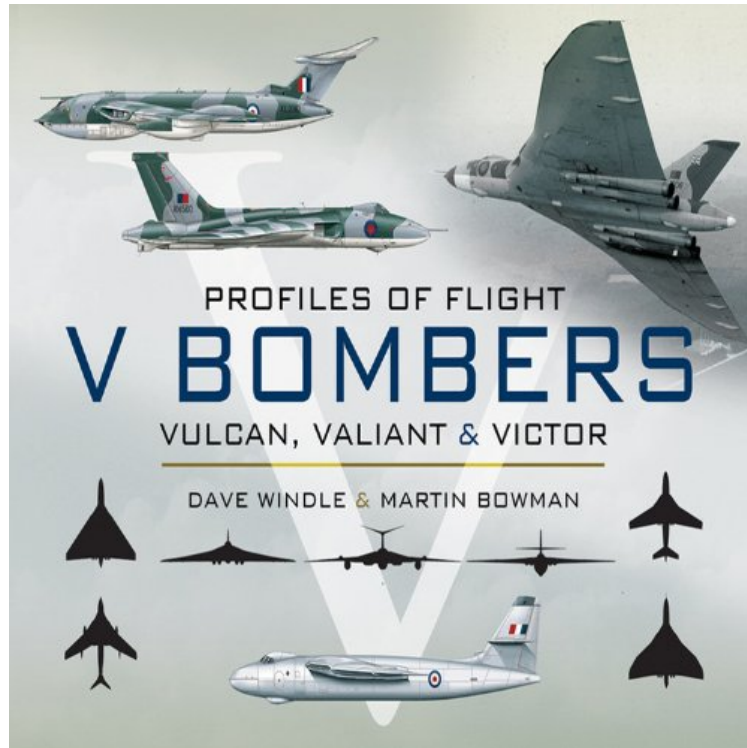


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Dave Windle, Martin W. Bowman : V Bombers: Vulcan, Valiant and Victor (Profiles of Flight) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised V Bombers: Vulcan, Valiant and Victor (Profiles of Flight):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Totally disorganizedBy Geoff ArnoldI haven't yet finished the first chapter, and I probably won't bother. The material is totally, hopelessly disorganized. It follows no logical pattern. It isn't chronological: it hops forwards and backwards in time, with no obvious motivation. It isn't thematic: it doesn't look at (say) the political context, the military context, the RD process, production, deployment, and operation. These elements are, once again, completely jumbled. It doesn't even focus on each of the three subjects (Vulcan, Victor, and Valiant) in turn; it hops haphazardly from one to the other, sometimes in the same sentence. It feels as though several different texts were dumped into a randomizer which assembled sentences in random orders. The only prose which has any coherence is the occasional quotation from a designer or RAF crew member, but even these are dropped in almost at random. There are some nice pictures. Unfortunately they, too, seem to be placed at random. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good look at Britain's Cold War bombersBy James PernikoffEvidently the first of a new series, this book focuses on Britain's strategic jet bombers in an interesting fashion. The first 50 pages provide Martin Bowman's running narrative of the history of the Valiant, Vulcan and Victor, both in technical and operational terms. I expected coverage of each aircraft individually, but the author does an effective job of interspersing the service lives of the three aircraft in a manner that almost reads, at times, like a novel! The downside is that anyone looking for

particular info about one of the three types has to do a bit of hunting. The text is complimented by a variety of black--white photos, some of which are well-known (like the dramatic shot of the prototype Vulcan disintegrating at an airshow!). There are lists of serial numbers and operational squadrons. This is followed by a section of excellent color side view drawings done by Dave Windle, an average of 12 for each type. While the number of base color schemes carried by these aircraft was rather minimal, Windle does a good job of showing small variations, though a selection of Gulf War nose art might have been a welcome addition. If these aircraft interest you, this book is worthy of your time, and I'm curious to see what else Pen Sword plans to do with this series. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. For airplane buffs only By Upstate NYPedantic and repetitious but interesting nonetheless if you are interested in the decline and fall of the British aviation industry.

Britains desire to stay at the leading edge in the design and development of modern jet powered aircraft was born in the later stages of World War Two. The RAF sent requests to the leading aircraft manufactures for a variety of specifications, amongst which was one for a long-range heavy bomber. Three designs were accepted and eventually went into production these became the V-Bomber Force. The first to enter service was the Vickers Valliant, a high swept-wing four engine aircraft. This type was used to test-drop Britains first H-Bomb in the Christmas Islands and then was tasked with delivering our deterrent during the early years of the Cold War. It saw action in a non-nuclear role during the Suez Crisis and then went on to serve as a flight refueling tanker until withdrawn with metal fatigue problems. The delta-wing Avro Vulcan then carried our latest nuclear weapon until the Royal Navy took over the deterrent task with the Polaris submarine fleet. This aircraft entertained rapt audiences at air displays around the world as its powerful engines, later to power Concorde, allowed this large bomber to fly like a fighter. Its most famous and only wartime service came during the Falklands Conflict for which it is now legendary for bombing Port Stanley, having flown thousands of miles with countless air-to-air refueling link-ups en route. The crescent-winged Handley Page Victor was the most durable of the trio and continued in service as a tanker into the twenty-first century. In practice it was probably the most successful of the three designs. It flew higher and faster than the Vulcan and Valliant and was remarkably robust even into old age. This book contains the world famous color profiles created by Dave Windle of all three types in different operational modes, configurations and color schemes. Martin Bowman has written detailed descriptions and photographs to create the perfect enthusiasts reference.

Looking for a handy handbook on Britains legendary V-Bombers? Get V-Bombers: Vulcan, Valiant and Victor seventh installment in Pen Swords growing Flight Craft series. Revised and enhanced from the 2009 edition, contents commence with notes on design, development, deployment and disposition of all three RAF designs. Personal anecdotes and remembrances accompany historical summaries. And text recaps combat service and variants experimental and operational. Thirty-four gorgeous color profiles terrific project inspiration by co-author Dave Windle follow. And coverage concludes with a superb section on Vulcan, Valiant and Victor plastic scale models. The build-ups are excellent! Color and BW photos further season the account. And tables recap V-Bomber production serial blocks and units. It all ends, appropriately, in elegy. Never again, authors lament, will Britain conceive, design and build not one but three entirely British manufactured military aircraft powered by British-made engines and armed with British weaponry in any one generation. Amen. Robustly recommended! (Cybermodeler) very detailed descriptions of the squadrons that flew each aircraft and their missions. (IPMS) About the Author Martin Bowman is one of Britains foremost aviation historians and has written many books and articles. He lives in Norwich. Dave Windle has gained the reputation of being Britains most skilful creator of aircraft profiles. He draws upon his service with the RAF to maintain complete accuracy. He lives near Aberdeen.