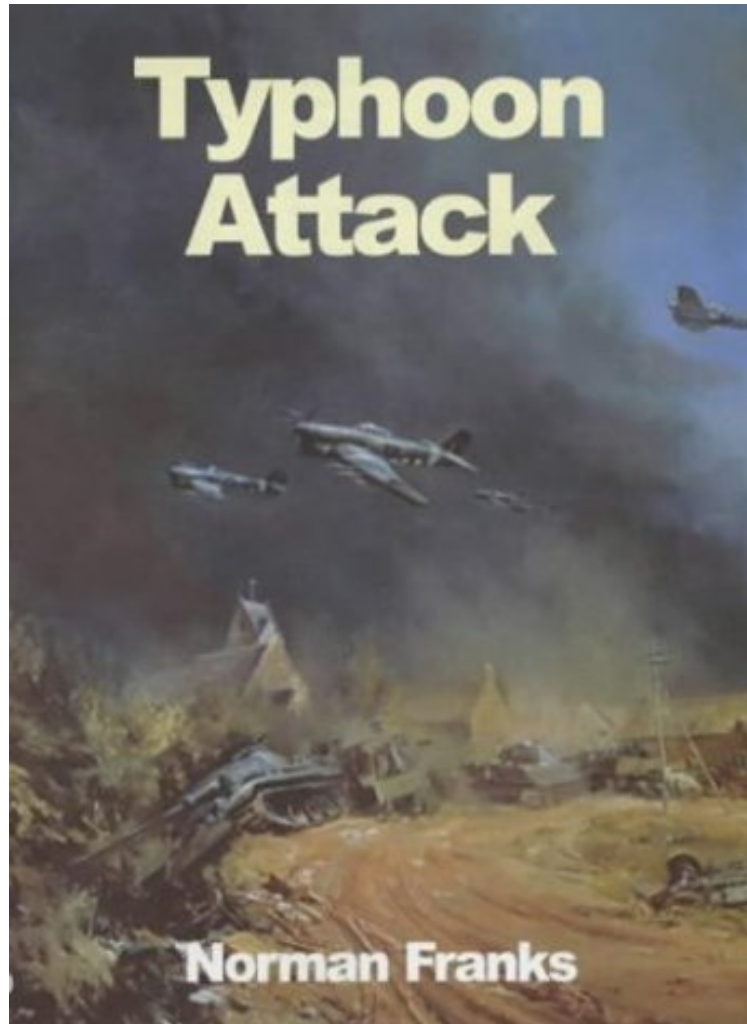


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Norman Franks : Typhoon Attack before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Typhoon Attack:

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A Typhoon that's something of a TempestBy N. TrachtaTyphoon Attack describes the development and history of the Hawker Typhoon and the men who flew her. The author does a very good job telling us about the development of the Typhoon and the teething problems the pilots experienced. This is followed by the early employment of the aircraft and veterans stories of their experiences with the plane thru the different campaigns of WWII. The writer does a very good job of using his descriptions of historical events to bring up the memories of pilots. Overall, a good read for those interested in Hawker Typhoons and the often forgotten world of Interdiction.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Typhoon attackBy glenn e.the book was a compilation

of pilot/engineer stories about the aircraft. It was put together very well. I liked it because the Typhoon did so well for the British/Canadian armies in clearing panzers/artillery/train transports in front of them. But it did not get the famous name that the Spitfire/Hurricane and Mustang received. The aircraft had problems in development but so did most of the others. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent treatment of plane and pilots. By Customer Good combat history especially of the pilots who flew the "Tiffy" and of the squadrons involved. Not so much detail about actual operations or descriptions of air and ground combat. Could have done with more combat photographs.

The Hawker Typhoon, or 'Tiffy', as it was affectionately known, was not an easy aircraft to fly. As fighter ace Desmond Scott described it: "Whereas the Spitfire always behaved like a well-mannered thoroughbred on first acquaintance, the Typhoon always reminded me of a low-bred carthorse whose pedigree had received a sharp infusion of hotheaded sprinter's blood." Norman Franks has talked to the men who piloted this powerful seven-ton rocket-firing fighter in World War II, and from his interviews has emerged a very personal, often colorful and dramatic, view of what it was really like to fly over Holland or France at low level, seeking out hostile aircraft or targets on the ground; to roll over at 12,000 feet, then upside down, roar down into an inferno of flak to dive bomb an enemy position; to attack trains, ships, flak posts, tanks; to fire lethal 60-lb high explosive rockets into enemy trucks, radar or V1 sites; and also to undergo the mind-numbing experience of crash-landing a shot-up Tiffy. It is a lively, action-packed story of conflict in the air. By 1944, with the Typhoon now legendary and firmly established within the ranks of the Second Tactical Air Force, and playing a pivotal role in the victory in the air and on the ground, the author follows the fortunes of the pilots and ground crews in the heated battles over the Normandy beachhead, the breakout into France, the triumph at Falaise, operations from Holland, in the Ardennes and finally into Germany itself.

About the Author Norman Franks has written more than 30 books related to the history of the Royal Air Force.