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Focke-Wulf Jet Fighters

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The deadliest aircraft designed during the last months of the Second World War were an inspiration for the first generation of Cold War supremacy fighters ala the North American F-86 Sabre and Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15

- An extraordinary book that chronicles for the first time the outlandish designs that the Germans were working on in 1945
- Presents a historical framework and performance details for each project
- Profusely illustrated with technical drawings and gives exhaustive coverage on different models and variants
- Written by the best-selling author of *The Ultimate Piston Fighters of the Luftwaffe*, *The Ultimate Flying Wings of the Luftwaffe* and *Axis Suicide Squads: German and Japanese Secret Projects of the Second World War*

During the Second World War, Focke-Wulf installed a radial engine in its Fw 190 fighter to avoid competing against Messerschmitt for inline powerplants. The Luftwaffe's decision to assign precious turbojets to Messerschmitt and Arado, and the discovery of compressibility buffeting, made fighter designs most interesting. Kurt Tank proposed to install a centrifugal turbojet of his design in the nose of a Fw 190 A/3 with the intention of replacing it with a Jumo 004 B when available in 1943. Designs followed that could use all turbojets, turboprops, ramjets and rocket engines, either projected or at their disposal. They constitute the documental material and stunning illustrations in *Focke-Wulf Jet Fighters*, the first book on the subject. After failing in the TL Jagdflugzeug contests in March 1943, Volksflugzeug in September 1944 and Hochleitungs Nachtjäger in January 1945, Focke-Wulf finally overcame its competitors with the Jägernotprogramm design: the Ta 183. Although it was too late to intervene in the dying embers of war, it served as inspiration for numerous designs in other countries.

Justo Miranda is a widely-known aviation historian. The exciting discovery of microfilm on secret German weapons in the early 1990s drove him to publish *Secret Wonder Weapons of the Third Reich*, later published by Schiffer in 1996. Miranda's first book for Fonthill Media was the critically acclaimed *The Ultimate Piston Fighters of the Luftwaffe*.

