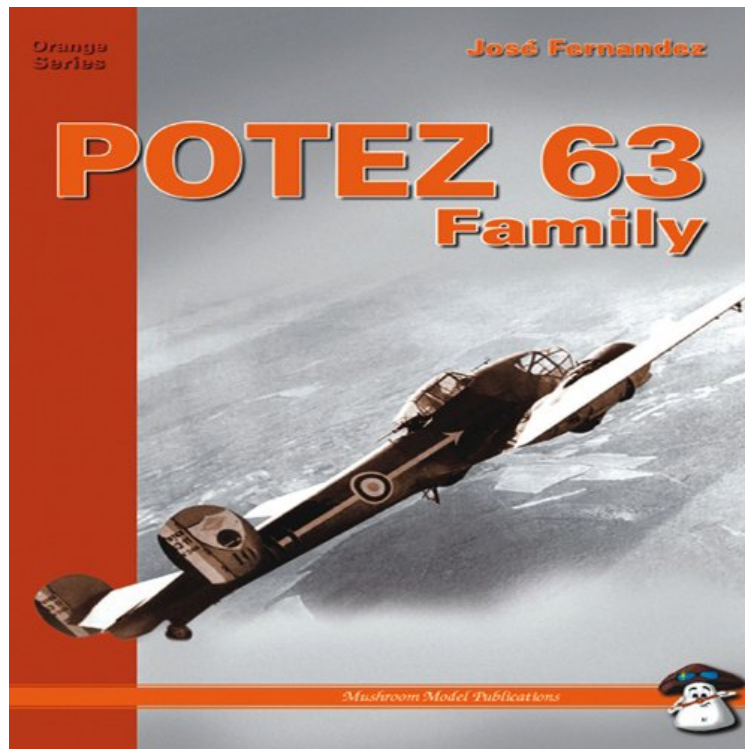


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Jose Fernandez : Potez 63 Family (Orange Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Potez 63 Family (Orange Series):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a gem of a book! By Mike TerreBooks about French aircraft are hard to come by, especially if they are written in English. This book is a gem, it is illustrated with many pictures that are extremely sharp and clear, some taken from the flight manual and its associated maintenance manuals. The are very good scale drawings as well as cutaway drawings illustrating the interior structure and equipment. Perhaps the best feature is the marvelous color profiles at the end of the book. There are profiles of Potez 63 variants in French, Greek, Swiss, German, Italian, Spanish and British markings. Perhaps the most interesting profile is that of a Yugoslav Potez 630 with a French civil ferry registration. If you are interested in French aircraft, buy this book, you will not be disappointed. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Not the best Mushroom "Orange Series" ... By Jim Davis...but still pretty good. French aircraft from the end of WWI to the end of WWII are a huge gap in my aeronautical knowledge. This book goes some way towards filling in that gap. The Potez 63 family seemed to be typical of that era: a too little, too late product of once proud French aviation industry that had been allowed to become dangerously rundown between the wars. Author Fernandez describes the great difficulty the French had into bringing this aircraft into service and the rough time it had once in service. A large portion of the service photographs show crashed or derelict airframes. This book follows the now standard Mushroom format with modifications. There are no extant examples (presumably, the book doesn't say) so contemporary factory photos and service manual drawings have

to substitute for the usual full color walk around photos. It doesn't quite work. The line drawings are really quite excellent. The plan views are on one side of the fold out, so make sure that you get that if buying second hand. There are also 2 cutaway drawings: a full page unannotated 631 which looks like it might be contemporary and, on the fold out, a modern 63-11 annotated cutaway by Aviagraphica which probably has appeared elsewhere. Also, the section on the 63-11 is separate from the other members of the family. Finally, there are almost 50 pages of superb color profiles and a rare color photo. There are a few minor problems leading me to deduct a star. The description of the aircraft and its systems seemed a little on the brief side. The drawings make up for this somewhat but not completely. For example, the 63-11 has a fixed machine gun firing down to the rear at about a 45 degree angle. What was the purpose of this gun? Suppression of anti-aircraft fire after a strafing run? Also a table of French, Polish, etc ranks would have been useful. Cne., C./C., Por., Cet., etc mean nothing to me. A map or two would also have been nice. All in all, a worthwhile purchase. Modelers might find more here than general enthusiasts (there is even an ad for MPM plastic kits enclosed) but this book is a welcome look at a neglected subject.

The Potez 63 and its variants was a significant part of the French Air Forces equipment in 1939/40, serving in the light bomber, fighter, and reconnaissance roles. The development and operational use of these elegant twins is described in this new book, illustrated with many photos, including a large selection of those previously unpublished. With 1/72nd scale plans, color artwork illustrating the colors and markings, and text by a noted French aviation historian, this book is essential reading for WW2 aircraft enthusiasts.

...of great interest to aircraft historians, and modelers alike. Highly recommended. (cybermodeler)