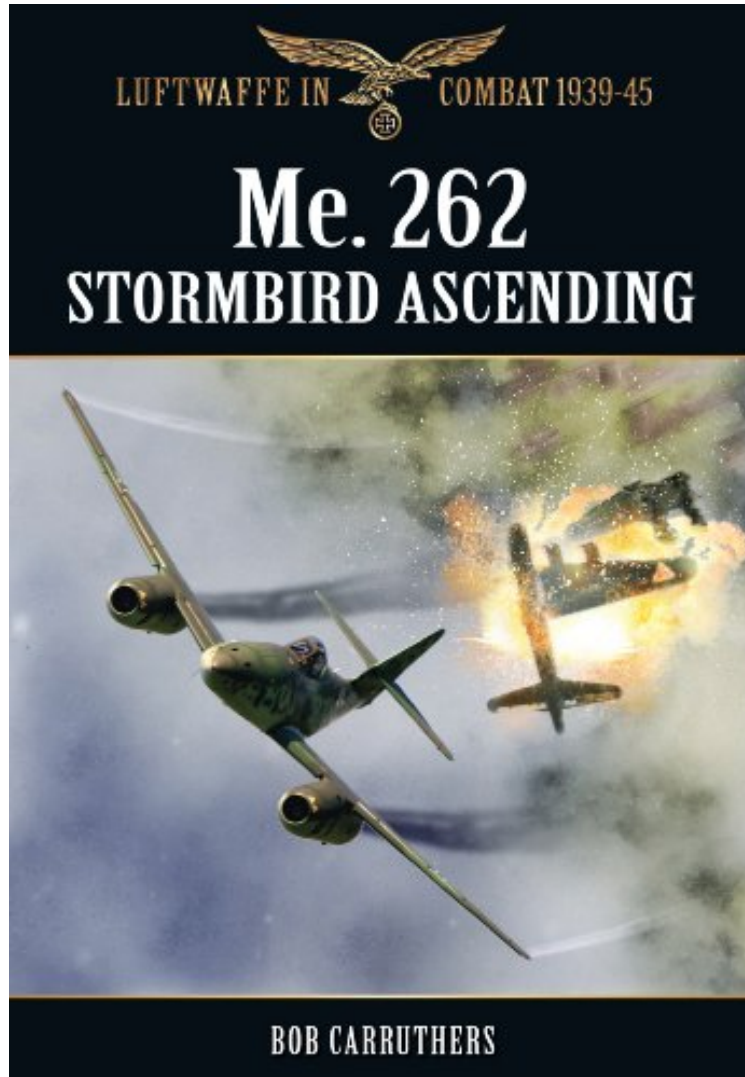


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helpful. Fast and flawed -- the inside story. By Rick Cook The Me 262 was blazingly fast, heavily armed and represented a real threat to Allied bombers. It was also amazingly cranky, unreliable and ultimately produced in numbers too small to make any difference. This is a story of German technological innovation, German bureaucracy and Nazi stupidity. However it also points out that the plane was so under-developed it couldn't have flown much before last 1944 under the best of circumstances. Its flaws prevented it from being the wonder weapon the Allies feared it would be, but it was a milestone in aviation history. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A very good review of the first mass production jet fighter. By Bob Stevenson The book gave a quite complete review of the Me262. The problems with engines and other facets of the life of the earliest jet pilots is discussed in some detail. An easy read although the photographs were not a great deal of use on the Kindle. The section on the fuels that used in the Me262 was very interesting and the reasons for the short life spans of the jet engines discussed. The sections on different armaments and different marks of the aircraft was also of interest.

Emmy Award winning historian Bob Carruthers compiled this comprehensive overview of the Me.262. It draws heavily on post-war interviews with Luftwaffe pilots and staff officers to produce a fascinating insight into the Me.262 at the tactical and operational level. Also featured are rare English translations of contemporary interviews concerning the 262 with Adolf Galland and Hermann Goering, alongside the views of test pilot Hans Fey and Flug Kapitan Wendel who flew the aircraft in combat sorties. They provided an absorbing study, from a unique series of primary sources, of the world of the Me.262 and its pilots, and conveys to the modern reader a vivid sense of how they were viewed at the time. Also included is the complete pilots flying manual, which affords a fascinating insight from the cockpit into the realities of piloting the worlds first operational jet fighter.