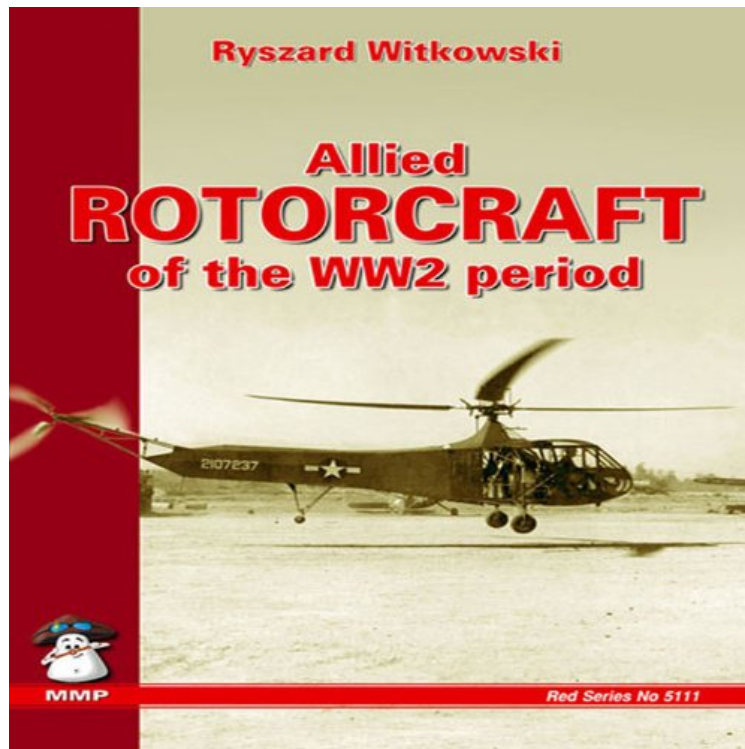


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Ryszard Witkowski : Allied Rotorcraft of the WW2 Period before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Allied Rotorcraft of the WW2 Period:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very good, if coverage a bit uneven
By James Pernikoff
A companion volume to the same author's sister book on the German rotorcraft is somewhat uneven in coverage. For instance, the opening chapter on rotorcraft efforts before WW II mentions the WW I PKZ helicopter and the effort by de Bothezat, but makes no mention of the early rotorcraft of Berliner, Cornu or Ellehammer, Breguet's successful Gyroplane Laboratoire, or the autogiros of Cierva and Pitcairn, although the latter does appear briefly during the wartime coverage. The largest section deals with Sikorsky's VS-300 prototype and the subsequent production R-4, whereas the later R-5 and R-6, Bell's model 30 and Piasecki's HRP "flying banana" prototype are described rather more briefly, because the production versions of those were primarily built postwar. (Incidentally, Piasecki's "dogship" WAS referred to at one time as the XHRP-X.) British coverage concentrates on the Avro Rota but the unique Rotabuggy gets its due, and there is also coverage of Russian and French efforts. As usual in MMP books, the color section is outstanding, including color photos of restored examples and some nice side-view drawings. If early rotorcraft are in your sphere of interest, you ought to get this book.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... a definitive book on the subject but rather a nice introduction into allied efforts to develop a helicopter
By G. Dorn
This is not a definitive book on the subject but rather a nice introduction into allied efforts to develop a helicopter. the sections on Great Britain and France are a nice surprise since there is very little out there covering the work in those two

countries. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Useful monograph on a neglected subject
By Jim Davis
The helicopter is often mistakenly seen as a purely postwar development. This book goes a ways towards showing that that was not the case. This is the follow up to the same author's "Rotorcraft of the third Reich." This is the 11th volume in Mushroom Model Publications Red Series (No 5111). It is a square bound, 128 page, 6-1/2" x 9" card cover. The book is divided into three major sections. The first section has the text with supporting line drawings and photographs. It has five chapters - a concise introduction describing the history of the helicopter and four chapters on the major allied powers, the USA, Great Britain, the USSR, and France. It appears that the criteria for inclusion was that the rotorcraft in question have some military purpose. Both helicopters, autogyros, and gyrogliders are included. The second section has 24 pages of color photos of preserved rotorcraft of that period. The third section has 8 pages of color profiles. All seems to be first rate. There are some errors but whether typographical or otherwise I can't say. Most glaring are designations rendered as XHRP-X (instead of XHRP-1) and HQ2S-1 (instead of HO2S-1). The translation is quite good. A very good volume and I hope for further "Allied" volumes to match the broad coverage, however well deserved, of German types.

One of the first attempts to relate the development of rotorcraft, both helicopters and autogyros, in Allied countries during the WWII period. American, British, French and Russian rotorcraft are included. The book describes and illustrates the development and evolution of rotorcraft and contains: scale plans, photos and drawings from Technical Manuals, superb color illustrations of camouflage and markings, walk-around color photographs and b+w archive photographs. Essential reading for aviation enthusiasts scale aeromodelers.

a fascinating read richly illustrated very worthwhile (scale aircraft international (UK))