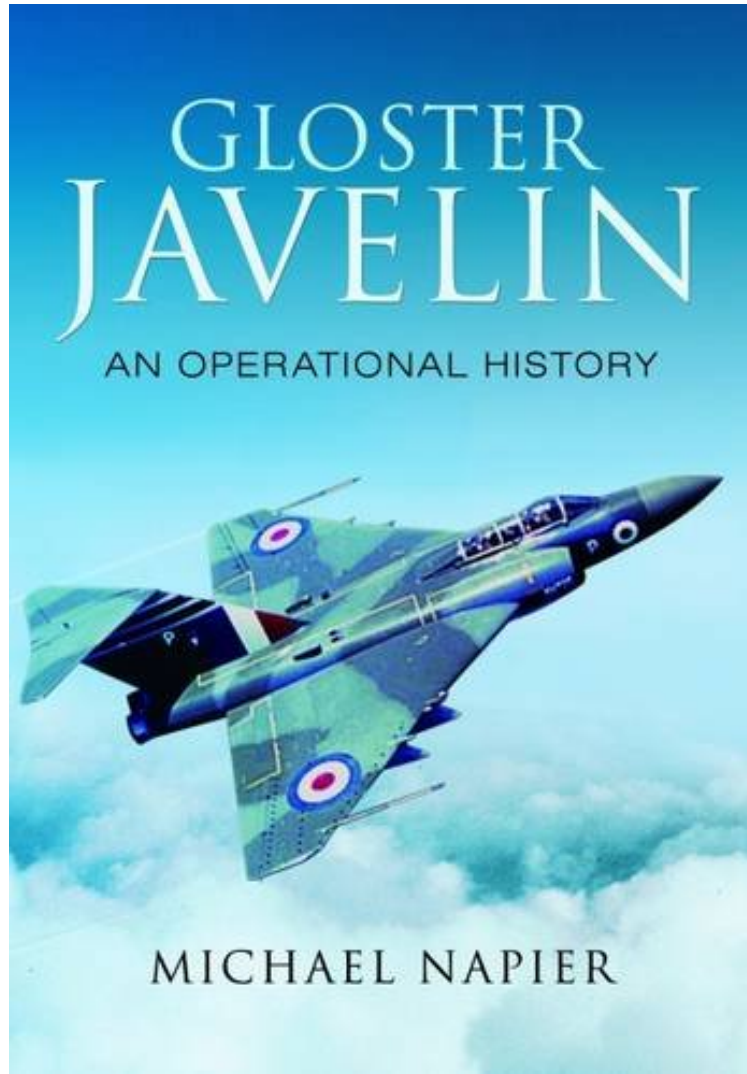


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The RAFs only delta-winged fighter the Gloster Javelin was also Britains first true All-Weather Fighter. Based in the UK and in Germany, the RAFs Javelin squadrons formed the front line of Britains air defenses in the late 1950s and

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This book covers the Javelin's service career comprehensively and will probably long be the definitive account of a fighter that was significant and important to the RAF, if not for its direct service but as its role in preparing for the next generations. A must read for aviation enthusiasts. (Firetrench)About the AuthorThe elder son of an army officer, Michael Napier was educated at Ellesmere College and learned to fly in 1977. He joined the RAF the following year and, after qualifying as a fast jet pilot, he flew Tornados from RAF Bruggen and Hawks from RAF Chivenor. His military flying career encompassed both the Cold War and operations over Iraq after the Gulf War. Michael, who is now an airline captain, lives in the Cotswolds.