

The massive lead-ups to the battle, and some finer details of associated submarine and aircraft operations are not detailed. That work has been done with excellence in *South Pacific Air War Volume 3 – Coral Sea and Aftermath*, by Michael Claringbould and Peter Ingman. The reader is recommended to it for its factual depth.

It should be emphasized that this is not a finely detailed study of – to take one possible example – the competing abilities of the Zero fighter versus American counterparts. There have been whole books written about such matters. Rather, it is designed to take the non-expert into battle and give them an idea of what happened in those momentous days when the fate of nations hung in the balance.



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