Already a classic, this book is the brash, unbridled and politically incorrect account of a Marine fighter pilots actions during Operation DESERT STORM. Impetuosity aside, Stouts account reads real and has stood up to challenges from within and outside the Marine Corps.

In this, his first book, Stout provides plenty of action and accurately describes tactics and combat actions that were typical for the short, sharp war that drove Saddam from Kuwait. At the same time he paints a self-effacing picture of his own performance, a factor that makes this work that much more credible and readable. A must read for anyone interested in air combat.

Dont turn to Hornets Over Kuwait for enlightenment on the grand strategy of the Gulf War; none is forthcoming--nor should it be. This is a is a first-person memoir of the war from the cockpit and the authors perspective is only as wide as his FA-18s windscreen. Its a lively narrative history told in the patois of the fighter pilot. The author, a USMC Captain at the time of the war, is not a dispassionate observer. Rather, he brings genuine enthusiasm to his story; enthusiasm for the Hornet, for Marine Corps aviation, and for his comrades-in-arms. He does, however, display the junior officers typically irreverent attitude toward superiors and the system. In the midst of his tale, he makes brief detours to take pot shots at the Navy, the Air Force, two-seat FA-18s, Harriers, women in the military, and assorted boobs and doofs. His ebullience for the Hornet is understandable---like a cowboys love of his horse---but his analysis of the Hornets efficacy in delivering dumb bombs accurately in a modern high-threat environment should be balanced with less passionate opinion. The author can be forgiven his bursts of enthusiasm for as Winston Churchill once said There is nothing so exhilarating in life as to be shot at without effect. Turn to other books for strategic analysis of the Gulf War air campaign, but read this one to get the view from the cockpit.
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