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This is a big, dense, heavily illustrated "coffee table" book on the Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base. It is best equated to a college yearbook whose primary market is apparently alumni of the

school and a few hard-core aviation buffs. For the rest of us, there may be too much information -- and too many pretty pictures of airplanes. The high price is justified by the glamorous photography of nearly every kind of aircraft that has passed through Nellis. The text is highly detailed, and even includes the curricula and grading systems for the various Weapons School courses. Readers with a special interest in Nellis Air Force Base won't be disappointed with this book and the reams of data it provides. -- *Glenn Campbell*

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Over the course of an entire six month class, the authors were given unprecedented access to the leaders, instructors and students during the intense and demanding curriculum. Take a first hand look at how the Air Force creates its most elite, highly trained aircrews. Fly with A-10 Warthogs, F-16 Vipers, F-15E Strike Eagles and many other sophisticated aircraft as the crews put their knowledge to the test during the programs final two week war. Each division of the Weapons School is examined and portrayed in full color photos. *Warfighters* contains interviews with some of the most important figures in the history of the U.S. Air Force, many of whom have fought and won in the skies over Korea, Vietnam and Iraq.

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This thorough, inside look at one of Air Combat Commands most critical elements contains over 275 color photos of America's most amazing warplanes in action.

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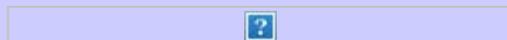
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