

Fighter Pilot The Life Of Battle Of Britain Ace Bob Doe

Den amerikanske pilot, Jack Broughton, beretter om sin indsats som jagerpilot.

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 Mel Paisley returned to the States from Europe on his 21st birthday having claimed nine air victories and received 21 decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross. This is his story--from the joys and tears of a young cadet earning his silver wings to air combat over France, where survival from day-to-day was an uncertain consequence of both skill and luck. (Branden Publishing)

Please note: This ebook edition does not include the photo insert from the print edition. The widely anticipated memoir of legendary ace American fighter pilot, Robin Olds Robin Olds was a larger-than-life hero with a towering personality. A graduate of West Point and an inductee in the National College Football Hall of Fame for his All-American performance for Army, Olds was one of the toughest college football players at the time. In WWII, Olds quickly became a top fighter pilot and squadron commander by the age of 22—and an ace with 12 aerial victories. But it was in Vietnam where the man became a legend. He arrived in 1966 to find a dejected group of pilots and motivated them by placing himself on the flight schedule under officers junior to himself, then challenging them to train him properly because he would soon be leading them. Proving he wasn't a WWII retread, he led the wing with aggressiveness, scoring another four confirmed kills, becoming a rare triple ace. Olds (who retired a brigadier general and died in 2007) was a unique individual whose personal story is one of the most eagerly anticipated military books of the year.

Roland Garros enjoyed an exciting life. An aviation pioneer in the early 1900s, he taught himself how to fly a bamboo airplane despite crashing it at Versailles. He was a world-class athlete, a lawyer who wouldn't learn Latin, a sports car salesman on the Champs-Élysées, an airshow pilot and racer. He demonstrated flight to huge crowds up and down the Americas. Ultimately, Roland Garros became the world's first fighter pilot. Leaving his comfortable life in Paris, he flew and fought in the lethal skies of the first World War. Never before had a lone pilot hunted other men in the air. Shot down and captured, he escaped prisoner of war camp, evaded his way across Germany, and crossed the front lines. After a torrid fling in Paris with an exotic dancer, he rejoined his squadron. Garros needed two more aerial victories to become an ace. This creative non-fiction biography puts you in an open cockpit, in air combat, and in Paris experiencing Belle Époque pleasures. What was it like to fly across the Mediterranean in a rickety monoplane? How did pilots dogfight in WWI? Fasten your seatbelt for exciting aerial action and the adventure-packed life of Roland Garros, the first fighter pilot!

A decorated fighter pilot and PGA professional tells the story of his life and service—to both his nation and others—in this remarkable memoir that is a stirring record of faith, patriotism, family, philanthropy, and golf. What does it mean to be a patriot? For Oklahoma native Dan Rooney, it is someone who not only puts his life on the line for country, but who opens his heart and mind and seeks to build a life that embodies the purest and most concentrated essence of himself. For many, Rooney is the model of a patriot: as an Air Force pilot who deployed to Iraq, serving three tours of duty; as a professional golfer who established a nonprofit foundation awarding thousands of scholarships to the children of fallen and disabled veterans; as the father of five daughters; as a man of faith, whose copilot, both in the skies and on the ground, has always been God. *A Patriot's Calling* is his autobiographical journey through some of the most character-defining moments of his awe-inducing life and career. "On my third tour of duty in Iraq as F-16 fighter pilot, I felt a powerful calling from God to share the miraculous fusion of people and experiences uniquely placed along my journey. During my reflection, I began to understand how the forces of synchronicity had shaped my life. Synchronicity, or, as I like to call it, 'chance with a purpose,' is all around us. These encounters with God's messengers are the sign-posts along the road of life guiding us toward our essence." *A Patriot's Calling* illuminates Rooney's true essence—and offers guidance and inspiration for us all. *A Patriot's Calling* includes 40 photos and 3 maps.

Douglas Bader was a legend in his lifetime and remains one today 100 years after his birth. A charismatic leader and fearless pilot he refused to let his severe disability (loss of both legs in a flying accident) ground him. He fought the authorities as ruthless as he did the enemy and not only managed to return to the front line but became a top scoring ace. His innovative tactics (The Big Wing) ensured his promotion and he led a key group of squadrons during the dark days of the Battle of Britain. His luck ran out when he was shot down and captured; he only escaped his burning fighter by cutting away one of his artificial legs. As a POW he was a thorn in the Germans side and he was sent to Colditz Castle. As this perceptive book reveals Bader, the hero, was at times a difficult overbearing man, no doubt in part due to the pain he suffered. But his strengths far outweighed his weaknesses and his place in the annals of British history is secure. This is a timely republication of an important biography.

A veteran navy fighter pilot chronicles the training of a class of eight men and women learning to fly the FA-18 Hornet.

Mac Tucker—or "Serge," to use his callsign name—is one of an elite group of men trained to fly F-18 jets. Now, for the first time, Serge takes you behind the scenes of the fighter pilot world to reveal what it's really like. Find out how it feels to be shot at by SAS snipers, to be lost in a \$50 million jet over Northern Australia with nothing but car lights to guide you home, to rupture your sinuses while flying, to inadvertently bomb a yacht, and to face death on an almost daily basis. From the Pentagon to the South China Sea, the deserts of Australia to the wars of the Middle East, this book is as action-packed as it is entertaining. With Mac Tucker you can relive the adventures of a real-life Top Gun and find out what it takes to become part of this elite force.

The acclaimed author of *Brute* recounts the life of the veteran U.S. Air Force pilot and innovative military strategist in this biography. John Boyd was arguably the greatest fighter pilot in American history. From the proving ground of the Korean War, he went on to win renown as the instructor who defeated—in less than forty seconds—every pilot who challenged him. But what made Boyd a man for the ages was what happened after he left the cockpit. A fighter on the ground as well as in the air, Boyd was relentless, brilliant, stubborn, and virtually always right. He managed to transform almost single-handedly the way military aircraft, particularly the F-15 and F-16, were designed. He then dedicated many lonely years to a radical theory of conflict that at the time

was mostly ignored but now informs military activity around the globe and is acclaimed as the most influential thinking about conflict since Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*. Praise for Boyd "Boyd could not be more welcome. . . . It should be required reading for every American citizen." —Washington Post Book World "This engrossing biography should definitely be on the bedside table of all our current military leadership." —Andrew Cockburn, Los Angeles Times Book Review "A stunning biography . . . Coram traces how Boyd's ideas percolated into key centers of civilian and military decision making and led to a swift and decisive victory in Operation Desert Storm, and how his maneuverist doctrine foretold the type of terrorist tactics used on September 11." —Martin Edwin Andersen, *Insight*

This fast-paced and informative YA biography tells the story of pioneering black aviator Eugene Bullard from his birth in 1895 to his combat experiences in both World War I and II and, finally, the prejudice he faced on his return to America.

The amazing story of one of 'the Few', Spitfire fighter pilot Gordon Olive, who shot down ten enemy aircraft during the Battle of Britain.

A pilot recounts his experiences flying NATO missions in a F-117 stealth fighter over Kosovo in 1999.

For use in schools and libraries only. Discusses Air Force officer training and requirements, the specialized training of Air Force fighter pilots, and the fighter pilot weapons that are used today.

This book is the "rest of the story" of jet fighter pilot life as introduced by Tom Wolfe in his best seller, "The Right Stuff." While Wolfe's book concerned test pilots, this one provides an inside look at the very hazardous life of jet fighter pilots during the 1950s and 1960s; a period during which the author served. As the stories show, it was an interesting and challenging era, interspersed for some by long periods of great anguish, and sudden death for many others. You'll read how the F-4 Phantom, with its sophisticated equipment ended the era of mano-a-mano dog fighting and ushered in electronic and missile air-warfare. There's also the story of defective bomb fuzes that were causing the bombs dropped by Phantoms in Vietnam to explode shortly after release. This cost the Air Force eight F-4E Phantoms and sixteen aircrew members, before the cause was identified and corrected. Included too is the heartbreaking revelation of our airmen captured in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, but never repatriated. Some were kept for intelligence exploitation and others for "\$4 billion in reconstruction and unconditional assistance." Included is the revelation of Fidel Castro's April 1972 visit to his engineering battalion tasked with maintaining the road near the border of North and South Vietnam. Following this 17 American airmen POWs were transferred from Hanoi to Havana for medical experiments in torture techniques. For obvious reasons, none of these were repatriated. Included is the story of a promising young Air Force test pilot school student who was killed in a zoom-climb maneuver to the edge of the earth's atmosphere. With his entire TPS class watching on closed circuit TV as he passed through 63,000 feet the glove his space suit disconnected and the suit depressurized, killing him almost instantly. Finally you'll read the story of "Warrior-General John L. Piotrowski. This son of Polish immigrants started his career as an airman basic electronics technician and retired as the Commander of USAF's Space Command.

If you liked *The Da Vinci Code* and *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, you'll love digging deeper with *The Knights Templar Chronology*, a fascinating timeline telling the year by year story of one of history's most secret and mysterious brotherhoods -- in detail unmatched by any other reference volume. This remarkable book maps out at a glance the Templars' rise and fall from which so many modern-day groups draw inspiration. Never before have the world's most intriguing Knights had their incredible adventures and history so fully captured.

Fighter PilotThe Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin OldsMacmillan

A family-authorized biography of one of the top-scoring aces of the Battle of Britain.

In June 1940, at the age of twenty, Bob Doe believed himself to be the worst pilot in his squadron. Just three months later he was a highly decorated hero of the Battle of Britain. This is the story of the pilot who, in his own estimation, was not promising material for a fighter pilot. He left school at fourteen and had none of the qualifications or background of his fellow officers. But he found his place in the Battle of Britain, shooting down fourteen enemy aircraft and sharing in two others (he was the third highest-scoring pilot of the battle). He was unusual in achieving these victories in both Spitfires and Hurricanes. This biography, written by his daughter, a noted professional historian, tells the story of Bob's remarkable career as a fighter pilot. At its centre is the Battle of Britain, but it also includes the plane crash in 1941 and the life-changing burns he suffered and his time in Burma leading an Indian Air Force fighter squadron for which he was awarded his DSO.

Spitfire Pilot is the exhilarating and moving memoir of D. M. Crook, an airman in the legendary 609 Squadron - one of the most successful RAF units in the Battle of Britain. Beginning with his fond recollections of his halcyon days in training - acrobatics, night flying and languorous days spent playing sport and nights off visiting Piccadilly Circus - Crook goes on to recount in thrilling detail the dogfights, remarkable victories and tragic losses which formed the daily routine of Britain's heroic aerial defenders in that long summer of 1940. Often hopelessly outnumbered, the men of 609 Squadron in their state-of-the-art Spitfires committed acts of unimaginable bravery against the Messerschmitts and Junkers of Germany's formidable Luftwaffe. Many of Crook's fellow airmen did not make it back alive, and the absence they leave in the close-knit community of the squadron is described with great poignancy. *Spitfire Pilot* offers a unique and personal insight into one of the most critical moments of British history, when a handful of men stood up against the might of the German Air Force in defence of their country. This definitive edition, the first for more than sixty years, includes a new foreword by David Crook's daughter and Air Vice Marshal Sandy Hunter, Honorary Air Commodore of the 609 Squadron. The book also has an introduction by Professor Richard Overy.

Sit down and strap yourself in for an exhilarating ride to the sound barrier and beyond with a real life Topgun!

A World War II pilot describes his rise in the military, combat record, and time as a POW

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 Schlamberger 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 Schlamberger 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.

A recently retired Israeli Air Force general and its second-highest-scoring fighter ace, Iftach Spector is one of Israel's living legends. He was the leader of the flight that attacked the USS Liberty in 1967. After the 1967 and 1973 wars, in which he commanded a squadron of fighter-bombers, he rose to head the IAF's Training and War Lessons Section and later became its the Chief of Operations. He was one of the eight Israeli pilots who attacked Saddam Hussein's nuclear reactor at Osirik in 1981. In 2003, his career took an even more dramatic turn: he was the senior signatory of the famous "Pilots' Letter," in which Spector and 27 other Israeli pilots stated their refusal to bomb targets in Palestine where collateral damage would likely be severe. His maverick conscience is well on display in this artfully written memoir, which is currently a 10-week-and-counting bestseller in Israel and has been licensed in Brazil as well. The son of a family that immigrated to Palestine at the turn of the 20th century, whose father and mother served in the Palmach, Israel's early clandestine commando force, Spector has written a rich and reflective meditation on loyalty, on what is right and wrong in war, and on his dedication to the idea and reality of the state of Israel. The Pilots' Letter ended Spector's military career, but also made him one of the most compelling and celebrated defenders of the conscience of the Jewish state. In that battle, as in his previous battles against Nasser's MiGs, his mother's constant lesson to him sustained him: "All from within." General Spector's first book, *A DREAM IN BLACK AND AZURE* (1992; never translated into English), won the Sade Literary Award, given to him personally by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He has a B.A. in history and Middle East Studies from Tel Aviv University and a masters in political science from UCLA, both with honors.

After World War II, during which he nearly died when shot down on a mission in 1945 for Britain's Royal Air Force, Senior dedicated himself to the establishment of a Jewish state by joining the Irgun to fight British control of Palestine. He undertook surreptitious operations to undermine the governing authority in Palestine until the onset of the 1948 War of Independence, when he returned to combat. One of the first nine Israeli pilots, he flew combat sorties against Israel's Arab neighbors in such disparate aircraft as the British-built Spitfire fighter and, oddly, a Beechcraft Bonanza, a civil aviation type. Senior used his own money to buy supplies and aircraft, personally undertaking many dangerous missions to fly new acquisitions to Israel. His tireless work to form an air defense system laid the groundwork for the modern Israel Air Force and earned him the deep respect and appreciation of his colleagues and Israel's early leaders.

Death Wasn't Painful is a true account of the experiences of a former Indian fighter pilot, who was taken prisoner during the 1971 Indo-Pak/Bangladesh Liberation War. While depicting the intrepid life of fighter pilots in active combat, the book also has an introspective side where it portrays the soldier's reactions to the terrifying realities of war. The experiences of prisoners of war are finely drawn, as we share the emotions of war—death, alienation, loneliness and grief. Through heart-warming anecdotes and conversational passages of interactions with Pakistani interrogators, attendants, jailors and civilians, the book juxtaposes the metaphor of physical battles in the sky with the conflict of minds between two nations.

This is the story of James Leininger, who-- a little more than two weeks after his second birthday-- began having blood-curdling nightmares that just would not stop. When James began screaming out recurring phrases like, "Plane on fire! Little man can't get out!" the Leiningers finally admitted that they truly had to take notice. When details of planes and war tragedies no two-year-old boy could know continued-- even in stark daylight-- Bruce and Andrea Leininger began to realize that this was an incredible situation. *SOUL SURVIVOR* is the story of how the Leiningers pieced together what their son was communicating and eventually discovered that he was reliving the past life of World War II fighter pilot James Huston. As Bruce Leininger struggled to understand what was happening to his son, he also uncovered details of James Huston's life-- and death-- as a pilot that will fascinate military buffs everywhere. In *SOUL SURVIVOR*, we are taken for a gripping ride as the Leiningers' belief system is shaken to the core, and both of these families come to know a little boy who, against all odds and even in the face of true skeptics, harbors the soul of this man who died long ago.

The remarkable Battle of Britain experiences of Spitfire pilot Brian Lane, DFC. Brian Lane was only 23 when he when he wrote his dramatic account of life as a Spitfire pilot during the Battle of Britain in the summer of 1940. Lane was an 'ace' with six enemy 'kills' to his credit and was awarded the DFC for bravery in combat. The text is honest and vibrant, and has the immediacy of a book written close the event, untouched, therefore, by the doubts and debates of later years. Here we can read, exactly what it was like to 'scramble', to shoot down Messerschmitts, Heinkels, Dorniers and Stukas and how it felt to lose comrades every day. Squadron Leader Brian Lane DFC was not only an exceptional fighter pilot but likewise a gifted leader, at all levels. In what was still a hierarchical and class conscious culture, 'Chiefy' Lane was different: he knew everyone under his command by first names, no matter how lowly their rank or status, and in the air he was always unflappable, calmly making the right tactical decision and in the process earning unlimited respect amongst pilots and aircrew. All these years later the survivors still speak of him with an unparalleled affection and respect bordering upon a holy reverence. High drama has never before been so characteristically understated, written, as it was, by the 'Finest of the Few'.

Fighter Pilot's Heaven presents the dramatic inside story of the American military's transition into the jet age, as told by a flyer whose life depended on its success. With colorful anecdotes about fellow pilots as well as precise technical information, Donald S. Lopez describes how it was to be "behind the stick" as a test pilot from 1945 to 1950, when the U.S. military was shifting from war to peacetime operations and from propeller to jet aircraft. An ace pilot who had served with Gen. Claire Chennault's Flying Tiger Fighter Group, Lopez was assigned at the close of World War II to the elite Proof Test Group of the Air Proving Ground Command. Located at Eglin Field (later Eglin Air Force Base) in Florida, the group determined the operational suitability of Air Force weapons systems and aircraft and tested the first operational jet, the P-80 Shooting Star. Jet fighters required new techniques, tactics, and weaponry. Lopez recounts historic test flights in the P-59, P-80, and P-84, among other planes, describing complex combat maneuvers, hair-raising landings in unusual positions, and disastrous crashes and near crashes. This memoir is peppered with lively accounts of many pilots and their colleagues, revealing how airmen coped with both exhilarating successes and sometimes tragic failures.

This youth biography examines the daring exploits of the Hoosier flying ace during his war time service. A graduate of DePauw University, Vraciu learned to fly during his college years and joined the Navy before the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Vraciu became skilled in the deadly game of destroying the enemy in the skies over the Pacific and for 4 months in 1944, was the leading ace in the U.S. Navy. He shot down 19 enemy airplanes in the air and destroyed and additional 21 on the ground.

A pilot's life is never dull, especially when you're a jet fighter pilot in the Marines flying assault missions in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's reign and then when you work at the White House under President Clinton! In training and in war, in the air and on the grounds sometimes you have close calls with Death. And sometimes you get nine lives. You better live the ninth to its fullest! This

