

World War II Pilots (You Choose: World War II)

If there was ever a man who was born to fly, it is John M. Billings. He took his first plane ride in 1926, began taking piloting lessons in 1938, and joined the US Army Air Force in July 1942. After training he was assigned to fly Consolidated B-24 Liberator long-range bombers. He joined the 825th Bombardment Squadron of the 484th Bombardment Group. After flying fifteen daylight strategic bombing missions, Billings was selected for assignment to the 885th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) (Special). As its designation suggests, the 885th was no regular bombing unit. The 885th specialized in flying top secret, low-altitude missions at night in support of the clandestine operations of the OSS and the Special Operations Executive. The unit's covert missions included parachuting OSS and SOE agents and supplies deep inside German territory. The most eventful and dangerous of Billings' thirty-nine secret missions with the 885th was his assignment in February 1945 to clandestinely insert a three-man OSS team, code-named Greenup, into Austria. The drop zone selected for the Greenup insertion was located on a glacier in a valley surrounded by mountains in the middle of the snow-covered Alps. Billings and his crew finally found the weather in the Alps clear enough to spot the drop zone, slip their unwieldy B-24 between the mountain peaks and descend to an altitude just a few hundred feet above the moonlit snow. On Billings' signal, the OSS agents parachuted right on target. The insertion of this OSS team was the inspiration for the feature film *Inglorious Bastards*. However, Brad Pitt's vengeful character was far removed from the leader of the Greenup team, Fred Mayer, who achieved success by infiltrating enemy ranks to gain vital intelligence. After the war, John Billings flew with Trans World Airlines and Eastern Airlines. He also flew more than 300 'Angel Flight' airlift missions which involve the specialized aerial transportation of critically ill medical patients. This is one man's story of a remarkable lifetime of flying, both in peace and in war.

"Maggie Ray" inspires us to follow our dreams to new heights. It was wartime 1943. Many people thought women weren't capable of piloting military planes. In a daring move, young Maggie earned her pilot's license and responded to an invitation from Uncle Sam to join the Womens Air Force Service Pilots, the WASP. One of America's first women Air Force pilots, Tom Brokaw paid tribute to this amazing woman, dedicating an entire chapter to her story in "The Greatest Generation." Now her daughter, author Marsha J. Wright, brings you the exciting story beginning when Maggie was ten through war's end.

"Makes you proud to be an American . . . a wonderful, fast-paced read, and I highly recommend it for any World War II aviation enthusiast" (Military Review). There were no mission limits for a pilot in the Pacific during World War II: unlike in Europe, you flew until it was time to go home. So it was for James "Jug" Curran, all the way from New Guinea to the Philippines with the 348th Fighter Group, the first P-47 Thunderbolt outfit in the Pacific. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Curran volunteered to try flying in the blue yonder and trained as an Army fighter pilot. He got his wish to fly the P-47 in the Pacific, going into combat in August 1943, in New Guinea, and later helping start the "Black Rams" fighter squadron. The heavy US Thunderbolts were at first curious to encounter the nimble, battle-hardened Japanese in aerial combat, but soon, the American pilots gained skill of their own and their planes proved superior. Bombers on both sides could fall to fighters, but the fighters themselves were eyeball to eyeball, best man win. Check Six! is an aviation chronicle that brings the reader into flight, then into the fight, throughout the Pacific War and back. This work, from someone who was there, captures the combat experience of our aviators in the Pacific, aided by pertinent excerpts from the official histories of units that "Jug" Curran flew with. "Jim Curran is not afraid to share his moments of fear and emotions during the air battles with his readers which gives the book an extra dimension." --AviationBookReviews.com

Presents information about the history of air warfare and notable stories featuring heroic pilots.

"Describes the events of World War II and explains the significance of the war today. The reader's choices reveal the historical details from the perspective of a member of the Dutch resistance, a Canadian soldier, and an American soldier"--Provided by publisher.

Thunderbolt! The Extraordinary Story of a World War II Ace is the incredible true life story of Robert S. Johnson, one of America's leading fighter pilot aces in World War II. His memoir is an action-packed account of how a young man from Lawton, Oklahoma went on to amass 28 enemy kills, the first U. S. Army Air Force pilot in the European theater to surpass Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I tally of 26 enemy planes destroyed. Johnson's detailed, vivid descriptions of close-scrapes with Goering's elite fighters and his numerous other skirmishes makes Thunderbolt! essential reading for World War 2 buffs.

This is as close as you'll get to a World War II-era P-51 Mustang without flying one yourself. The North American Aviation P-51 Mustang first started appearing in real numbers in 1943, at the climax of the Allied campaign in World War II. Able to fly long ranges, it was the perfect escort, keeping bombers protected all the way from Allied bases in Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Pacific to a variety of Axis industrial targets and military installations and back. The Mustang would go on to provide pivotal air support on D-Day, and by the end of the war, the P-51 would be responsible for nearly half of all enemy aircraft shot down. In *The Fight in the Clouds*, aviation writer and EAA Warbirds of America editor James P. Busha narrates a spellbinding collection of tales of P-51 Mustang combat throughout the war. Drawing on interviews conducted with dozens of veteran P-51 pilots, the book traces the progress of war through the exciting, chronologically organized experiences of the men who actually flew the planes into war. You'll encounter Mustangs tangling with Soviet-built Yaks, a Mustang ace shooting down an Me 262 Stormbird, an epic long-range battle over the Pacific Ocean, and a score of other riveting accounts underscoring the P-51's versatility and its vital importance to the Allied victory. Bolstered by Busha's own commentary and historical analysis, along with a gallery of rare black-and-white period photographs, *The Fight in the Clouds* offers a cockpit-seat view of one of WWII's most celebrated aircraft and the men who bravely flew it into harm's way.

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[The Extraordinary Combat Experience of P-51 Mustang Pilots During World War II](#)

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Here, for the first time reveals the extraordinary conditions in Japanese character and training that produced these devoted suicide pilots. Only the end of the war saved some of them from following the fanatic fate of their brother pilots.Reasons to purchase this solo:* A World War II solo for a single human warrior with 5 to 30 adds.* A Pre-generated Character is provided.* A Pre-generated Airplane is provided.* You get to play a Japanese Kamikaze Pilot.* New specialized World War II Gun Rules are included.* New Airplane Rules are included.* You get the feel of how it was to fly a plane.* All SR rolls have the number listed, so you don't need to look up anything to play.* The locations and items included are historically accurate.* A solo unlike anything you have seen before.* A blank Airplane Character Sheet is provided for your own use.* You can start playing immediately. Background:My name is Shunsuke Tomiyasu and I am a pilot for the Japanese Special Attack Corps. My responsibility as a Kamikaze has become increasingly important in direct proportion to the extremely serious war situation; and even though the departure of Kamikaze pilot had become an everyday happening, it was always a touching scene.In the beginning, the brave deeds and achievements of the Kamikaze pilots were reported on a grand scale, and stirred up the hot blood of young men. By this time, details of news about their attacks and their results were not issued at all. We do not know how they performed and what they did, whether they succeeded or were shot down.You can play this solo with any RPG such as; D&D(tm), Tunnels & Trolls(tm), Fighting Fantasy(tm), Endless Quest(tm) or any other game system. You are only limited by your imagination.

An incredible, untold story of survival and acceptance that sheds light on one of the darkest chapters in Japanese history. This book tells the story of Kazuo Odachi who—in 1943, when he was just 16 years-old—joined the Imperial Japanese Navy to become a pilot. A year later, he was unknowingly assigned to the Kamikaze Special Attack Corps—a group of airmen whose mission was to sacrifice their lives by crashing planes into enemy ships. Their callsign was "ten dead, zero alive." By picking up *Memoirs of a Kamikaze*, readers will experience the hardships of fighter pilot training—dipping and diving and watching as other trainees crash into nearby mountainsides. They'll witness the psychological trauma of coming to terms with death before each mission, and breathe a sigh of relief with Odachi when his last mission is cut short by Japan's eventual surrender. They'll feel the anger at a government and society that swept so much of the sacrifice under the rug in its desperation to rebuild. Odachi's innate "samurai spirit" carried him through childhood, WWII and his eventual life as a kendo instructor, police officer and detective. His attention to detail, unwavering self-discipline and impenetrably strong mind were often the difference between life and death. Odachi, who is now well into his nineties, kept his Kamikaze past a secret for most of his life. Seven decades later, he agreed to sit for nearly seventy hours of interviews with the authors of this book—who know Odachi personally. He felt it was his responsibility to finally reveal the truth about the Kamikaze pilots: that they were unsuspecting teenagers and young men asked to do the bidding of superior officers who were never held to account. This book offers a new perspective on these infamous suicide pilots. It is not a chronicle of war, nor is it a collection of research papers compiled by scholars. It is a transcript of Odachi's words.

She flew the swift P-51 and the capricious P-38, but the heavy, four-engine B-17 bomber and C-54 transport were her forte. This is the story of Nancy Harkness Love who, early in World War II, recruited and led the first group of twenty-eight women to fly military aircraft for the U.S. Army. When the United States entered World War II, the Army needed pilots to transport or "ferry" its combat-bound aircraft across the United States for overseas deployment and its trainer airplanes to flight training bases. Most male pilots were assigned to combat preparation, leaving few available for ferrying jobs. Into this vacuum stepped Nancy Love and her civilian Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). Love had advocated using women as ferry pilots as early as 1940. Jackie Cochran envisioned a more ambitious plan, to train women to perform a variety of the military's flight-related jobs stateside. The Army implemented both programs in the fall of 1942, but Jackie's idea piqued General Hap Arnold's interest and, by summer 1943, her concept had won. The women's programs became one under the name Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), with Cochran as the Director of Women Pilots and Love as the Executive for WASP. Nancy Love believed that the women attached to the military needed to be on equal footing with the men and given the same opportunities to prove their abilities and mettle. Young women serving today as combat pilots owe much to Love for creating the opportunity for women to serve. Her foresight and tenacity nearly seventy years ago helped ensure their future. Now author Sarah Byrn Rickman, aviation historian, presents the first full-length biography of Nancy Love and her role in the WAFS and WASP programs, Her book will appeal to all with a love of flight.

The true stories of the pilots from over three dozen missions during World War II give you a unique view of both the Allied and Axis famed fighters, bombers, liaison, and jet airplanes.

A NATIONAL BESTSELLER! The New York Post calls *The Last Fighter Pilot* a "must-read" book. From April to August of 1945, Captain Jerry Yellin and a small group of fellow fighter pilots flew dangerous bombing and strafe missions out of Iwo Jima over Japan. Even days after America dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 9, the pilots continued to fly. Though Japan had suffered unimaginable devastation, the emperor still refused to surrender. Bestselling author Don Brown (*Treason*) sits down with Yellin, now ninety-three years old, to tell the incredible true story of the final combat mission of World War II. Nine days after Hiroshima, on the morning of August 14th, Yellin and his wingman 1st Lieutenant Phillip Schlamberg took off from Iwo Jima to bomb Tokyo. By the time Yellin returned to Iwo Jima, the war was officially over—but his young friend Schlamberg would never get to hear the news. *The Last Fighter Pilot* is a harrowing first-person account of war from one of America's last living World War II veterans.

This inspiring true story of veteran Air Force bomber pilot Robert Trimble, who laid his life on the line to rescue World War II POWs on the Eastern Front. Near the end of World War II, thousands of Allied ex-prisoners of war were abandoned to wander the war-torn Eastern Front. With no food, shelter, or supplies, the POWs were an army of dying men. As the Red Army advanced across Poland, the Nazi prison camps were liberated. In defiance of humanity, the freed Allied prisoners were discarded without aid. The Soviets viewed POWs as cowards, and regarded all refugees as potential spies or partisans. The United States repeatedly offered to help, but were refused. With relations between the Allies strained, a plan was conceived for an undercover rescue mission. In total secrecy, the OSS chose an obscure American air force detachment stationed at a Ukrainian airfield. The man they picked to undertake it was veteran 8th Air Force bomber pilot Captain Robert Trimble. With little covert training, Trimble took the mission. He would survive by wit, courage, and determination. This is the compelling, true story of an American hero who risked everything to bring his fellow soldiers home to safety and freedom. INCLUDES PHOTOS

In this important and moving true story of reconciliation after war, beautifully illustrated in watercolor, a Japanese pilot bombs the continental U.S. during WWII--the only enemy ever to do so--and comes back 20 years later to apologize. The devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, drew the United States into World War II in 1941. But few are aware that several months later, the Japanese pilot Nobuo Fujita dropped bombs in the woods outside a small town in coastal Oregon. This is the story of those bombings, and what came after, when Fujita returned to Oregon twenty years later, this time to apologize. This remarkable true story, beautifully illustrated in watercolor, is an important and moving account of reconciliation after war.

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[A World War II Pilot's Inspiring Story of Survival, Honor and Reconciliation](#)

[Nancy Love and the WASP Ferry Pilots of World War II](#)

[You Are Not Forgotten](#)

[The Iconic WarPlanes of World War 2](#)

[A Higher Call](#)

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[The Man who Flew the Real 'Inglorious Bastards' Behind Enemy Lines](#)

[Dirty Little Secrets of World War II](#)

[WWII's Elite Airmen and the Epic Battle to Become the Master of the Sky](#)

Historian Theodore White called it "the most dangerous, terrifying, barbarous aerial transport run in the world ... the skyway to Hell." Life Magazine called it "the most dangerous non-combat flying in the war, the world's worst weather over the world's highest mountains." Both of these statements are referring to the Hump, which was a perilous 500-mile flight path across the eastern Himalayan Mountains many U.S. pilots flew during World War II in order to keep the Allies well-supplied in China. Between 1943 and 1945, about 3,000 pilots went down in the Hump. Only about 1,200 made it back to safety. This narrative nonfiction title recounts the many dangers pilots faced on their missions, including ice storms, high winds, narrow mountain passageways, and attacks by Japanese Zeroes. It also recounts the equally daring rescue attempts to save these pilots, many of which were made by the Indo-China Division of Search and Rescue. Using personal accounts from pilots, rescuers, and U.S. Air Force staff, this fast-paced narrative puts young readers in the cockpit alongside some of the war's bravest pilots.

The astonishing untold story of the WWII airmen who risked it all in the deadly race to become the greatest American fighter pilot. In 1942, America's deadliest fighter pilot, or "ace of aces" -- the legendary Eddie Rickenbacker -- offered a bottle of bourbon to the first U.S. fighter pilot to break his record of twenty-six enemy planes shot down. Seizing on the challenge to motivate his men, General George Kenney promoted what they would come to call the "race of aces" as a way of boosting the spirits of his war-weary command. What developed was a wild three-year sprint for fame and glory, and the chance to be called America's greatest fighter pilot. The story has never been told until now. Based on new research and full of revelations, John Bruning's brilliant, original book tells the story of how five American pilots contended for personal glory in the Pacific while leading Kenney's resurgent air force against the most formidable enemy America ever faced. The pilots -- Richard Bong, Tommy McGuire, Neel Kearby, Charles MacDonald and Gerald Johnson -- riveted the nation as they contended for Rickenbacker's crown. As their scores mounted, they transformed themselves from farm boys and aspiring dentists into artists of the modern dogfight. But as the race reached its climax, some of the pilots began to see how the spotlight warped their sense of duty. They emerged as leaders, beloved by their men as they chose selfless devotion over national accolades. Teeming with action all across the vast Pacific theater, *Race of Aces* is a fascinating exploration of the boundary between honorable duty, personal glory, and the complex landscape of the human heart. "Brings you into the cockpit of the lethal, fast-paced world of fighter pilots . . . Fascinating." -- Sara Vladic"Extraordinary . . . a must-read." -- US Navy Captain Dan Pedersen"A heart-pounding narrative of the courage, sacrifice, and tragedy of America's elite fighter pilots." -- James M. Scott"Vivid and gripping . . . Confirms Bruning's status as the premier war historian of the air." -- Saul David

"With the fate of the free world hanging in the balance, women pilots went aloft to serve their nation. . . . A soaring tale in which, at long last, these daring World War II pilots gain the credit they deserve."--Liza Mundy, New York Times bestselling author of *Code Girls* "A powerful story of reinvention, community and ingenuity born out of global upheaval."--Newsday When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Cornelia Fort was already in the air. At twenty-two, Fort had escaped Nashville's debutante scene for a fresh start as a flight instructor in Hawaii. She and her student were in the middle of their lesson when the bombs began to fall, and they barely made it back to ground that morning. Still, when the U.S. Army Air Forces put out a call for women pilots to aid the war effort, Fort was one of the first to respond. She became one of just over 1,100 women from across the nation to make it through the Army's rigorous selection process and earn her silver wings. The brainchild of trailblazing pilots Nancy Love and Jacqueline Cochran, the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) gave women like Fort a chance to serve their country—and to prove that women aviators were just as skilled as men. While not authorized to serve in combat, the WASP helped train male pilots for service abroad, and ferried bombers and pursuits across the country. Thirty-eight WASP would not survive the war. But even taking into account these tragic losses, Love and Cochran's social experiment seemed to be a resounding success—until, with the tides of war turning, Congress clipped the women's wings. The program was disbanded, the women sent home. But the bonds they'd forged never failed, and over the next few decades they came together to fight for recognition as the military veterans they were—and for their place in history.

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER: “ Beautifully told. ” —CNN• “ A remarkable story...worth retelling and celebrating. ” —USA Today• “ Oh, it ’ s a good one! ” —Fox News A “ beautiful story of a brotherhood between enemies ” emerges from the horrors of World War II in this New York Times bestseller by the author of *Spearhead*. December, 1943: A badly damaged American bomber struggles to fly over wartime Germany. At the controls is twenty-one-year-old Second Lieutenant Charlie Brown. Half his crew lay wounded or dead on this, their first mission. Suddenly, a Messerschmitt fighter pulls up on the bomber ’ s tail. The pilot is German ace Franz Stigler—and he can destroy the young American crew with the squeeze of a trigger... What happened next would defy imagination and later be called “ the most incredible encounter between enemies in World War II. ” The U.S. 8th Air Force would later classify what happened between them as “ top secret. ” It was an act that Franz could never mention for fear of facing a firing squad. It was the encounter that would haunt both Charlie and Franz for forty years until, as old men, they would search the world for each other, a last mission that could change their lives forever.

*Includes pictures "Includes accounts of training, combat, and segregation written by multiple members of the Tuskegee Airmen "Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading *Includes a table of contents "When World War II started, the black press and the black community wanted blacks to be able to fly because in 1925, the military had done a study that said that blacks didn't have the intelligence, ability, or coordination to fly airplanes. The pressure from the NAACP and the press caused them to start an experimental group that was to be trained in Tuskegee, Alabama, and that's why we were known as 'The Tuskegee Airmen.'...I come from a generation of African Americans where we were always trying to be better. We were taught that you had to be better than whites in order to move ahead, so we were very competitive...Practically everyone in the Tuskegee Airmen was an exceptional scholar and athlete, so the competition was really great and it helped to bond us together." - Roscoe Brown, one of the Tuskegee Airmen The United States has no shortage of famous military units, from the Civil War's Iron Brigade to the 101st Airborne, but one would be hard pressed to find one that had to go through as many hardships off the field as the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American fighter pilots

who overcame Jim Crow at home and official segregation in the military to serve their country in the final years of World War II. In fact, it required a concerted effort by groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the extreme circumstances brought about by World War II that the military eventually decided to establish the "Tuskegee Experiment." The black crews trained at Tuskegee before being sent overseas, and even then, they faced discrimination from those who didn't trust them to do more than escort bombers flown by white pilots. However, as the men proved their worth in the heat of battle, some of the squadrons' red markings helped them earn the nickname "Red Tails," and their track record was so good that eventually the white pilots of American bombers wanted to fly with them. As Tuskegee airman Roscoe Brown eloquently put it, "They have a saying that excellence is the antidote to prejudice; so, once you show you can do it, some of the barriers will come down." In time, the Tuskegee Airmen would be romanticized and mythologized to the extent that it was erroneously claimed that some escort squadrons didn't lose a bomber to the enemy, which led Tuskegee airman Grant Williams to note in jest, "Back then, nobody realized the significance of what we were doing. Now, they seem to think we could walk on water." However, even though the suggestion that the escorts lost no bombers on their missions was inaccurate, there is no question that the Tuskegee Airmen's record was elite and some of the fighter pilots were among the best to serve. Ironically, this was a byproduct of the systemic racism the men had to overcome, which resulted in extra training and planning among other issues. The Tuskegee Airmen: The History and Legacy of America's First Black Fighter Pilots in World War II chronicles the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and their important place in American military history. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Tuskegee Airmen like never before, in no time at all.

James Leininger was just two years old when he began having disturbing nightmares that would not stop. He screamed out in the night: 'Plane on fire! Little man can't get out!' While nightmares are common among children, what happened next shocked those around him... James began to reveal details of planes and war tragedies that no two-year-old boy could know. His desperate parents were at a loss to help him until he said three things: 'Corsair', 'Natoma' and 'Jack Larsen'. From these tantalising clues, James's parents travelled thousands of miles and spent many long years piecing together these facts to try and find an answer that could end his torment. Finally, despite his mother's fears and his father's staunch Christian beliefs, they found only one possibility to the endless coincidences that surrounded every detail in James's life – that their son was reliving the past life of a World War II fighter pilot. Their touching story is one that will challenge sceptics and confirm the beliefs of those who already believe in life after death.

Based on the true story of World War II pilot Jim McCabe, "Return to Heaven" is one man's letter from the other side. It is a thrilling story of courage and faith; a soaring testimony of God's heavenly kingdom that inspires awe for the generations who have served our country... On a hot day in 1993, Jim McCabe smacked a perfect drive down the fairway in front of his old golfing buddies. He shook his head. After an encounter with God twelve years earlier during a heart attack, Jim now knew that same voice was calling him home again for good. As the small white ball bounced along, Jim stumbled back to the golf cart, looked at his old friends, and then slumped over dead. In war, Captain Jim McCabe was a fighter pilot during the heaviest Allied operations over Europe. Jim's combat missions included escorting the plane of General Eisenhower safely through Nazi skies, and unknowingly accompanying his own brother on a bombing mission over Germany. After being shot down in the Korean War, a harrowing search and rescue mission brought Jim safely home, back to his wife and family in postwar America. "Return to Heaven" picks up where Jim's death leaves off on the golf course. Jim experiences the rush of angels' wings as he is now escorted home again to eternity... leaving the reader with a thrilling faith-based account of the Kingdom of God.

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[An Illustrated History of World War II Aircraft Interiors](#)

[The Rise and Fall of the Women Airforce Service Pilots \(Wasps\) of World War II](#)

Dirty Little Secrets of World War II exposes the dark, irreverent, misunderstood, and often tragicomic aspects of military operations during World War II, many of them virtually unknown even to military buffs. Like its successful predecessor, Dirty Little Secrets, Dunnigan and Nofi's new book vividly brings to life all theaters and participants of the war. Revelations include: - The real death count for the war, and why it has never been previously released. - The "new age" general who refused to smoke or drink, who lived on a vitamin-enriched diet, who opposed animal experimentation, and who regularly consulted his astrologer. - How equipment developed for the war led to such modern high-tech innovations as "smart bombs," electronic warfare, and nuclear missiles. - The lackadaisical relationship between Germany and Japan throughout the war. - Tricky bits of information about the lingering effects of the war -- like the thousands of live shells and mines that are still buried in Europe and off the East Coast of America.

Merton Naydler joined the RAF at the age of nineteen and served for the next six years until May 1946. He flew Spitfires and Hurricanes during a tour of duty that took him to North Africa, Burma and Malaya. This well written and extremely entertaining memoir portrays wartime life in the desert environment where sand and flies and life under canvas made living and flying a daunting experience. When the author was posted to Burma he was filled with 'a deep and genuine dread'. After a long uncomfortable trip he joined 11 Squadron and was now faced with Japanese Zeroes in combat over dense tropical jungle rather than Bf 109s over a barren desert terrain. 'Daytime flying was hot as hell, the humidity intense' - the author's description of his new posting that goes on to describe life in 'Death Valley', named because of the likelihood of falling victim to tropical disease rather than enemy aircraft. This is the story of a sergeant pilot who learned his trade the hard way, in action over Africa and then honed his combat skills in the skies over Japanese-held tropical forests where he was eventually commissioned.

The cockpits and aircraft designed and built during the crisis of World War II, were marvels of technology and ingenuity. However, this book shows that riding behind an ear-shattering engine with the power of a locomotive was both exhilarating and frightening.

World War II WARPLANES The Iconic WarBirds of World War 2 is a kids and enthusiasts dream of what it would be like to fly in the most feared and deadly aircraft of the Second World War. The book depicts many of the iconic airplanes that impacted air battles of the war.

From the heroic clashes of a Spitfire warplane to the deadly Japanese Zero warbird maneuvering for a kamikaze dive. The book highlights the might of the Luftwaffe warplanes and the extensive arsenal of the American World War 2 WARPLANES. These deadly fighting warbirds are shown in action shots as well as their blueprints embedded within the text. The Americans, British, Germans, Japanese and Russians warplanes are examples of the best each could bring to the fight during World War 2. A war planes fight for air superiority was the strategic goal for winning the war. The World War 2 WARPLANES walks you through the iconic planes of this era describing the warbird's armaments as well as its maneuvering characteristics and speed to the attack. Actual training diagrams of air combat maneuvers practiced by warbird pilots are shown. The book describes the strengths of the fighters, the deadly determination of the heavy bombers plus the versatility built into the new fighter/bombers that attacked forces on the ground or targets of opportunity with a deadly array of weapons. The WW II Warplanes will inform you about the world's most famous planes in simple, clear understandable terminology. It's a great book for kids who want to read about the warplanes of World War II and dream of a day they may pilot the modern jet warplane. The book is a must have for any warbird enthusiast that not only loves to read about the excitement of the time, but is an avid collector of books on modern day warfare. The WARPLANES of World War 2 were the real birth of modern day air warfare. 'World War II Warplanes' will IGNITE your imagination and allow you to FANTASIZE piloting a famous warbird. Feel the EXCITEMENT as bomber pilots hold their positions on their bomb run as the fighters scream through their formations with deadly fire coming from their guns. Read the book and experience the rush of the famous and brave wartime pilots. Enjoy

An oral history of the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs).

There is no better way to understand World War II than to put yourself in the middle of the action. This collection of 3 You Choose books takes you from the Attack on Pearl Harbor to the battlefields of Europe, and the struggles and challenges of the homefront. With more than

140 choice and 64 possible endings, The World War II Experience will immerse you in the drama and action of World War II while providing greater understanding of this world changing event.

Real-life Rosie the Riveters worked the lines in New Jersey's factories, such as those of General Motors' Eastern Aircraft Division, while women on the vulnerable coast enforced blackout orders. Others sold war bonds, planted victory gardens and conserved materials for the war effort. Thousands more served as nurses and in branches of the armed forces like the Women's Army Corps and the U.S. Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. African American women fought a double war--one against the nation's enemies and another against discrimination. Historian Patricia Chappine explores the pivotal roles that New Jersey women played in World War II.

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[The Reincarnation of a World War II Fighter Pilot](#)

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[Thirty Minutes Over Oregon](#)

[Return to Heaven](#)

"Describes the role infantryman played during World War II. Readers' choices reveal various historical details"--Provided by publisher.

Follows the story of a Marine Corps pilot who was shot down in World War II and the J-PAC soldier who resolved to bring home his remains six decades later, offering insight into the factors that challenged the recovery mission.

More than 1,100 women volunteered to be a U.S. WASP (Women's Air Service Pilot) to contribute to World War II. Read about the courageous women who put their lives on the line to do their part in the nation's war effort.

"Describes the role pilots played during World War II. Readers' choices reveal various historical details"--Provided by publisher.

Air raid! The world's great powers are at war again. This is the Second World War, but it is history's first war in which airplanes play a major role. You want to fly and you want to fight. Will you: Fly with the Royal Air Force as a British pilot and fight in the Battle of Britain? Dogfight as an American fighter pilot over the Pacific Ocean? Join the Tuskegee Airmen and be one of the first African-American aviators in the U.S. military?

As an American pilot joining the RAF during World War Two, you'll experience many ups and downs, and no doubt you'll discover what a 'Mae West' is for! Get used to the lingo, commands and controls, otherwise it's time to bail out! Educational, informative and fun, this book teaches children the risks taken and sacrifices made in World War II and puts the reader at the centre of the action. This title in the best-selling children's history series, You Wouldn't Want To..., features full-colour illustrations which combine humour with technical detail and a narrative approach placing readers at the centre of the history, encouraging them to become emotionally-involved with the characters and aiding their understanding of what life would have been like as a World War Two pilot. Informative and complete glossary and an index make this title an ideal introduction to the conventions of information books for young readers. It is an ideal text for Key Stage 2 shared and guided reading and helps achieve the goals of the Scottish Standard Curriculum 5-6.

During World War II, all branches of the military had women's auxiliaries. Only the Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) program, however, was comprised entirely of women who flew dangerous missions more commonly associated with and desired by men. As a result of these hierarchies, the World War II pilot was projected as the most dashing and desirable of servicemen. "Flyboys" were the daring elite of the United States military. More than the WACs (Army), WAVES (Navy), SPARS (Coast Guard), or Women Marines, the WASPs challenged these assumptions of male supremacy in wartime culture. WASPs flew the fastest fighter planes and heaviest bombers: they test-piloted experimental models and worked in the development of weapons systems. Yet the WASPs were the only women to serve within the armed services of World War II that was not militarized. In Clipped Wings, Molly Merryman draws upon military documents (many of which were declassified only in the 1980s), congressional records, and interviews with the women who served as pilots during World War II, to trace the history of the over 1,000 pilots who served their country as the first women to fly military planes. She examines the social pressures which culminated in their disbandment in 1944 even though a wartime need for their services still existed.

struggles and eventual success, in 1977, to gain military status and receive veterans benefits.

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