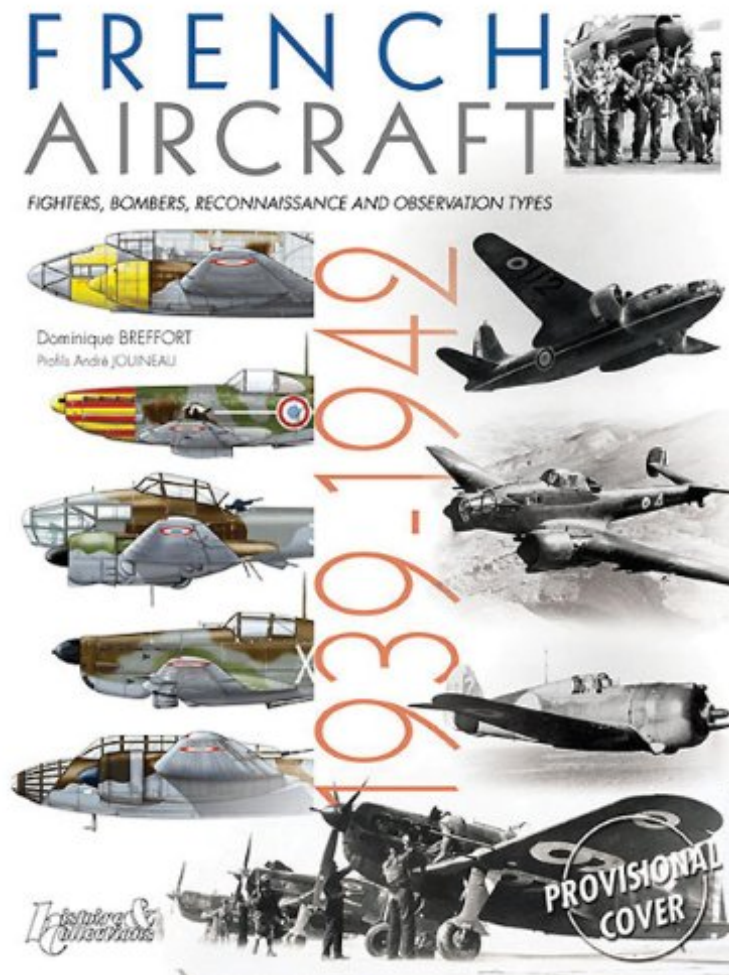


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bound the wrong pages into the English-language books or whether this was done intentionally, but it is a minor annoyance that should not have occurred. And as in the earlier books, the color drawings of some of the lesser types are all shown together on one page, in this case page 135, without any mention of that appearing on the pages where those aircraft are described. Still, this is probably the only reasonably-priced single-volume edition about the French aircraft of World War II, so we will have to put up with French idiosyncracies. But if you have the earlier "Planes Pilots" volumes, you can pass this one up. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A good contribution about French planes for the English speaking reader. By PabloC This book fills a gap in this subject. In one book you have a clear view of what the French Air Force had available in 1939 at the start of WWII. Excellent drawings with many profiles in colour. Regretfully there are some paragraphs or pages still in French! The story of each model could also be a little bit more comprehensive in terms of performance during the combat days. But all in all, a must have for the World War II aviation reader. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. EXCELLENT! By Flyboy1944A superb book on French aviation, until the surrender of France. Profile after profile, along with written history, gives one an excellent view of the French Air Force before, during and after the German invasion in 1940.

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