

THE HAWKER HURRICANE

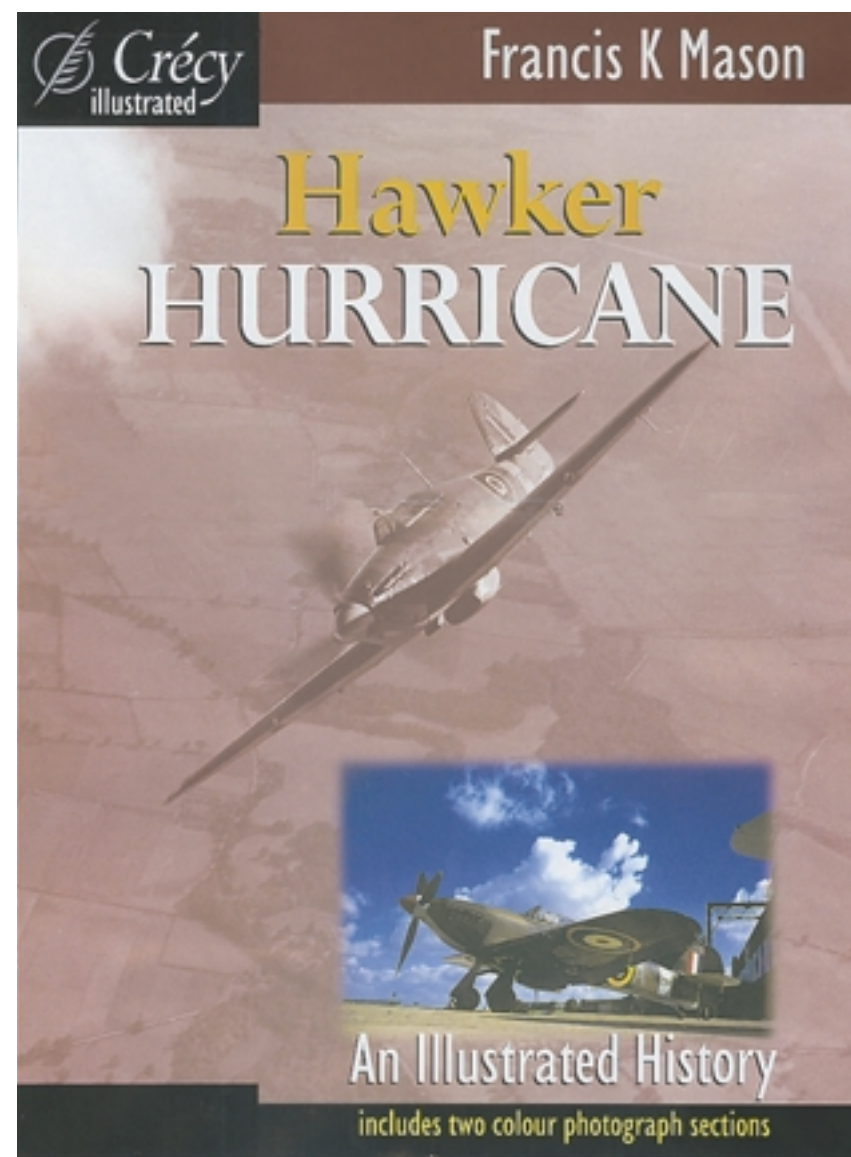
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Although its reputation was never that of the Spitfire, the Hawker Hurricane matched the best aircraft of Britain's enemies at just the moment of her greatest crisis. It was on the Hurricane that the greatest burden of responsibility rested to withstand the onslaughts by Germany, Italy and Japan and to buy time for survival while the arsenals of the West could forge the weapons of victory.

The miracle of the Hurricane was that it was a match for the enemy while still employing a somewhat outmoded form of construction. That form of construction was adopted so as to get the Hurricane into massive production when it was wanted most – when Britain had to halt the Luftwaffe in 1940-41. Indeed, the Hurricane went on to fight in more campaigns, on more fronts and in more theatres and countries than any other aeroplane in the 2nd World War – more than the Spitfire, Beaufighter, Mosquito, Lancaster and, of course, the Great American aircraft such as the P-40, P-51 and B-17.

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Hawker Hurricane is fully illustrated with over 200 photographs, maps, diagrams and comes with comprehensive appendices of Hurricane test flights, production and service as well as a new Foreword by the author. It is now available in *Crécy illustrated* paperback format.



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