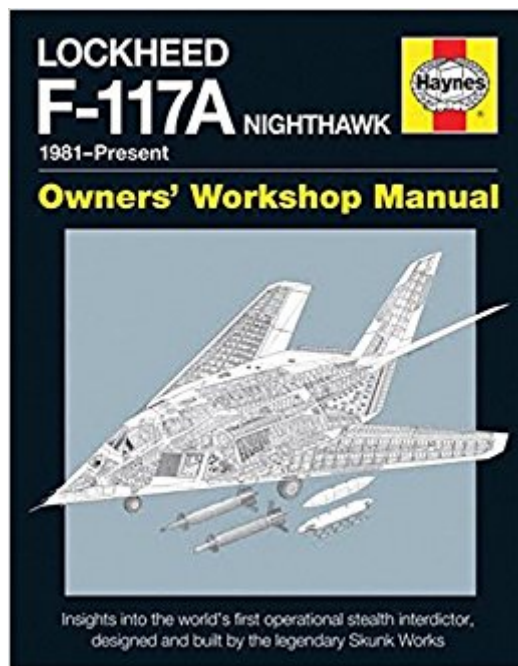




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Synopsis

By the time the so-called 'Stealth Fighter' was acknowledged to the world in November 1988 it had already been in service with the USAF for five years. A product of the Lockheed Skunk Works, the F-117 Nighthawk was the first operational aircraft to be designed around stealth technology.

Although popularly known as the stealth fighter it was actually a ground-attack aircraft.

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Customer Reviews

During his time as an air traffic controller at the London Air Traffic Control Centre, Paul Crickmore gained a unique introduction into SR-71 operations from RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk. Teaming up with Osprey produced the first detailed book ever to be published on the subject. When additional information became available to him in 1990 following the initial shut down of SR-71 operations, Crickmore produced an even more detailed book, Lockheed SR-71 The Secret Missions Exposed - the standard reference work on the subject. The work was acclaimed by both the aviation press, Ben Rich (late president of the Skunk Works) and the crews that flew the SR-71. He is also the author of the first detailed book about the '117 written in partnership with his wife Alison; published by Motorbooks International in 1999. The author lives in Suffolk, England.

Very good book on the plane. Might be a little to technical for some. Very good reference book for model builders.

Awesome detail of an aircraft I never KNEW much about at ALL !

fascinating book with many rare photos and interesting technical analyses, definitely worth buying and with new information not available elsewhere

Very nice book. We use it for the data.

So very very cool.

Good book with good information. Too bad this was never made into a hard-cover edition...!

Dry

Keeping in my that many aspects of the F-117A are still firmly in the "I could tell you, but I'd have to kill you" category, I'm genuinely pleased by how detailed this book is. Some of Haynes' modern military aircraft books tend to come across as novelty titles or manufacturer's publicity. With veteran aviation historian Paul Crickmore at the helm, this "manual" stays mostly on firm ground. The sections focusing on the aircraft's development and early history are fairly in-depth, as is the chapter on its operational history. On a technical level, there's quite a bit here that simply wasn't available a decade ago. There are some excellent photographs of F-117s under construction and undergoing maintenance, detailed diagrams from original manuals, and descriptions of major systems and post-OCIP upgrades. Former F-117 pilot Lt. Col. William O'Connor, and weapons specialist SSgt Yancy Mailes, each get their own chapter. O'Connor's chapter covers a single mission, from takeoff to landing, during the early phase of Operation Allied Force in 1999. Mailes explains how he became involved in Senior Trend, some of the intricacies of loading and arming Laser Guided Bombs, and the "joys" of maintaining the aircraft. These two chapters are fairly lengthy, and provide some excellent backing material, and a human element to what could have been a dry, technical work. Compared with, say, the Haynes books on the F-15 and B-52, some will probably be disappointed by the lack of hardcore technical details presented here. As much as I'd like to know what the actual composition of Radar Absorbing Material is, or what every button on the throttle does, I'm enjoying NOT living in a federal prison, thank you! Perhaps in another 20 years more data will be (legally!) available, but for the moment, this is pretty decent reference.

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