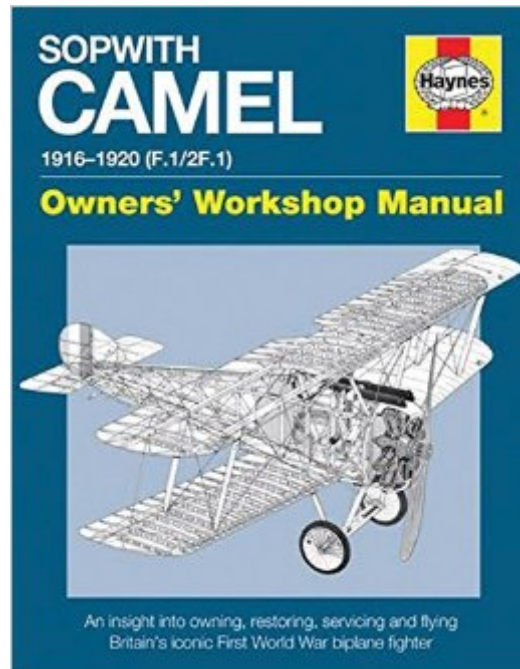


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Synopsis

Think of the First World War and then think of an aircraft. What springs to mind will probably be the Sopwith Camel. The single-seat Camel was one of the most successful RNAS/RFC/RAF 'scouts' (the period term for a fighter) of the First World War. Jarrod Cotter has been given rare access to the Shuttleworth Collection's Sopwith Camel replica as well as Camel new-builds in France and New Zealand. The manual includes rare and stunning colour photography of rebuilding, restoring and flying this classic WW1 fighter.

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Considering it's iconic status as one of the most famous warplanes of the 20th century, I'm genuinely surprised that Haynes has taken so long to publish a book on the Sopwith Camel. This entry in the Owners' Workshop Manual series is slightly different from earlier titles, focusing on color photographs of modern replicas and original piloting notes and technical documents. The photographs are definitely the highlight of this manual. Think the "Squadron/Signal Walkaround" series, but focusing on the inner workings of the aircraft. There are dozens of excellent color photographs showing modern high-fidelity Camel replicas in varying states of completion, often showing multiple angles of the same component. There are closeups of control cables, views of the pilot's seat being woven, wing ribs being formed, brackets and turnbuckles, bracing wires, throttle and fuel valves...you get the picture. All really good stuff. There are a number of original documents

included, which make for fascinating but rather esoteric reading. We get Air Board technical notes on the Clerget and Monosoupape engines, flying and fighting advice from WWI Royal Air Corp officers, and short "training manuals" focusing on care and maintenance, workshop organization, how to rig the aircraft, and cleaning and maintaining the Vickers machine guns. Considering how simple the Camel appears on the outside, I'm genuinely surprised at how complex they truly were sans their fabric coverings. There are a couple of large-scale model kits depicting the Camel "naked," and I'd recommend this book to anyone thinking about building one. That said, it's still a little rough around the edges.

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