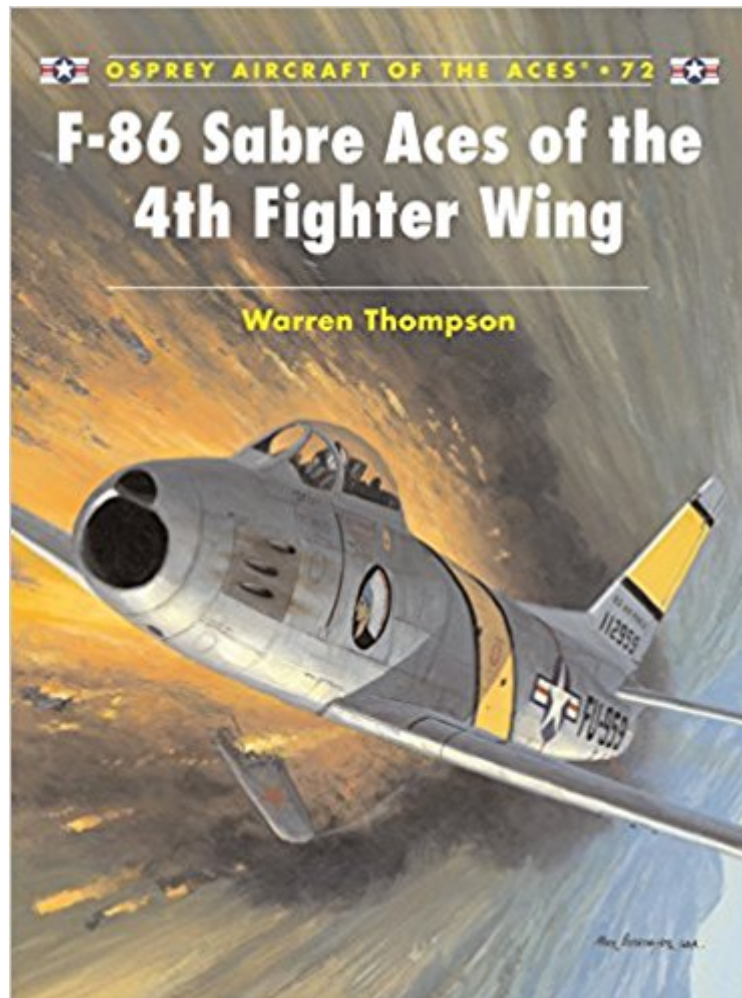




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# F-86 Sabre Aces Of The 4th Fighter Wing (Aircraft Of The Aces)



## Synopsis

The entry of the United States' premier jet interceptor into the Korean War was triggered by the ever-increasing presence of the Soviet-built MiG-15 south of the Yalu River. The possibility of the USAF losing air supremacy over the Korean Peninsula was unacceptable. The 4th Fighter Wing got the call for combat in Korea. They were made up of a combination of new pilots right out of jet training and the older combat veterans of World War II vintage. This combination of pilot types wrote and re-wrote the text books on jet warfare. Of the 40 jet aces that the war produced, the 4th Wing boasted 24 of them. They also were the dominating MiG killer outfit with the USAF.

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“Overall, a superb read and an excellent reference that I can recommend without reserve.”  
— Scott Van Aken, modelingmadness.com  
“Both words and pictures are, as always, strongly recommended, and the Sabre must be among the top five iconic fighters.”  
— Mike McEvoy, Scale Aircraft Modelling

Warren Thompson has been an avid military aviation historian and editor for over 40 years and his personal reference collection includes thousands of photos and detailed interviews with over 2,000 pilots and aircrew members. He has had 25 books published including three books on the Korean War for Osprey. His book *Korean War Aces* in the *Aircraft of the Aces* series was a bestseller.

I like Korean War F-86 books. This book (#72) was a pleasant surprise. I already own Ospreys Korean War Aces (#4) and this book is an excellent companion book. I will compare these 2. The artwork is bigger in this book (#72) with a few duplications but a lot of black and white stripe profiles not in the other book. This book contains some color pictures not found in the other. Love the nose art compilation art! Unique! Both books contain some duplication of information (expected!) but not enough to dissuade purchasing both in my opinion. I like both books for different reasons and recommend them, but I do like this one just a little more than #4 when it comes to F-86 profiles (they are done the length of the page, not width so the F-86s are standing on their noses, if you will). Remember, book #4 also contains other aircraft in addition to F-86s (hence Korean War Aces title), but this book contains only F-86s (hence F-86 Sabre Aces of the 4th FW). I highly recommend this book.

Hard on the heels of his recent history of the 51st FW, noted Korean War historian Warren Thompson serves up the exploits of the top-scoring 4th FW in this nicely done Osprey 'Aircraft of the Aces' series. As with previous Osprey titles by Thompson, the reader is presented with many first-person narratives from pilots who flew the Sabre in MiG Alley including accounts from well-known aces like Lonnie Moore, George Jones, Cliff Jolley and 'Hoot' Gibson. Not every F-86 pilot made ace and it's interesting reading the stories told by the 'wingy's.' As always, there's tons of photos including many in color and 14 pages of color side-views and some nifty nose art. A nice, well-deserved tribute to the top-scoring 4th FW!\*\*\*\*Wouldn't it be great if Osprey has a 'MiG-15 Aces of the Korean War' in the works!?!

The only thing missing in the text is that it should include more about the Sabre technical side and a little bit more about the Sabre - Mig comparison. In my opinion one of the most important thing missing (and it is a case with a number of Osprey books) is that there is no charts showing the regions over which the battles were fought or where the actions were taken. Also, there is a lot of talking about pilots "going from this squadron to that squadron etc."-this is a completely irrelevant information. In any case I think that the book is good and Osprey needs just a little bit to be perfect.

Concise discussion of the aircraft. A handy overview (as Osprey books are) but worth the money. Recommended if bookshelf space is at a premium.

Excellent Book!

Very concise and thorough packed with factual accounts about the Aces of the 4th.

Useful reference

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