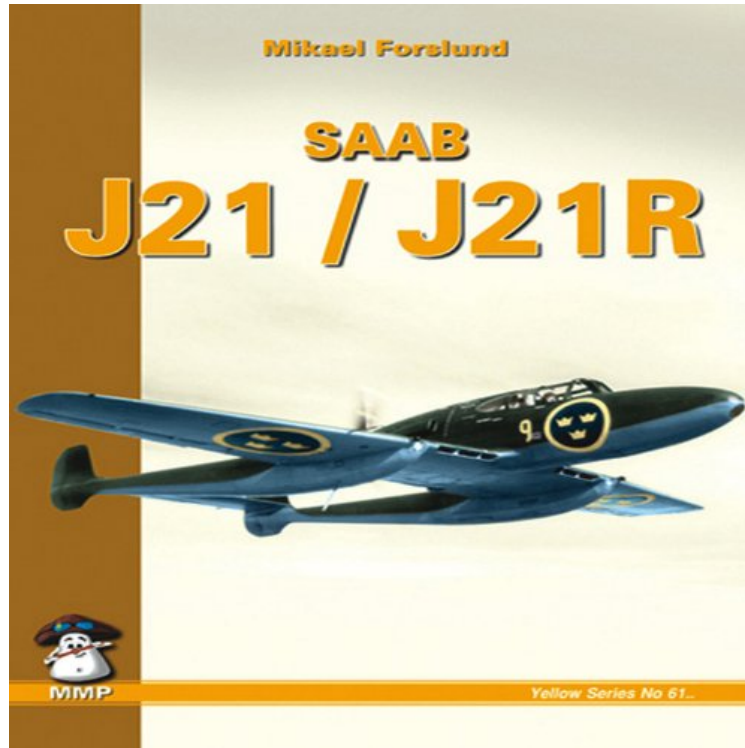


## Saab J21 / J21R (Yellow Series)

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**Mikael Forslund : Saab J21 / J21R (Yellow Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Saab J21 / J21R (Yellow Series):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A neutral fighter gets its (over)due By Jim Davis The latest book in Mushroom's (or MMP's) Yellow Series (No 6127) is devoted to an aircraft designed, built, and which served in a neutral country - Sweden. The aircraft was unusual in configuration. It was a twin boom pusher in an era where the tractor was supreme. The book is typical of the Yellow Series. It is a square bound card cover in the European B5 (6-1/2" x 9") size with 144 pages. There is an unbound foldout plan sheet with 1/48th scale drawings. If buying second hand make sure this is included. The front cover is understandably, but regrettably, a crudely colored black and white photograph. The book is divided into two parts. The first part covers the piston engine J21A and takes up 80 pages. Like most Yellow series titles there is a text section covering design, development, and service history with black and white photos and 1/72nd scale drawings, a details section with close up photos of preserved examples and contemporary technical drawings, and a section devoted to color profiles. Unfortunately, this aircraft did not wear too many color schemes in its rather brief service career. The final 64 pages cover the jet powered J21R broken down in almost identical fashion. There are a few minor typos like DeHavilland Ghost where DeHavilland Goblin was intended. There is also a curious remark about the Swedish government being reluctant to use the P-51 Mustang (the Swedish J26) to escort crippled B-17s to internment in Sweden. Surely this was not a problem once the war ended and Sweden was allowed to purchase Mustangs? Also the placement of the guns in the drawings of the gun pod on the scale plans do not seem to match the photos of the real thing. All in all an excellent addition to the Yellow Series.

Previously the best available source for information in English about this aircraft was Andersson's Saab Aircraft since 1937. One hopes the equally obscure J22 gets a Yellow Series book as well. Highly recommended. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. 1st of Saab Fighter Planes By matt8386 Saab has a reputation for designing and building unique, unconventional aircraft. The first in line of the Swedish fighters is the J21, a twin boom pusher plane with a German piston engine. From some angles, it looks a little like the P-38. From other angles, it's tough to see if you're looking at the front or back. It was not a world beater by any means, but it gave the Swiss something to defend their neutrality in WW2 and started a long line of Saab fighter planes. The J21R was next in line, a jet engine plane and a rarity that the same basic airframe could be used for a piston and jet engine. 298 of the piston engine version were built and just 64 of the jet engine variant. The publisher refers to this as "European sized" a nice euphemism for smaller at 6x9". It has 1/72 scale line drawings as well as a 1/48 scale line drawings of both aircraft in a foldout included with the book. The latter would be particularly helpful to a modeler. There are 12 pages of color line drawings to show paint schemes, 3-D cutaways, 45 pages of color photos of restored J21 and J21R versions in the Swedish Air museum. The BW photos are very crisp and clear. The book reminds me of the larger Warbird Tech series - both about the same price - the Warbird books are larger, but this book has better quality paper and therefore, the photos are crisper. Normally, I would rate this four stars since it is a little small for the price. But the color photos really make up for this, and course, there is nothing else out there on this plane, so it makes the choice easy - do you want a book about this? Even though it's a bit small, it is an excellent book for a modeler, very good for those interested in aircraft off the beaten path. The J21 and J21R are odd ducks, which I like, am glad I added this to the collection. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer An absolute must have for anyone building the old Heller kit or the newer Special Hobby kits.

Detailed monograph on the design and development of the SAAB J21, the classic Swedish fighter. Illustrated with photos throughout, including a comprehensive walk-around section showing all aspects of the airframe, and diagrams from official manuals. Includes 1/72nd scale plans of all variants, and color profiles showing many of the schemes applied to J21.

MMP's marvelously meticulous SAAB J21/J21R packs everything you need into one amazingly handy handbook Aircraft details including color photos of preserved examples and excerpts from technical manuals dominate nearly every page. (Cybermodeler)