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C. A. Brannen Series - Jack S. Ballard 2007

Capt. Field E. Kindley, with the famous Eddie Rickenbacker, was one of America's foremost World War I flying aces. Like Rickenbacker's, Kindley's story is one of fierce dogfights, daring aerial feats, and numerous brushes with death. Yet unlike Rickenbacker's, Kindley's story has not been fully told until now. Field Kindley gained experience with the RAF before providing leadership for the U.S. Air Service. Kindley was the fourth-ranking American air ace; his exploits earned him a Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster from the United States and a Distinguished Flying Cross from the British government. In February 1920, during a practice drill Kindley led, some enlisted men unwittingly entered the bombing target area. "Buzzing" the troops to warn them off the field, Kindley somehow lost control of his plane and died in the ensuing crash. Using arduously gathered primary materials and accounts of Great War aces, Jack Ballard tells the story of this little-known hero from the glory days of aerial warfare. Through this tale, an era and a daring flyer live again.

Wingless Eagle - Herbert Alan Johnson 2001

An analysis of the aerial operations by the American Army during the First World War.

Flying African Skies - Karl Finatzer 2002

Scientific American - 1918

Luck of the Draw - Frank Murphy 2023-02-28

"In the pursuit of authenticity, of accurate history and undeniable courage, no words matter more than, 'I was there.' Read *Luck of the Draw* and the life of Frank Murphy and ponder this: how did those boys do such things?" —Tom Hanks The epic true story of an American hero who flew during WWII, soon to be featured in the upcoming Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks TV Series, *Masters of the Air*. Beginning on August 17, 1942, American heavy bomber crews of the Eighth Air Force took off for combat in the hostile skies over occupied Europe. The final price was staggering. 4,300 B-17s and B-24s failed to return; nearly 21,000 men were taken prisoner or interned in a neutral country, and a further 17,650 made the ultimate sacrifice. *Luck of the Draw* is more than a war story. It's the incredible, inspiring story of Frank Murphy, one of the few survivors from the 100th Bombardment Group, who cheated death for months in a German POW camp after being shot out of his B-17 Flying Fortress. Now with a new foreword written by his granddaughter Chloe Melas, of CNN, and daughter Elizabeth Murphy. "A gripping, inspirational account of incredible bravery, resilience, and sheer will to survive. A truly extraordinary story!" —General David Petraeus, U.S. Army (Ret.)

WWII DISPATCHES TO AKRON - Christopher M. Lahurd 2017-01-30

On his twenty-sixth horrifying mission over the hostile skies of Nazi Europe, a charismatic bombardier, seated at the nose of a B-17, strapped on his parachute as his disintegrating bomber dropped uncontrollably to the ground. What got him to this point, the ensuing months behind barbed wire and his daily letters written to his family in Akron, Ohio, makes for an emotionally intense memoir. This is the true account of a single unknown individual who stands in for the unsung warriors of the greatest generation during World War II.

Guns in the Sky - Chaz Bowyer 1979

Hostile Skies - David Morgan 2007

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Those '67 Blues - Craig Koderer 2011-12-13

Those '67 Blues, is an enlightening action novel of U.S. naval aviators flying combat missions from an attack aircraft carrier on Yankee Station in the Tonkin Gulf during the Vietnam War. This day-by-day account of flight operations, and the heroic actions of men penetrating the hostile skies of well-defended North Vietnam, spans a two-week period during the angry autumn of 1967. Feel the tension of flying a combat attack mission from the cockpit of an A-6 Intruder as, low and alone in the dark, you home in on a target.

Understand the stomach-tightening dread as a surface-to-air missile tracks its target—you. Live the fear of being shot down, hunted, and held prisoner by the North Vietnamese. Experience the shivering adrenalin release that comes hours after a harrowing mission. Meanwhile, the aviator's wives and children back home live through fears and problems of their own, during a war that few people understand, and many despise.

With the French Flying Corps - Carroll Dana Winslow 2011-09

Petite bleu to pilote-a young American's flight into war The author of this book, Dana Winslow, was a young American in Paris as France recruited men to fight the invading German forces of the Kaiser at the outbreak of the First World War. Feeling strongly for the plight and cause of the French, he immediately went to Les Invalides and there enlisted in the French Flying Corps as a trainee pilot. This vital first hand account is an essential source work of the period which reveals the training of the earliest French military aviators of the great conflict on the Western Front and it follows Winslow on his 'rite of passage' from inexperienced civilian, to lowly and little regarded aeronautical student (petit bleu) through his first perilous days in the combat zone to his time as an experienced and much prized pilote in the hostile skies over the trenches of the front lines. As may be expected, Winslow takes us to his war of dogfights, mid-air collisions, artillery spotting and reconnaissance in vivid-if humbly recounted-detail. Winslow's book is especially valuable as an insight into the variety of aircraft employed by the French during his time with them and he provides useful details as to their construction, abilities, applications and flying characteristics such-as those of the peculiar 'cut down' Bleriot that was 'the Penguin.' He also gives an interesting view of the business of military flying in wartime, which he distinguishes as entirely separate from piloting, as he describes it, as a mere 'conductor.' Accounts of battling in the air during the Great War are not common, so this volume is, of course, a welcome addition to their limited number and will be of interest to everyone interested in the subject. Leonaur editions are newly typeset and are not facsimiles; each title is available in softcover and hardback with dustjacket; our hardbacks are cloth bound and feature gold foil lettering on their spines and fabric head and tail bands.

Spies in the Sky - John W. R. Taylor 1972

Søgeord: Militær Efterretningstjeneste; Militær Efterretningsvæsen; Luftovervågning; 1. Verdenskrig; 2. Verdenskrig; Ballonovervågning; Foxbat; EMC; U-2; AEW; ASW; Satelitter; Satelitovervågning; Luftspionage; Spy-planes; MiG-23; MiG-17; MiG-21; NATO; Radar; Air Reconnaissance; Aerial Reconnaissance; Lockheed; RNAS Coastal Airship; RNAS Drachen; SS Airship; Reconnaissance Flight; RFC; Zeppelin; Lysander; Luftfotografier; RAF; PRU; Spitfire; Mosquito; USAAF; Operation Corona; USAF; USN; RAAF; Boeing Stratofortress; Boing B-47; Sputnik; Cessna O-1 Bird Dog; Koreakrigen; Vietnamkrigen; YO-3A; OV-10A; SMASH; F-105D Thunderchief Fighter; RF-101 Voodoo; B-57G; RAF Phantom; Saab S 35E Draken; Hawker; Harkey; ApolloSpacecraft; AN/USD-501; FAN; FAC; IOIS; RA-5C Vigilante; RF-4C Phantom; ABRES; Nimrod; Harrier; Tiros Satellite; OV-10 Bronco; JC-130B Hercules; Victor B(SR)Mk 2; RPV; NASA; Adsid; EC-121R; AC-119; AC-130; B-52; ALQ-99; SR-71A; Blackbird; Peewits; SR-71C; HC-130N; IMEWS; SALT-agreements

American Aviation Historical Society Journal - American Aviation Historical Society 1983

Thud Ridge - Jack Broughton 1996

American Public Address - Loren Reid 1961

Fighting the Flying Circus - Eddie Rickenbacker 1990

Author's experiences as a fighter pilot during World War I.

Air Power - Stephen Budiansky 2003

Arguably no single human invention has transformed war more than the aeroplane. The potential of airpower to change the very nature - perhaps even the meaning - of combat was strikingly evident almost from the moment the Wright brothers first flew. showing how, during the course of the 20th century, it transformed warfare. Drawing on combat memoirs, government and industry archives, technical studies and museum collections, this text brings together a complete narrative history of war in the air, with the people, events, ideas and inventions that made it possible.

Stechert-Hafner Book News - 1966

LUCI in the Sky - Chris Fox 2001

Maria Haymeyer has an I.Q. of 250 and has invented a radical new design for a warplane computer game. But someone has stolen her idea, and converted it to bid for a multi-million Joint Strike Fighter contract with the Pentagon.

[When Trumpets Call](#) - Patricia O'Toole 2005

An analysis of the final ten years of Theodore Roosevelt's life describes how he went on safari after leaving the White House, unsuccessfully strived for another presidential term, worked to support Liberty bonds when the U.S. entered World War I, and lost his son on Bastille Day. 60,000 first printing.

Fighter 'Gator - Lt John E. Norvell 2021-11-11

This story is about Lt Colonel John E. Norvell's quest to fly and David Garbe's work to restore the shell of F-4D 0720. It first focuses on Norvell's flight training, selection to be a backseater in the F-4, time in combat in Thailand, and F-4 flying over Alaska, providing "Top Cover for America." Then, the appendix covers Garbe's work to find a bird, get the parts, and rebuild the front cockpit area. It is a story of duty and dedication. It covers how the crews trained to fly the Phantom, the specialized survival schools they attended, their entrance in combat, and the toll it took on them. Lt Colonel John E. Norvell tells the story from the perspective of an F-4 backseater or GIB. It is a story of his comrades and the stress he felt from a year-long separation from his wife. He describes the daily combat and how it affected him. He stresses the professionalism and dedication of the aircrews who flew the hostile skies of South East Asia. When the air war ends, he tells of the boredom and frustrations of warriors without a war. Then his story moves to Alaska, where he attends arctic survival school and is stationed at remote sites to provide "Top Cover" alert guarding North America against Soviet aircraft incursions. Alaska is a very different type of flying, and it is clear that he enjoys all that Alaska has to offer. Finally, he discusses the role that his mentor Major Theodore J. Shorack played in his life. Shorack was lost while on a rescue mission over North Vietnam. Norvell considers him to be a personification of the three cardinal principles of the military: Duty, Honor, County. In the end, Norvell looks at the past nearly 50 years and tells what it meant to him to fly and be a military officer.

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An American on the Western Front - Patrick Gregory 2016-07-07

This is the remarkable story of the American First World War serviceman Arthur Clifford Kimber. When his country entered the Great War in 1917, Kimber left Stanford University to carry the first official American

flag to the Western Front. Fired by idealism for the French cause, the young student initially acted as a volunteer ambulance driver, before training as a pilot and taking part in dogfights against 'the Boche'. His letters home give a vivid picture of what Kimber witnessed on his journey from Palo Alto, California to the front in France: keen-eyed descriptions of New York as it prepared for the forthcoming conflict, the privations of wartime Britain and France, and encounters with former president Theodore Roosevelt and Hollywood actress Lillian Gish. Kimber details his exhilaration, his everyday concerns and his horror as he adapts to an active wartime role. Arthur Clifford Kimber was one of the first Americans on the front line after the entry of the US into the war and, tragically, also one of the last to be buried there - killed in action just a few weeks before the end of the war. Here, his frank letters to his mother and brothers, compiled, edited and put in context by Patrick Gregory and Elizabeth Nurser, are published for the first time.

[The Great War at Home and Abroad](#) - William Stull Holt 1999

Holt was just 20 when he joined the American Ambulance Field Service in 1917 and sailed for France.

When his six-month stint was over, he enlisted in the American Air Service, won his wings, and was assigned as an observer-bombardier-gunner with the American air squad that dropped more bombs at the front than any other. His diary and letters from March 1917 to July 1919 are accompanied by his photographs. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Aerospace Historian - 1987

[Into Hostile Skies](#) - John C Rigdon 2022-08-07

Into Hostile Skies: Missing Air Crews of the 459th Bomb Group is a compilation of stories and experiences of the men who were lost over the skies of Germany, Austria, Italy, Romania and the other Balkan states, while on bombing missions against the Axis powers during World War II. Through flak filled skies, the men and bombers of the 459th Bomb Group were never deterred by enemy action from dropping their bombs onto targets of Hitler's war machine, in hopes of bringing the war to a successful end. Despite completing many missions over enemy territory, there were tragic consequences for many aircrews involved. In this book you'll read about the courageous acts of the men who endured freezing temperatures at high altitudes, flak barrages and enemy fighter attacks, not knowing whether or not they would survive to return to base. These airmen saw many of their buddies shot down or plummet to the ground with damaged parachutes. If their own plane was hit, what went through their minds as they frantically tried to escape the centrifugal forces keeping them pinned within the fuselage of their stricken aircraft? These are the stories, told in their own words, of the crews who were shot down and perished, or were taken prisoner to spend the remainder of the war in German POW camps, or those who evaded capture with the help of the brave partisans, who risked their lives to save U.S. airmen. This is very poignant reading about the airmen who fought, survived and paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of the world.

Winged Shield, Winged Sword - Bernard C. Nalty 1997

Beskriver de amerikanske flystyrkers historiske udvikling i perioden 1907-1950.

[Fighting the Flying Circus](#) - Eddie Rickenbacker 1919

[First Fighter](#) - Charles F. O'Connell 1987

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[Foundation of the Force](#) - Office of Air Force History 2015-02-20

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE is a diverse military organization, composed of officers, enlisted

members, and civilians. One characteristic defining it is that of professionalism in all three of its personnel components. Though professionalism has been recognized as an important part of military culture and organization over the centuries, it has become critically important in the twentieth century, the century of flight. For the Air Force, the weapons systems that the service employs are maintained, supported, and operated by members of the enlisted force. Inheritors of a proud tradition of service dating to the earliest days of American military aviation, enlisted members have fought-and too often died-in hostile skies around the world, in every conflict in which American aviators have participated. Organizing and training Air Force enlisted personnel have been among the greatest challenges to the service's leadership, as well as among its greatest accomplishments. Young men and women from varied social, cultural, and educational backgrounds enter the service; are introduced to its culture, heritage, and traditions; are trained to fulfill myriad tasks; and then already imbued with a sense of service before self, go forth to their first assignments. Ongoing career training and professionalization continue throughout their careers. That the Air Force has met the challenge of training its enlisted force well is evidenced by its members' record of accomplishments in America's wars and other times of national emergencies. This work traces how the service built its enlisted cadre in the key, early years of the service when the Air Force was itself a new and unsettled organization. The lessons offered in this book present valuable perspective to decision-makers today as they grapple with force drawdown and maintaining appropriate standards of training and professionalism even as America's Air Force is called upon to serve in new and increasingly more demanding roles.

Winged Shield, Winged Sword 1907-1950 - Bernard C. Nalty 2003-11

Describes and analyzes, in the context of national policy and international rivalries, the evolution of land-based air power since the United States Army in 1907 established an Aeronautical Division. Provides a clearer understanding of the central role of the Air Force in current American defense policy.

Salvage - R. J. Theodore 2022-07-05

Peridot is headed for its second cataclysm. War has broken ancient alliances, sealed borders, and locked down the skies. The Five, Peridot's alchemist gods, have seen one of their number die and another fall in their efforts to protect their world from invaders beyond the stars. Defeated and diminished, they have ceased to answer the prayers of their people and have left the rapidly unraveling world to fend for itself. Talis and the orphaned crew of the lost airship Wind Sabre have a plan to set things to rights, but they're stranded on a rock far from the heart of the conflict. When an old enemy comes and offers them a ship and a path forward, it comes with strings that will pull them further from the home they are so desperate to save. Can Talis and her crew chart a course through hostile skies, shifting allegiances, and subverted governments before the true enemies of Peridot claim a power that can destroy the world once and for all?

[Ichor Well](#) - Joseph Lallo 2018-09-23

Ichor Well is the third adventure in the Free-Wrench Series of Steampunk novels. Ever since Nita Graus left her homeland and joined the crew of the Wind Breaker, the reputation of the airship and its crew has been growing. The destruction of the mighty dreadnought, the escape from the legendary Skykeep, and the inexplicable ability to remain hidden from the ever-watchful eye of the Fug Folk have combined to make her and her fellow crew the stuff of legend. Alas, legendary heroes cannot exist for long without attracting a worthy villain. Luscious P. Alabaster strives to be just that foe. While he works his nefarious plans, the crew itself is not without turmoil. Captain Mack, already having survived far more years in the hostile skies than he had any right to expect, is making plans for his golden years. The crew is gradually learning all that Nita can teach them, leaving her with the looming decision of whether or not she still has a place among the crew. Before the matter of the future can be settled, the crew has the problems at hand to solve. And in escaping the webs woven by the cunning and eccentric Alabaster, they may discover the darkest secrets the churning and toxic Fug has to hide.

Contrails - John William Jaacks 2013-08-21

CONTRAILS Memoirs of A Cold Warrior Jack Jaacks writes a moving personal account of a Midwestern farm boy who dreamed of becoming a military officer and an Air Force Pilot. During the Cold War of the 1950's an attack against the United States by Russian bombers carrying nuclear bombs was believed to be a certainty. America built an Air Defense system to protect itself. Nearly 2000 fighter-interceptor aircraft

and 5,000 pilots guarded the skies above America Like fighter pilots of generations before them, the U.S. Air Defense Command pilots flew into hostile skies and lived out the dreams of their youth. And, like their forefathers, many died in keeping America free. No Soviet bomber ever penetrated the U. S. Air Defenses. Jaacks flew the first jet Fighter-Interceptors, the Sabers, Starfires, Scorpions and Delta Daggers in Alaska, the continental U.S., Canada, and in Europe with the Royal Netherlands Air Force. Contrails describes the intensity of a life of an interceptor pilot and how Jaacks became a member of the elite cops of aviators that was the first line of defense against a Soviet nuclear attack against America.

The Youngest Tigers in the Sky - William W. Wyper 1980

Hostile Skies - James J. Hudson 1996-11-01

A combat history of the American Air Service in World War I.

The Issue - George Morgan 1904

The Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin - 1968