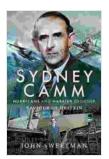
Hurricane And Harrier: The British Aircraft That Could Do It All

The Hawker Hurricane and the Hawker Harrier are two of the most iconic British aircraft of all time. The Hurricane was a fighter aircraft that played a vital role in the Battle of Britain, while the Harrier was a ground-attack aircraft that was used in a variety of conflicts, including the Falklands War. Both aircraft were designed by Sydney Camm, and they shared a number of similarities, including their rugged construction and their ability to operate from short runways.

The Hawker Hurricane



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The Hawker Hurricane was designed in the late 1930s as a replacement for the Hawker Fury. It was a single-seat, monoplane fighter with a fabriccovered steel frame. The Hurricane was powered by a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, which gave it a top speed of 332 mph (534 km/h). It was armed with eight .303 machine guns, and it could carry a variety of bombs and rockets.

The Hurricane first saw combat in the Battle of France in 1940. It quickly proved to be a formidable opponent for the German Luftwaffe, and it played a major role in the British victory in the Battle of Britain. The Hurricane was also used extensively in the Mediterranean and Far East theaters of war. It was eventually replaced by the Hawker Typhoon and the Supermarine Spitfire, but it remained in service until the end of World War II.

The Hawker Harrier

The Hawker Harrier was designed in the early 1960s as a replacement for the Hawker Hunter. It was a single-seat, vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft with a vectored thrust nozzle. The Harrier was powered by a Rolls-Royce Pegasus engine, which gave it a top speed of 730 mph (1,175 km/h). It was armed with two 30 mm Aden cannons, and it could carry a variety of bombs and missiles.

The Harrier first saw combat in the Falklands War in 1982. It quickly proved to be a valuable asset, and it played a major role in the British victory. The Harrier was also used in a variety of other conflicts, including the Gulf War and the Kosovo War. It was eventually replaced by the BAE Systems Harrier II, but it remained in service until 2006.

The Legacy of the Hurricane and Harrier

The Hawker Hurricane and the Hawker Harrier were two of the most successful British aircraft of all time. They both played a vital role in

defending the United Kingdom from attack, and they both helped to shape the course of aviation history. The Hurricane and Harrier are both testaments to the skill and ingenuity of British engineers, and they will continue to be remembered as icons of British aviation for many years to come.

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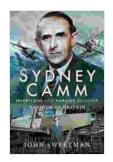




A Hawker Harrier ground-attack aircraft

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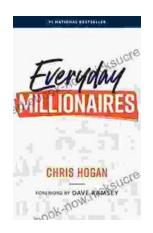


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