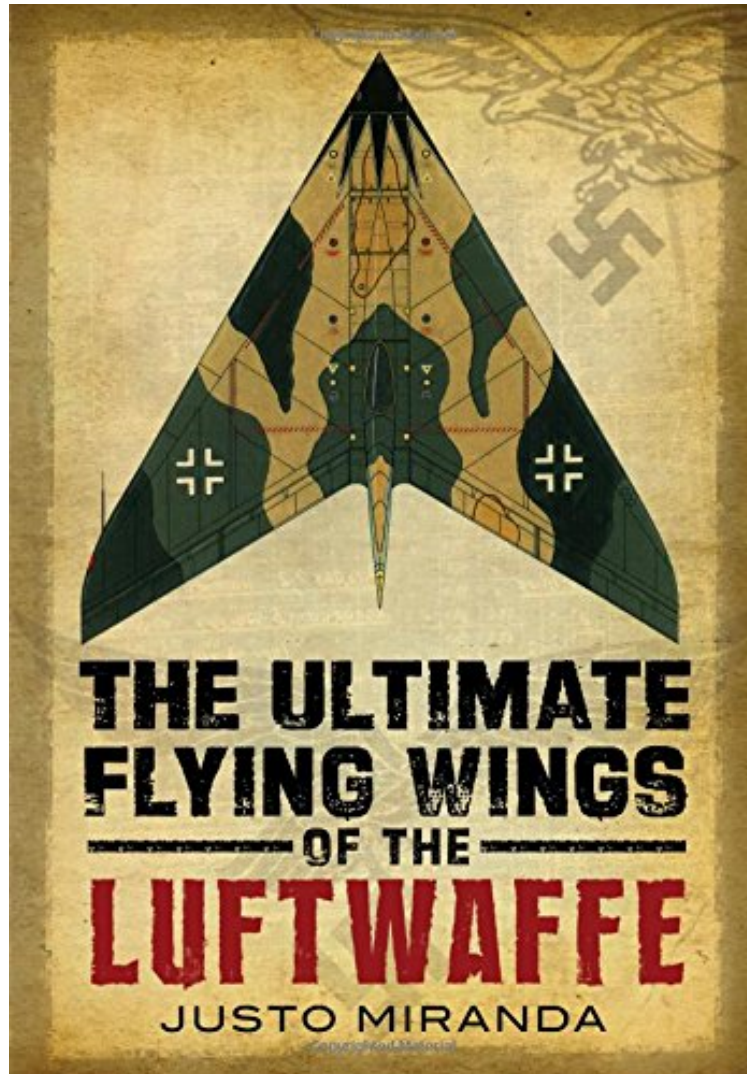


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy MERTON E BOLLMANI like the Miranda books and have lots of different titles.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Another Must-Have Book For Military Aviation Enthusiasts!By Dr.M.Lawicki'The Ultimate Flying Wings of the Luftwaffe' is the latest book by Justo Miranda published by Fonthill Media and is essentially a companion book for his critically acclaimed, 'The Ultimate Piston Fighters of the Luftwaffe.' For those unfamiliar with Justo Miranda, he is a widely known historian specializing in German military aviation and weapons systems of the 1930s-1940s. This book specializes in the flying wings, and is

loaded with fascinating data and information regarding the Luftwaffe's most radical wing-based fighter and bomber projects. Profusely illustrated with technical drawings considered by many--myself included--to be the best in their genre, this latest book by Justo Miranda does not disappoint and is entirely worth the high cost in my opinion. My only criticism of the book is that there are not artist depictions of the planes as they might have appeared in the service of the Third Reich. It might have been nice to have colorized paintings of these concept planes in action over war-torn Europe, but this is just my opinion. The overleaf of this book contains an excerpt of a prescient story by H.G. Wells written in 1933 and titled, 'The Shape of Things to Come.' The inclusion of this thought-provoking excerpt by Justo Miranda is relevant in that H.G. Wells painted an astonishingly accurate picture of future military aviation and even predicted the beginning of the Second World War--give or take three months! The Nazi regime realized too late the importance and strategic value of Flying Wings and only began construction of these planes in early 1945. Thus, only one of the Horten Wing fighters was able to take to the skies in what was to be its first and last test flight. This book began with a lengthy chapter describing the emergence of what would later be coined 'stealth' technology. With respect to aviation, it began in the First World War with clever camouflage paint schemes and patterns, later evolving into the complexities of nascent radar technology which profoundly influenced aviation design during the Second World War. The book concludes with an interesting treatise of the future of the Flying Wings, many of which are being designed and implemented into the United States Air Force in the 21st century. We need only look at the latest American bombers and fighter planes to understand the far-reaching legacy of the German Horten brothers and their revolutionary designs. I enjoy reading books like this because I have an active imagination and often contemplate alternate histories. This book will not be in print indefinitely, so I highly recommend its purchase before it becomes a rarity and its price skyrockets upward. Not just for Luft '46 enthusiasts, this book has something for anyone interested in the past, present, and--yes--the future of military aviation. I am also an avid modeler and this is one of my favorite books to have as a handy reference.

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A lot of drawing, mostly speculative by an author ...By Chester J. ZabaA lot of drawing, mostly speculative by an author that considers himself something of an expert and that which never existed. Not impressed.

When the Allies crossed the Rhine, Hitler decreed to go down fighting to the last man. A strange triangular bomber launched the 'Nicht lösbares Feuer' over London, destroying the city. Later, a black boomerang of sixty metres dropped two tons of anthrax over Washington and New York, making them inhabitable for fifty years. Thankfully, the inextinguishable firebomb was a figment of H. G. Wells' imagination. However, the construction of the secret flying wings had commenced at the start of 1945. Indeed, one fighter took to the skies on its only test flight. If these radical fighters of the Luftwaffe had been pressed into service earlier, they may well have changed the outcome of the Second World War. Profusely illustrated with technical drawings and fascinating data and information on the Luftwaffe's most radical fighter and bomber projects, *The Ultimate Flying Wings of the Luftwaffe* chronicles these revolutionary designs. A fascinating book for the military historian, modellers and those interested in aviation, this shows how close Hitler may have come in winning the war.

About the Author Justo Miranda is the author of books and monographs on aviation since the 1980s. A widely known historian, Miranda specialises in aviation of the 1930s and is the author of two volumes on aircraft used during the Spanish Civil War. The exciting discovery of a microfilm on secret German weapons in the early 1990s drove him to publish *Secret Wonder Weapons of the Third Reich*, later published by Schiffer in 1996. Miranda's first book for Fonthill Media was the critically acclaimed *The Ultimate Piston Fighters of the Luftwaffe*.