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The Man Who Built the Swordfish Adrian Smith,2018-04-30 Sir Richard Fairey was one of the great aviation innovators of the twentieth century His career as a plane maker stretched from the Edwardian period to the jet age he lived long enough to see one of his aircraft be the first to break the 1000mph barrier and at least one of his designs the Swordfish holds iconic status A qualified engineer party to the design development and construction of the Royal Navy s state of the art sea planes Sir Richard founded Fairey Aviation at the Admiralty s behest in 1915 His company survived post war retrenchment to become one of Britain s largest aircraft manufacturers The firm built a succession of front line aircraft for the RAF and the Fleet Air Arm including the iconic Swordfish In addition Fairey Aviation designed and built several cutting edge experimental aircraft including long distance record breakers between the wars and the stunningly beautiful Delta 2 which broke the world speed record on the eve of Sir Richard s death in 1956 Fairey also came to hold a privileged position in the British elite courting politicians and policymakers He became a figurehead of the British aviation industry and his successful running of the British Air Commission earned him a knighthood A key player at a pivotal moment Fairey s life tells us much about the exercise of power in early twentieth century Britain and provides an insight into the nature of the British aviation manufacturing industry at its wartime peak and on the cusp of its twilight years **Stringbag** David

Wragg,2004-11-01 This is a narrative account of the operations of the Fairey Swordfish throughout World War Two The most famous of these was the attack on the Italian fleet at Taranto crippling three battleships and damaging several other ships as well as the seaplane base and an oil storage depot The Swordfish played a prominent part in the Battle of Matapan and in the sinking of the Bismarck Less happily Swordfish were used in the unsuccessful and ill prepared raid on the Germans at Petsamo and in the abortive attack on the battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau during the Channel Dash in 1942

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including the Gladiator Swordfish Walrus Vildebeeste and Audax while the inferior Albacore meant to replace the Swordfish had yet to enter service Germany still managed to conduct missions in which biplanes like the He 50 He 51 and Hs 120 excelled Both France and Italy had active biplanes Mussolini's Regia Aeronautica attaching great importance to the type as a fighter aircraft as late as 1941 while the Soviet Union also retained some machines like the Po 2 in front line service right through the war and beyond By the time Japan and the United States entered the war two years later they had mainly rid themselves of biplanes but even here a few specialized types lingered on Combat Biplanes of World War II describes many of these gallant old warriors representing the author's own personal selection from a surprisingly large range of aircraft that despite all predictions fought hard and well [The Fighting Ships of the Rising Sun](#) Stephen Howarth,1983 The Imperial Navy of Japan is the only world class navy in history which had a definite beginning and an equally definite end covering a span of nearly fifty one years Despite its brief life the Imperial Navy rapidly achieved the status of the world's third greatest navy and in its last years almost won an even higher position but instead in the final contest lost everything Pref **The Escort Carrier of the Second World War** David Wragg,2005-09-19 To the US Navy they were CVEs To the Royal Navy auxiliary carriers To crews of endangered merchantmen in the Atlantic and Arctic oceans they were heaven sent protection To their crews they were Combustible Vulnerable Expendable The need for air cover against enemy aircraft and submarines brought unprecedented demand for carriers Over 100 vessels were converted or specially built for convoy duty This is their story warts and all [The War Against Rommel's Supply Lines, 1942-1943](#) Alan Levine,1999-06-30 An exciting account of a little known yet vital part of World War II the Allied effort to blockade Axis forces in North Africa with a relatively small number of planes and submarines included some of the war's most spectacular air battles and opened the way to the attack on Fortress Europe from the south This is the first book length treatment of the crucial struggle to cut Axis supply lines in the Tunisian campaign of 1942 1943 a battle often ignored or played down even by official historians The campaign marked the first big U S victory against the Axis powers and served as a proving ground for several top Allied commanders This study fills an important gap in the history of the war reevaluating the development of Allied airpower and the role of Italy in the campaign Allied success in interdiction was a critical factor in the greatest Allied victory in the Mediterranean campaign a victory which left the enemy so weakened that it could not stop the subsequent invasion of Europe from the south Despite initial disorganization and early disappointments the British waged one of only two successful submarine campaigns ever fought This study describes some of the war's most amazing air battles notably Operation Flax against the enemy's air transport fleet and attacks on convoys all interwoven with the events of the ground war in the desert and comparisons with the Pacific effort It details the struggle to reorganize and improve the Allied effort the belated success of sea sweeps against enemy ships and the final victory in the spring of 1943 in which an air blockade was clamped on the sea and sky approaches to Tunisia [World War II: the Encyclopedia of the War Years, 1941-1945](#) Norman Polmar,Thomas B. Allen,2012-08-15 This

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