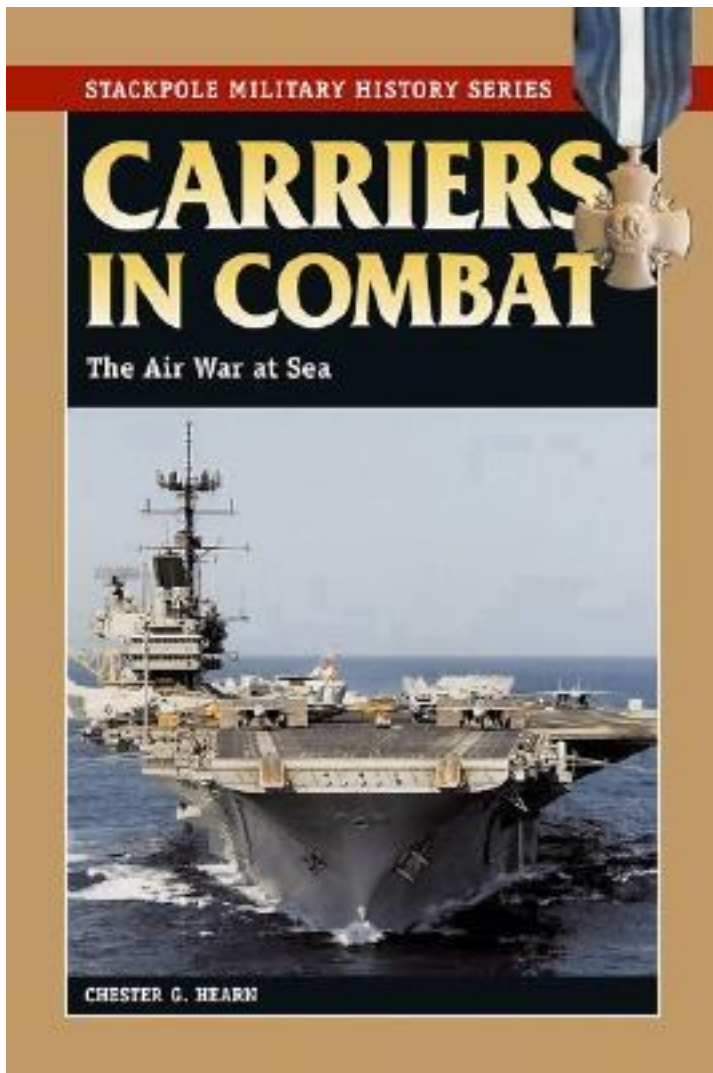


# Carriers in Combat



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This book explores the development, technology, and tactics of aircraft carrier warfare. The aircraft carrier emerged in the twentieth century as a major new weapon of war. Since World War II, there have been no engagements between carrier air groups, but flattops have been prominent and essential in every war where targets could be struck from planes at sea. Carriers can range at will, with planes that can be refuelled in the air to strike targets thousands of miles inland. From the improvised wooden platforms of the early 20th century to today's nuclear-powered supercarriers, Hearn explores how combat experience of key individuals drove the development, technology, and tactics of carriers in the world's navies. In the early 20th century, during the days of the dreadnoughts, naval officers first wondered whether aeroplanes could be launched from the deck of a surface vessel. From these early experiments, the first carriers emerged in the 1920s. While the rest of the world viewed them as defensive weapons, Japan focused on offensive capabilities and produced the finest carrier in the world by 1940. World War II would see the carrier emerge as the greatest surface ship afloat. Since then, no war has been fought without them. It has been published under the new Praeger Security International imprint and will appeal to readers interested in either naval or airpower history. It includes the key individuals responsible for the evolution of carriers and provides a comprehensive look at carrier development.

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