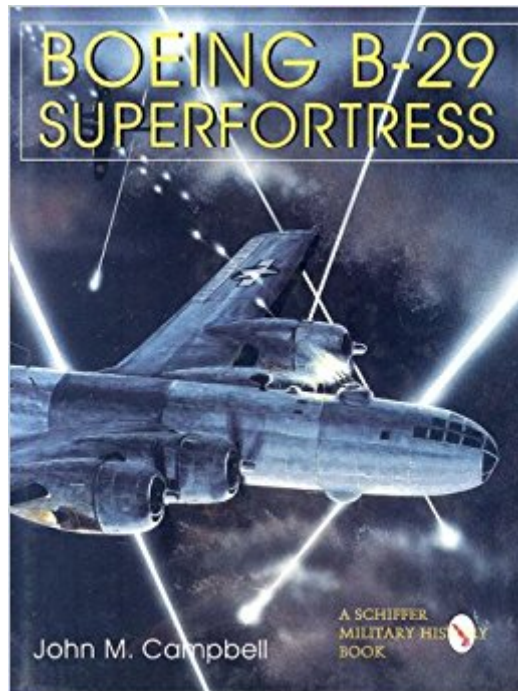


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I have no doubt that this book was indeed a labor of love for its writer as he claims. Further he has

achieved his stated intention to help preserve and honor the memory of the B-29 and, more importantly those who took it to war, through the publication of previously unseen photographs the writer painstakingly assembled. That said the book's text (including captions) reads like a first draft and its format is rather awkward. The editor must have either been very busy or asleep at the switch when this was run past him. The primary subject of the book's photos is B-29s serving in the Pacific in WW-2, with lesser coverage of the bomber's earlier service in the CBI theater and little on its extensive (and important) post WW-2 career. It is also not a book which seeks to detail the B-29, its history, or the tactics it's crews employed in war - though it makes no claim to that end. Physically the book is well made and well printed - important to we old timers who still seek to archive our interests with physical artifacts! Of course it is thus also a bit pricey. In spite of its failings and limitations, if you are a B-29 or a 20th Air Force enthusiast you will want to add it to your collection.

I got this because my grand dad, who is passed away now, flew B-29's in world war II and he was stationed on Guam.

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