

Rear Gunner Pathfinders Witness To War

"A 'must read' by historian and layman alike."—Col. David M. Glantz, author of Kursk "An important book that will surely become the definitive account." —John Prados, author of Normandy Crucible Compelling study of how the Soviets inflicted a stunning defeat on the Germans during the early years of World War II Relies on archival records from both sides to shatter old myths about this battle

A guide to programs currently available on video in the areas of movies/entertainment, general interest/education, sports/recreation, fine arts, health/science, business/industry, children/juvenile, how-to/instruction.

Authoritative account of Finland's brave defense against the Soviet Union in World War II. • Focuses on the human side of one of World War II's toughest campaigns, fought in the frozen expanses of Finland • The Finns held out for 105 days against the Soviet juggernaut • Contains graphic descriptions of combat

Seventy years ago, 133 airmen of 617 Squadron, later known as the Dambusters, set out to destroy the Ruhr Dams in Germany. This one operation amongst many carried out by Bomber Command has become one of the most well known in the whole history of WWII. Indeed, a very successful film was made about it which became a classic, etching the dramatic events of the Dambuster raids in the minds of young and old alike. The book covers every facet of this enthralling episode.??It also works as a poignant tribute to the 53 men who were killed on the operation, as well as the men who returned from the operation but were later killed on further sorties with 617 and other squadrons. Cooper brings together various narrative threads, focussing on stories recorded in document form and acquired on a first-hand basis to give a real insight into the daily operations of the squadron.

Offers an array of documents, short fiction, poems, songs, plays, movie scripts, and folklore to offer a look at the mass culture that was consumed by millions in Soviet Russia between 1917 and 1953. This work focuses on the entertainment genres that both shaped and reflected the social, political, and personal values of the regime and the masses.

On 22 June 1941, the first German shells smashed into the Soviet frontier fortress of Brest—Hitler's Operation Barbarossa had begun. As the Wehrmacht advanced, taking the Red Army by surprise, the isolated stronghold of Brest held out in one of World War II's most legendary defenses. This graphic account chronicles the siege of Brest during the opening days of Operation Barbarossa. • Detailed, hour-by-hour reconstruction of the fighting, based on new archival research and eyewitness testimony • Describes how the Red Army garrison held out against a German division • Dispels the myths surrounding this remarkable story

Air Warfare.

Follows a legendary unit of American fighting men from D-Day through the end of World War II.

An examination of the military doctrine that animated the French defense against the German invasion in 1940. • Argues that the French learned the wrong lessons from World War I and were ill prepared for World War II • Lessons for modern armies about how to learn from past wars and prepare for future wars • Winner of the Paul Birdsall Prize of the American Historical Association

Myth-busting account of the summer of 1943 on the Eastern Front, one of World War II's turning points.

This is the story of their bitter combat--in the words of German and American soldiers who were there.

Imparts the stories of men and women who served during the Vietnam War in active combat or in support roles, offering insight into a range of topics from the draft and camp life to the anti-war movement and battlefield experiences. Original.

This is not a novel. The WARDEN FORCE series is a collection of short stories, all true adventures of the finest protectors of wildlife in the world. Game wardens, or conservation officers as they're known in some states, have been the subject of an explosion of interest during the past few years. The WARDEN FORCE series is a collection of short stories, all true adventures of the finest protectors of wildlife in the world. TV reality shows such as WILD JUSTICE (National Geographic), NORTH WOODS LAW (Animal Planet), LONE STAR LAW (Animal Planet) have introduced the public to this dangerous and little known profession, leaving a public hungry for more. Award winning author Terry Hodges was himself a California State Fish and Game warden and supervisor/leader of game wardens for over 30 intense years. He writes with the authority possible only by those who have actually lived the life, who have actually packed a badge and a gun on behalf of wildlife and battled all manner of wildlife-destroying outlaws. Season 2 contains 13 episodes: 1. A Matter of Little Choice: Wardens hunt down an exceptionally large and highly dangerous wounded mountain lion. A true game warden adventure story. 2. The Meaning of Pursuit: A true game warden adventure story. Fleeing felons and a wild, white-knuckle ride for a reserve game warden. 3. Gambler's Luck: A big-rig load of alfalfa holds a surprise hidden in a chamber among the bales. 4. The Departure of Bully's Luck: A cruel bully gets what he deserves. A true game warden adventure story 5. Pollard on the Rock: An alert clerk at a one-hour photo shop sends wardens in search of outlaw houndsmen. 6. Fools and Small Victories: A warden targets a particularly destructive brand of violator. A true game warden adventure story. 7. Renegades: A true game warden adventure story. Wardens target a destructive pair of elk poachers. 8. Bear Crazy: A warden investigates the poaching of an exceptionally huge bear, killed with a broad head arrow at a garbage dump 9. A Message Delivered: A true game warden adventure. Wardens hunt down antler thieves. 10. Sting: Wardens close in in a band of abalone poachers, a true game warden adventure story. 11. Cave Man: California wardens tangle with a wild-looking, hairy, commercial crab fisherman from Oregon. A true game warden adventure story. 12. Skinny Bob: California wardens go undercover to capture commercial reptile rustlers, a true game warden adventure story. 13. Grim Witness: True game warden adventure story. Dangerous pot-growing poachers use pipe bombs to kill king salmon.

This is a Bomber Command story of the air war over Germany as seen from the small Perspex bubble of a 'Tail-End Charlie' rear gunner in a Lancaster. Flying first with 626 squadron, and later 156 Pathfinder squadron, Ron Smith flew 65 operations and recorded them with the intensity brought on by the isolation of being cocooned in his lonely gun turret. "Suddenly we were over the Big City . . . after long hours of searching the night sky from the coast, to be suddenly propelled into the brilliant hell over Berlin produced a freezing of the mind . . . flak sliced up through the broken illuminated clouds, ascending gracefully to stream past the turret. A Lancaster slid across at right angles with a single fighter just behind it, as if attached by an invisible thread . . . the city far below was bubbling and boiling, splashes of fire opening out as the blockbusters pierced this terrible brew."

New look at the notorious Desert Fox of World War II by leading military historians. • Thought-provoking reassessment of the most famous German general of the war • Fresh insights into Rommel's performance in France in 1940, Africa in 1941-42, and Normandy in 1944 as well as his relationship with Hitler and the Nazis

The Battle of the Atlantic, the longest continuous campaign of World War II, climaxed in 1943, when Germany came closest to interrupting Allied supply lines and perhaps winning the war. In March of that year, German U-boats scored their last great triumph, destroying nearly 150,000 tons of supplies and fuel.

An engaging narrative of the small-unit actions near Sedan during the 1940 campaign for France.

Two gripping memoirs by British night-fighter crewman who tell action-adventure tales of aerial combat aboard Beaufighter and Mosquito aircraft. Describes how new technologies like airborne radar, one of World War II's best-kept secrets were used.

These are the stories Vietnam vets tell each other at reunions and over beers. • Episodes of valor, hardship, humor, and everything in between from more than forty veterans of the Vietnam War • Covers all branches of service and all areas of operation in Southeast Asia

Ladies By The Well is an insight into the life of a black Jamaican girl who struggles with herself and the legacy of her parents, torn among three different teachings by her overly strict grandmother, her disciplinarian father, and her outgoing, free-spirited mother. She searches for love in all the wrong places and, in the process, discovers the reality of the so-called American Dream. If you are an immigrant, a welfare recipient, and inmate in the prison system running from relationship to relationship, or you just feel tormented, this book may be able to give you an appreciation for Sophia's struggles as she learns to adjust in America and tries to survive. She later realizes the American Dream is inside her. Ladies By The Well is for all females who are thirsty for love, marriage, children, peace, and financial security.

• Story of elite German paratroopers during one of World War II's pivotal battles • Full of firsthand accounts from German soldiers and the Americans who opposed them • Details on hand-to-hand fighting in the bitter-cold winter conditions of the Ardennes forest Story of the early years of the U.S. Eighth Air Force Dramatic firsthand descriptions of World War II in the air The U.S.'s first encounters with the Luftwaffe and Nazi air defenses

Rare memoir of a foreigner serving with the Germans on the Eastern Front. • Firsthand descriptions of combat at the siege of Budapest and the final battle for Berlin in 1945 • Insights into what motivated soldiers to fight for Nazi Germany • Copies of the out-of-print original edition are highly prized

Shrouded in secrecy during World War II and obscured by myth ever since, Kampfgeschwader 200 (200th Bomb Wing) remains one of the Luftwaffe's most fascinating formations. Considered a special-operations unit, KG 200 delivered spies while flying captured Allied aircraft, conducted clandestine reconnaissance missions, and tested Germany's newest weapons--such as a piloted version of the V-1 rocket (essentially a German kamikaze). Covers some of the KG 200's more sinister operations, including suicide missions and the unit's role in defeating a French Resistance insurrection in June-July 1944 Includes information on aircraft used and known personnel losses Features rare photos and color illustrations of KG 200 aircraft

Long after the Battle of Britain, the aircrews of RAF Bomber Command risked their lives night after night during the Second World War. Over 55,000 of the airmen never returned from these missions; a further 10,000 became prisoners of war. And yet Bomber Command has been mired in controversy and its veterans - all volunteers - have never been awarded a campaign medal. Their crucial contribution to the outcome of the war has all too often been overlooked. BOMBER CREW exposes the bravery of these men using gripping first-person testimony from the surviving pilots and crew. For them this was a time of incredible hardship and adrenaline, courage and friendship, and their stories bear witness to the strength of the human spirit in times of incredible danger. Never before has their story been so vividly told. This is also a revealing look at the history of Bomber Command itself, from the early days through to eventual victory in 1945. From the terrifying action of the bombing raids to the intimate personal accounts of heroism, tragedy and triumph, this is the ultimate account of these brave men and their contribution to the Allied victory.

Who were the RAF Pathfinders in the Second World War? Who led them? What gave them the courage to carry on despite flak, night-fighters, and the many other hazards of air warfare? The Path Finder Force was RAF Bomber Command's only official elite Force, and it played a vital part in the Command's campaigns against Nazi Germany. This detailed and sympathetic account, based on 25 years' research, vividly describes what sort of people the Pathfinders were, what sustained them during their highly dangerous operations, and how their comrades, friends and families dealt with the all-too frequent losses - at sea, in Occupied Europe, in Germany, or in terrible accidents on British soil. Most of the personal documents used in Pathfinder Aircrew have never been published before. Based almost entirely on wartime or immediate post-war records, including aircrew letters and diaries, this book tells a very human story of members of an elite which was a byword for perseverance, technical excellence, and the most magnificent bravery.

"A rare account of the gallant but doomed 1944 Warsaw Uprising." —Military History Monthly A tragic yet inspiring first-person account of the uprising of Polish fighters against their Nazi occupiers during World War II Memorable episodes include the author's escape from a German execution squad while his mother was murdered in the next room Captures the patriotism, courage, and determination of the Poles Classic story of the 47,000 Spaniards who fought for the Third Reich in World War II.

From the events that led to the clash at Gettysburg in July 1863 to the retreat of Robert E. Lee's defeated Confederates, Richard Wheeler uses the words of participants--both Northern and Southern--to bring one of the Civil War's bloodiest, most pivotal battles to life.

"A mix of exceptionally rare and discerning essays."—The Great War Magazine Six first-person accounts by German generals Covers the Battle of Britain, Moscow, El Alamein, Stalingrad, D-Day and the Normandy Campaign, and the Battle of the Bulge Drawn from extensive interviews conducted immediately after the war

In early 1945, the Red Army plunged into the Third Reich from the east, rolling up territory and crushing virtually everything in its path, with one exception: the city of Breslau, which Hitler had declared a fortress-city, to be defended to the death. This book examines in detail the notorious four-month siege of Breslau. • The first full-length English-language account of the bloody siege • Chronicles the bitter struggle as the Red Army encircled Breslau and eventually pillaged the city, taking savage retribution on the survivors • Details the brutal methods used by the city's Nazi leaders to keep German troops fighting and maintain order

Story of one of the best fighter units in the Mediterranean theater, which earned two Distinguished Unit Citations and produced 21 aces Vivid episodes of aerial combat during the key campaigns for Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, and more Nicknamed "Yellow Tails" for the color markings on their aircraft The unit flew British Spitfires before switching to P-51 Mustangs Includes rare photos and color artwork

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