicted on the IJN after Midway was interesting in context. Indeed, not knowing much about 'Jill' operations and looking forward to reading

about such, it was compelling to read how, by the time they'd been put into action, the situation was almost hopeless. But they fought on, being cut up by fighters, devastated by AA, employed as Kamikazes, and even getting lost and flying into oblivion, as did many on both sides. Some of the early (mid 90's) Osprey aircraft series issues ('Aces' and 'Combat Aircraft') were criticized for some inaccuracies, but with The Wall down, increasing interest and the internet, information has been freely exchanged, compared, added to, and sometimes hotly debated *, making these among the best as far as a succinct, comprehensive, illustrated, read. I have over 100 of them. *Indeed, in the last few years, I've read that Bob Johnson's famous FW190 encounter may have been exaggerated, according to fellow 8th AF ace, Gerald Johnson... And according to Ruffato/Claringbould's very researched, detailed, and illustrated "Eagles of the Southern Sky -The Tainan AG in WWII", Saburo Sakai's famous "Danse Macabre" with Nishizawa (top IJN ace) Ohta, may have never happened! (Although both Johnson and Sakai are certainly confirmed as outstanding combat pilots)0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Overall very good. Discusses operations in detail but no tabulations of performance and dimensional data. By Bayard B. Highly detailed discussion of B5N and B6N units and their operations throughout the Pacific. The weakness of the book is the short discussion of the development history of these airplanes. There are also no tabulations of dimensions or performance characteristics. That's not necessarily a problem, as there are other books (such as Francillon's) that provide such data. But it would have been convenient to have such data available while reading this book. It wouldn't have taken more than a couple of pages and tables to provide such information. There is also only a very short discussion on industrial production and the relatively low numbers produced. Only a little over a thousand B5Ns were produced and only a few hundred B6Ns. The book doesn't explain why this was so: did the Navy leadership not comprehend the need for larger numbers? Was industry unable to provide more -- and if so, why was that the case?0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was very pleased with this volume. By Hedgehog6I was very pleased with this volume. It gives a good account of the subject with excellent artwork and photographs.

Entering service during the Sino-Japanese War, the Nakajima B5N (code-named "Kate") excelled and went on to achieve surprising and dramatic successes in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It also contributed to the sinking of the U.S. aircraft carriers USS Lexington at the Battle of the Coral Sea, USS Yorktown at the Battle of Midway, and USS Hornet at the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands. Its replacement, the Nakajima B6N "Jill," while a marked improvement over its illustrious predecessor, was never able to achieve its full potential in combat due to advances in Allied aircraft, finding itself relegated to the dreaded Kamikaze strikes in the latter part of the war. Using previously unpublished photographs as well as color illustrations, this book will cover the history of the "Kate" and "Jill" torpedo/attack bombers, including their design and development, as well as the combat highs and lows of the Imperial Japanese Navy's premier torpedo bombers.

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