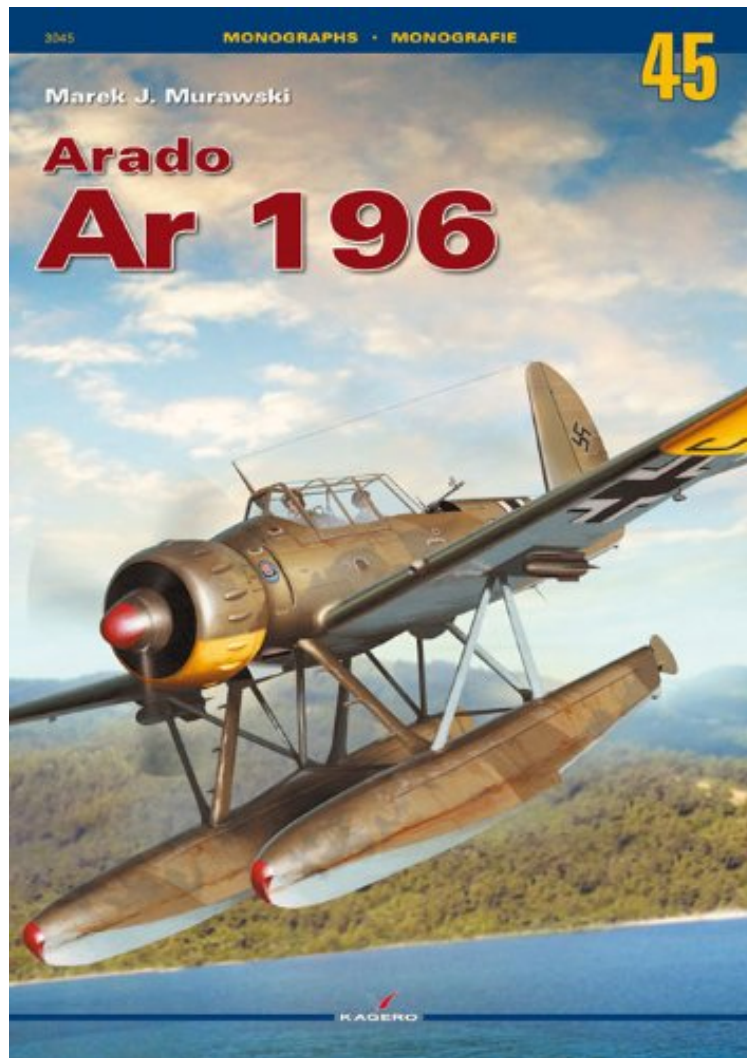


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Marek Murawski : Arado Ar 196 (Monographs) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arado Ar 196 (Monographs):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A welcome monograph on a less well known German type By Jim Davis I think every aeronautical publisher believes "You can't go wrong with Germany in World War II". Certainly Polish publisher Kagero believes it; most of its "Monographs" series (of which this is number 45) are of German types. We get a break from the well known types this time. In the present book the subject is the Arado Ar 196, the shipboard floatplane. (I have been interested in German aircraft of this period for over 40 years. I wish some author would tell me how Arado is pronounced!) In any event, the monograph is excellent. The 104 pages comprise a

background, design, development, and service history, a section of superb line drawings, and some color profiles. Unusually, we also get a number of pages of contemporary technical manual drawings. All is first rate. The service history leans very heavily on the memoirs of Ulrich Pietsch, who flew as commander and observer in the Admiral Scheer's Ar 196 during its highly successful patrol as a commerce raider. It's a fascinating account; one finds oneself in the uncomfortable position of rooting for the Germans. His memoirs were published in Germany during the war; it's nice to have them available here in English. The translation is the only flaw of the book. The translation to English has any number of syntax and grammar errors. It's annoying but nothing major. Highly recommended. I hope we get further lesser covered types from Kagero in the future. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful.

Hmmm...somewhat disappointing By Zeke32 This series seems to have a lot of inside data not readily available in hard-copy form. Alas, what I had hoped would be a good source of tail/squadron codes for German heavy ships was sadly lacking. Nevertheless, the narratives of operations are interesting. Just be aware that the information on the a/c codes carried by major combatants will be lacking. Oh, by the way, the data on details of the aircraft is largely in German and not cross-referenced to English.

- Origin and combat history of Germany's Arado Ar 196 This superb monograph is devoted to the Ar 196, a shipboard reconnaissance aircraft, which became the standard aircraft of the Kriegsmarine throughout World War II. Loved by its pilots for its superior handling both in the air and on the water, the A-1s were added to coastal squadrons, and continued to fly reconnaissance missions and submarine hunts into late 1944. Two notable operations were the capture of HMS Seal, and the repeated interception of RAF Armstrong-Whitworth Whitley bombers. Although it was no match for a fighter, it was considerably better than its Allied counterparts, and generally considered the best of its class. Owing to its good handling on water, the Finnish Air Force utilized Ar 196 solely on transporting and supplying special forces patrols behind enemy lines, landing on small lakes in remote areas. Several fully equipped soldiers were carried in the fuselage. This volume includes many rare color profile artworks, detailing the aircraft. About Monographs Monographs focuses on an individual type of aircraft. Each monograph contains descriptions of the aircraft's origin, its variants and combat history. Each volume includes several hundred archive photographs, technical scale drawings and color profile artwork.