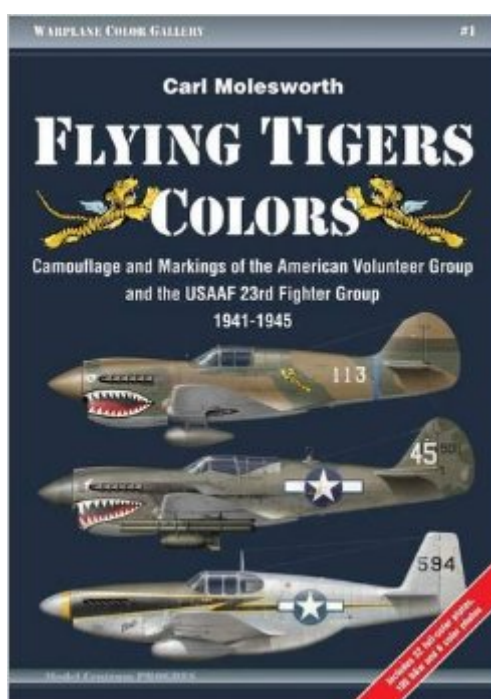


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# Flying Tigers Colors: Camouflage And Markings Of The American Volunteer Group And The USAAF 23rd Fighter Group, 1941-1945 (Warplane Color Gallery)



## Synopsis

No aircraft markings in history are more iconic than the distinctive sharkâ™s mouths applied to the noses of American Volunteer Group and 23rd Fighter Group P-40s and P-51s that fought in the skies over Asia during World War II. This book covers the camouflage and markings of the fighters they flew, including the first detailed account of the progression of markings changes made by the 23rd FG throughout the war, as well as the combat history of these legendary units. It features over 100 rare period photographs, plus 32 fully researched, full-color plates showing different aircraft types employed by the units across different camouflage patterns, with very detailed captions and reference photos. Over the past 35 years, the author has written more than a dozen books and numerous magazine articles about USAAF fighter operations during World War II. Contains: 64 pages, 105 b&w photos, 6 color photos and 32 full color plates of artwork.

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The first thing that caught my eye about this book is three absolutely gorgeous aircraft profiles of Flying Tigers on the front cover. The next think that caught my eye is most of the book is done on black pages with white print. I really liked this. Easy to read and the pages have weight to them. You just feel the quality on each page. The table of contents covers: Acknowledgements Introduction AVG 1941-42 23rd FG 1942-43 23rd FG 1944-45 Aircraft finishes Unit markings Personal markings Appendices Color plates Author Carl Molesworth, known for his expertise on the P-40 and

the Flying Tigers and the China-Burma-India Theater of operations, starts the story in chronological order. Beginning with the obvious appearance of the Flying Tigers in the CBI Theater in 1941 and continues to excite you with photos that are rare to say the least. Amazing photographs! Some we have seen before but help to complete the story the author is trying to give us. Keep in mind that this book is not about P-40s in use by the Flying Tigers but aircraft used by the group to include the lowly P-43s and the marvelous P-51s. Now for the thing that pushes this book to the top of my favorites list. In the chapter labeled Aircraft finishes. Mr. Molesworth goes into great detail on colors used on all the aircraft of the Flying Tigers with some great black and white and color photos. A breakdown of period color codes and their FS 595 near equivalent fills the texts. Photo after photo perfect for us model builders are splashed all over the pages with delightful explanations of what is depicted in the photos. Further breakdown of information in Unit markings chapter helps to clarify aircraft paint schemes clearly.

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