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68/1  Blackburn aircraft since 1909. A.J. Jackson
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Dedication: In tribute to Robert Blackburn 1885-1955, Pioneer Yorkshire aviator and specialist in the construction of aircraft for the Fleet
Frontis.: Blackburn Dart N9806 of the Torpedo Training Flight, Gosport, dropping a torpedo into the Solent in 1930 (Central Press photograph)
Notes: [p.x] ... Blackburn military types have always been as elusive and as little publicised as the Silent Service for which they were built. For this reason the completion of certain sections of this book has only been possible with a great deal of assistance from those who built, flew and repaired them, coupled with long and painstaking research among such records as still exist.
Reviews: [David Dorrell. Air Pic., Dec. 1968, p.472] Inevitably in a series of books recording the histories of all the major British aircraft companies some will be more interesting than others, depending on the scope and variety of the products of the firms in question. This book is one of the better ones, not only because Robert Blackburn ... set in train an interesting series of events for “A.J.J.” to record, but also because the recording has been better done than in some previous volumes. ... The amount of information packed into this well-illustrated 555-page book is astonishing ...

68/2  Soviet transport aircraft since 1945. John Stroud
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Introduction: Soviet Air Transport
The earlier types have been described in my previous work *European Transport Aircraft since 1910* [Item 66/4], and many of the later types also appear therein, but here I have been able to describe design features, construction and operational history at much greater length.

**Reviews:** [Gerald J. Pollinger. *Air Pic.*, Dec. 1968, p.472] This is another in the now familiar Putnam format for aircraft reference books. It has over 300 pages in good quality paper, describes forty aircraft in detail, lists about 1,200 in an appendix on airline fleets, and has a thirty-page essay on Soviet air transport, past and present. It is a pity that these books have to be so expensive, but they do represent good value for money, with a considerable number of illustrations, and a smaller quantity of quite basic three-view outline drawings.

*cat. 1973; 1974-75* Describes in great detail the 40 types of Soviet transport aeroplanes and helicopters which have been produced since the end of the Second World War. As far as possible the design, history, layout, structural characteristics and service life of each type has been fully covered. The book was awarded first prize by the Aéro-Club de France as the outstanding aeronautical book of the year.

68/3 *United States Navy aircraft since 1911.* Gordon Swanborough and Peter M. Bowers

**Notes:** [d.j.] The second edition of this standard reference work to all the aircraft of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, is fully updated to include details of aircraft added to the inventory up to the beginning of 1976. ... These include six completely new major entries to describe and illustrate such types as the Hawker Siddeley AV.8A Harrier ... Many of the entries in the original edition have been modified to provide details of additional production and new variants ... and, where necessary, extra photographs have been introduced. A number of
the line drawings, by L.E. Bradford, have also been updated to show later variants.


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Notes: [d.j.] … has been completely revised and updated … Many of the entries of the second edition have also been modified and updated to provide new details of production and operational service; a number of new line drawings have also been provided for some of these aircraft.
[cat. 1998] also listed as forthcoming reprint, ISBN 0 85177 838 0, £35

68/4 Aircraft of the Royal Air Force since 1918. Owen Thetford
4th ed.
See: 57/2[4]

68/5 Squadron histories: RFC, RNAS and RAF since 1912. Peter Lewis
2nd ed.
See: 59/1[2]

68/6 Boeing aircraft since 1916. Peter M. Bowers
2nd ed.
See: 66/1[2]

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