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Messerschmitts Over Sicily Johannes Steinhoff 1987

Flying American Combat Aircraft Robin Higham 2005 Riveting accounts from the pilots who flew such planes as the F-15, B-52, C-130, and many more dozens of in-the-cockpit photos This sequel to *Flying American Combat Aircraft of World War II* spans the Cold War, taking a look at the planes that defined the era and fought in places like Korea and Vietnam. Covering all manner of aircraft—including fighters, bombers, and transports—seasoned pilots tell what it was really like to be in the cockpit of some of the world’s classic planes.

Messerschmitts Over Sicily Johannes Steinhoff 2004 Based on the author’s personal World War II diary An unflinching look at Luftwaffe combat, tactics, and leadership during the campaign for Sicily A concluding chapter assesses the war’s lessons for air forces In an account of unusual power, Luftwaffe ace Johannes Steinhoff recounts the final days of the German air force on Sicily in June and July 1943. Facing crushing odds—including a commander, Hermann Göring, who contemptuously treated his pilots as cowards—Steinhoff and his fellow Messerschmitt 109 pilots took to the skies day after day to meet waves of dreaded flying fortresses and swarms of Allied fighters, all bent on driving the Germans from the island. A captivating narrative and a piercing analysis, this book is a classic of aerial combat.

Spiritfires Over Sicily Brian Cull 2000 On July 1943, British and American amphibian and airborne forces began landings in Sicily. The plan, codenamed Operation Husky, fixed Malta as the launching site for the fighter and fighter-bomber offensive. Spiritfires over Sicily provides a day-by-day historical account of Malta Spitfire operations, leading up to and during the invasion, interspersed with personal accounts of some of those involved. Illustrated with up to 100 photographs including Spitfires of many of the squadrons involved, their pilots and adversaries, this account features Spitfires versus Messerschmitts and Macchis plus RAF and USAAF versus JG53 and JG77 and Italians. It also includes USAAF’s 31st Fighter Group and a host of personal accounts.

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Russian Aircraft of World War II Edward Ward 2021-06 Organized chronologically by type, Russian Aircraft of World War II offers a highly illustrated guide to the main types of aircraft used by the Soviet Air Force during World War II. The book provides a comprehensive survey of combat aircraft, from the compact, revolutionary Polikarpov I-16 fighter of the Winter War in Finland, to the IlYushin Il-2 Shturmovik and Petlyakov Pe-2, two of the outstanding ground-attack aircraft of the Eastern Front campaign. All the major and many minor types are featured, including fighters, dive bombers, ground-attack aircraft, night bombers, strategic bombers, and reconnaissance and transport aircraft. This includes both well-known models, such as the classic MiG-1 fighter and Tupolev SB fast bomber, through lend-lease aircraft like the A-20 Havoc and B-24 Liberator, to lesser-known models, including the Yermolayev Yer-2 medium bomber and Kharkiv KhaI-5 light bomber. Each featured profile includes authentic markings and color schemes, while every separate model is accompanied by exhaustive specifications. Packed with 110 full-color artworks with detailed specifications, Russian Aircraft of World War II is a key reference guide for military modelers and World War II enthusiasts.

Hitler’s Nemesi Walter Scott Dunn 1994 The thesis of this book is that by early 1943 the Red Army was superior to the German Army.

The Liberation Trilogy Box Set Rick Atkinson 2013-10-22 The definitive chronicle of the Allied triumph in Europe during World War II, Rick Atkinson’s Liberation Trilogy is now together in one boxed set From the War in North Africa, to the Invasion of Normandy, the Liberation Trilogy recounts the hard fought battles that led to Allied victory in World War II. Pulitzer Prize-winning and New York Times bestselling author Rick Atkinson brings great drama and exquisite detail to the retelling of these battles and gives life to a cast of characters, from the Allied leaders to rifleman in combat. His accomplishment is monumental: the Liberation Trilogy is the most vividly told, brilliantly researched World War II narrative to date.

Fighter! Jim Laurier 2016-11 Hear the daring tales of the pilots who flew the top World War II fighter planes, as well as their perspective on the design and weaponry. Flypast 2006

The War Against Germany and Italy: Mediterranean and Adjacent Areas Kenneth E. Hunter 1951 A major collection of photographs with explanatory text that graphically portrays various aspects of the war in North Africa and the Middle East; Sicily, Corsica, and Sardinia; and Italy and southern France.

Savage Sky George Webster 2007-03-20 Gives the reader a firsthand look at war from inside a B-17 bomber in World War II. Focuses on the 92nd Bomb Group, 8th Air Force and includes missions to the Schweinfurt ball-bearing plant and Berlin. One of the first accounts of being shot down over Sweden.

The Day of Battle Rick Atkinson 2007-10-02 New York Times Bestseller In the second volume of his epic trilogy about the liberation of Europe in World War II, Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Atkinson tells the harrowing story of the campaigns in Sicily and Italy in An Army at Dawn—winner of the Pulitzer Prize—Rick Atkinson provided a dramatic and authoritative history of the Allied triumph in North Africa. Now, in The Day of Battle, he follows the strengthening American and British armies as they invade Sicily in July 1943 and then, mile by bloody mile, fight their way north toward Rome. The Italian campaign’s outcome was never certain; in fact, Roosevelt, Churchill, and their military advisers engaged in heated debate about whether an invasion of the so-called soft underbelly of Europe was even a good idea. But once under way, the commitment to liberate Italy from the Nazis never wavered, despite the agonizingly high price. The battles at Salerno, Anzio, and Monte Cassino were particularly difficult and lethal, yet as the months passed, the Allied forces continued to drive the Germans up the Italian peninsula. Led by Lieutenant General Mark Clark, one of the war’s most complex and controversial commanders, American officers and soldiers became increasingly determined and proficient. And with the liberation of Rome in June 1944, ultimate victory at last began to seem inevitable. Drawing on a wide array of primary source material, written with great drama and flair, this is narrative history of the first rank. With The Day of Battle, Atkinson has once again given us the definitive account of one of history’s most compelling military campaigns.

Germany and the Axis Powers from Coalition to Collapse R. L. DiNardo 2005 It seemed that whenever Mussolini acted on his own, it was bad news for Hitler. Indeed, the Führer’s relations with his Axis partners were fraught with an almost total lack of coordination. Compared to the Allies, the coalition was hardly an alliance at all. Focusing on Germany’s military relations with Italy, Romania, Hungary, and Finland, Richard DiNardo unearths a wealth of information that reveals how the Axis coalition largely undermined Hitler’s objectives from the Eastern Front to the Balkans, Mediterranean, and North Africa. DiNardo argues that the Axis military alliance was doomed from the beginning by a lack of common war aims, the absence of a unified command structure, and each nation’s fundamental mistrust of the others. Germany was disinclined to make the kinds of compromises that successful wartime partnerships demanded and, because Hitler insisted on separate pacts with each nation, Italy and Finland often found themselves conducting counterproductive parallel wars on their own. DiNardo’s detailed assessments of ground, naval, and air operations reveal precisely why the Axis allies were so dysfunctional as a collective force, sometimes for seemingly mundane but vital reasons—a shortage of interpreters, for example. His analysis covers coalition warfare at every level, demonstrating that some military services were better at working with their allies than others, while also pointing to rare successes, such as Rommel’s effective coordination with Italian forces in North Africa. In the end, while some individual Axis units fought with distinction—if not on a par with the vaunted Wehrmacht—and helped Germany achieve some of its military aims, the coalition’s overall military performance was riddled with disappointments. Breaking new ground, DiNardo’s work enlarges our understanding of Germany’s defeat while at the same time offering a timely reminder of the challenges presented by coalition warfare. Kluttz Young Adult Paperback Book Guide 1993

The Final Hours Johannes Steinhoff 2005-08-31 Fighter ace Col. Johannes Steinhoff commanded an elite group of pilots trained to fly the first jet aircraft employed in combat, the famous Messerschmitt Me-262, at a time when Reich Marshal Hermann Göring, by then out of favor with Hitler for his failure to stop the Allied bombing raids, denounced his own pilots as cowards. After Göring refused to deploy the Me-262 as a fighter, the role for which it was designed, and instead ordered its use as a bomber, Steinhoff and other senior air leaders devised a plot to depose Göring from his command of the Luftwaffe in the futile hope of staving off final defeat in the air. The pilots’ odd long-standing disgust with their Reich Marshal, the military incompetence and technical dilettantism led to their dangerous intrigue in the fall of 1944. There was an added element of risk as their desperate gamble came in the wake of the July 20 plot against Hitler, the onrushing Allied onslaught, and the general disintegration of the German military and its war effort. Steinhoff crashed while trying to take off in a heavily laden Me-262. The explosion left him badly burned and still in the hospital when the war ended. From his hospital bed in the summer of 1945, he dictated to a fellow wounded German soldier the account that became The Final Hours. His memories are vivid, painful, and gripping. Free from the years of recrimination and reflection so common in similar works, his tale recounts the pressure of fighting for a lost cause and the intrigue fostered by an unstable command. His account reveals every facet of a remarkable fighter pilot, the struggle for survival, and provides an excellent case study of the plodding bureaucracy and scheming obscurantism so characteristic of the Third Reich.

Sicily ’43 James Holland 2020 Codenamed Operation Husky, the Allied assault on Sicily on 10 July 1943 remains the largest amphibious invasion ever mounted in world history. Based on battlefield studies in Sicily and on new research the author offers a perspective on this major turning point in World War II

Ship-Busters Ralph Barker 2010 Epic story of low-level strikes on Axis navies in World War II One of the most dangerous forms of air attack used during the war Written by a participant This stirring book recounts how British torpedo-bombers took the war to enemy naval fleets and shipping vessels during World War II. Episodes covered include the attack by a single plane on a German battleship, the torpedoing of the Gneisenau in Brest harbor, and the vital blows against the supply lines of Rommel’s Afrika Korps in the Mediterranean.

Voices from The Third Reich Johannes Steinhoff 1994-08-22 A major historical document, this book contains interviews with more than 150 Germans who witnessed, participated in, or resisted the rise of Adolph Hitler. The testimony comes from well-known figures like Manfred Rommel and Helmut Kohl; former soldiers and ordinary civilians; and victims of the criminal policies of the Nazi regime. Haunting and extraordinary tales of horror, courage, grim determination, and moral confusion fill these pages. Voices from The Third Reich takes the material of epic history and presents it in the form of the individual human experiences of men, women, and children subjected to the pressures of total war in a fascist state.

Albanian Escape Agnes Mangerich 2010-09-12 On November 8, 1943, U.S. Army nurse Agnes Jensen stepped out of a cold rain in Catania, Sicily, into a C-53 transport plane. But she and twelve other nurses never arrived in Bari, Italy, where they were to transport wounded soldiers to hospitals farther from the front lines. A violent storm and pursuit by German Messerschmitts led to a crash landing in a remote part of Albania, leaving the nurses, their team of medics, and the flight crew stranded in Nazi-occupied territory. What followed was a dangerous nine-week game of hide-and-seek with the enemy, a situation President Roosevelt monitored daily. Albanian partisans aided the stranded Americans in the search for a British intelligence mission, and the group began a long and hazardous journey to the Adriatic coast. During the following weeks, they crossed Albania’s second highest mountain in a blizzard, were strayed by German planes, managed to flee a town moments before it was bombed, and watched helplessly as an attempt to airlift them out was foiled by Nazi forces. Albanian Escape is the suspense-filled story of the only group of army flight nurses to have spent any length of time in occupied territory during World War II. The nurses and flight crew endured frigid weather, survived on little food, and literally wore out their shoes trekking across the rugged countryside. Thrust into a perilous situation and determined to survive, these women found courage and strength in each other and in the kindness of Albanians and guerrillas who hid them from the Germans.

Iron Arm John Joseph Timothy Sweet 2006-12 A detailed study of Italy’s long-ignored tank force explores the intersection of technology, war, and society in Mussolini’s Italy. Second only to Germany in number of tank divisions, first to create an armored corps though overshadowed by Germany’s more famous Afrika Korps, Italian tanks formed a large part of the Axis armored force that the Allies confronted—and ultimately defeated—in North Africa in the early years of World War II. Those tanks were the product of two decades of debate and development as the Italian military struggled to produce a modern, mechanized army in the aftermath of World War I. For a time, Italy stood near the front of the world’s tank forces—but once war came, Mussolini’s iron arm failed as an effective military force. This is the story of its rise and fall.

The Fortress Raleigh Trevelyan 1972 ‘A remarkable record – vivid, modest, intelligent and unusually frank.’ Harold Nicolson ‘It rings true in every sentence.’ Bernard Fergusson In Jan 1944, Allied forces landed at Anzio and Nettuno on the eastern coast of Italy in the attempt to skirt the German lines and secure the passage to Rome. Success depended upon the element of surprise, but the landings stalled and the Allied soldiers found themselves hemmed in at the beachhead in what became known as the Battle of Anzio. The environment was sodden and humid, and the fighting intense. It was into this desperate situation that Raleigh Trevelyan, then a twenty-year-old subaltern, found himself leading his platoon, right to the most dangerous, forward position, known as ‘the Fortress’. The resulting account, based on Trevelyan’s diaries of the time, is one of the most eloquent records of close combat and of the relentless horror of modern warfare written. In direct, intimate prose, it describes the lives, and deaths, of ordinary men, and is a poignant testimony of innocence brooded by the awfulness of war.

Higher Call David Mackay 2014-05-06 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 Devotion, now a major motion picture. 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.

MiGs Over North Vietnam Roger Boniface 2010 “Until now, the day-to-day operations of the Vietnam People’s Air Force have remained relatively unknown. In MiGs over North Vietnam, Roger Boniface relies largely on interviews with the participants to describe fighter combat above Vietnam from 1965 to 1975, giving voice to North Vietnamese pilots whose stories have never been told, from deadly dogfights between MiGs and American F-4s to persistent efforts to shoot down B-52 bombers. This is the air war in Vietnam as seen by the other side.”—Back cover.

Luftwaffe Fighter-Bombers Over Britain Chris Goss 2010 Chronicles the air war above Britain from March 1942 to June 1943 and includes in-the-cockpit accounts from German and British pilots. Assesses offensive and defensive tactics Incorporates hundreds of rarely seen photos As the Battle of Britain came to a close, the Luftwaffe began arming its single-engine fighters with bombs and using them instead of bombers for many daylight raids against shipping and coastal installations, railways, fuel bases, and other strategic targets. The fighter-bombers also launched unopposed attacks against London and numerous other cities and towns across England. Known as “tip and run” attacks, these raids had a detrimental effect on British morale.

Fortress Malta James Holland 2013-01-31 The extraordinary drama of Malta’s WWII victory against impossible odds told through the eyes of the people who were there. In March and April 1942, more explosives were dropped on the tiny Mediterranean island of Malta – smaller than the Isle of Wight – than on the whole of Britain during the first year of the Blitz. Malta had become one of the most strategically important places in the world. From there, the Allies could attack Axis supply lines to North Africa; without it, Rommel would be able to march unchecked into Egypt, Suez and the Middle East. For the Allies this would have been catastrophic. As Churchill said, Malta had to be held ‘at all costs’. Fortress Malta follows the story through the eyes of those who were there: young men such as twenty-year-old fighter pilot Raoul Daddo-Langlois, anti-aircraft gunner Ken Griffiths, American Art Roscoe and submariner Tubby Crawford – who served on the most successful Allied submarine of the Second World War; cabaret dancer-turned RAF pilotter Christina Ratcliffe, and her lover, the brilliant and irrepressible reconnaissance pilot, Adrian Warburton. Their stories and others provide extraordinary first-hand accounts of heroism, resilience, love, and loss, highlighting one of the most remarkable stories of World War II.

Messerschmitt Bf 109s Over the Mediterranean Maciej Goralczyk 2013-04-19

On Wargaming Matthew B. Caffrey 2019 “The History and Theory of War Games throughout the United States and Internationally”—Provided by publisher. Dogfight David Owen 2016-06-20 Innumerable books have been published on the two most famous fighter aircraft of all time, the Supermarine Spitfire and the Messerschmitt Bf 109. But books setting out to tell the story of both aircraft are very much rarer – probably fewer than the fingers of one hand. Yet their joint story is one which bears retelling since both were essential to the air campaigns of World War Two. Incredibly, the men who designed them lacked any experience of designing a modern fighter. Rj Mitchell had begun his career working on industrial steam locomotives, Willy Messerschmitt had cut his aeronautical teeth on light and fragile gliders and sporting planes.

Yet both men not only managed to devise aircraft which could hold their own in a world where other designs went from state-of-the-art to obsolete in a staggeringly short time, but their fighters remained competitive over six years of front-line combat. Despite the different ways their creators approached their daunting tasks and the obstacles each faced in acceptance by the services for which they were designed, they proved to be so closely matched that neither side gained a decisive advantage in a titanic struggle. Had either of them not matched up to its opponent so well, then the air war would have been a one-sided catastrophe ending in a quick defeat for the Allies or the Axis powers, and the course of twentieth century history would have been changed beyond recognition.

Through the Valley James F. Humphries 2008-10-13 The fierce close combat in the remote areas of South Vietnam’s northern provinces in 1967-68—the battles of Hue Duc, March 11, Na Ha, and Hill 406—has been a strangely underreported slice of the Vietnam War. Through the Valley brings those battles into sharp focus, chronicling the efforts of the proud units of the Americal Division and the 196th Light Infantry Brigade against a stubborn enemy in long-forgotten villages and on torturous hills.

Colonel Humphries draws on both his own combat experience and the eyewitness reports of fifty former veterans to reconstruct what it was like to fight in Vietnam.

Sicily ’43 James Holland 2020-11-03 A history of World War II’s Operation Husky, the first Allied attack on European soil, by the acclaimed author of Normandy ’44. On July 10, 1943, the largest amphibious invasion ever mounted took place, larger even than the Normandy invasion eleven months later: 160,000 American, British, and Canadian troops came ashore or were parachuted onto Sicily, signaling the start of the campaign to defeat Nazi Germany on European soil. Operation Husky, as it was known, was enormously complex, involving dramatic battles on land, in the air, and at sea. Yet, despite its paramount importance to ultimate Allied victory, and its drama, very little has been written about the thirty-eight-day battle for Sicily. Based on his own battlefield studies in Sicily and on much new research, James Holland’s Sicily ’43 offers a vital new perspective on a major turning point in World War II and a chronicle of a multi-pronged campaign in a uniquely diverse and contained geographical location. The characters involved—Generals George Patton and Bernard Montgomery among many—were as colorful as the air and naval battles and the fighting on the ground across the scorching plains and mountaintop of Sicily were brutal. But among Holland’s great skills is incorporating the experience of on-the-ground participants on all sides—from American privates Tom and Dee Bowles and Tuskegee fighter pilot Charlie Dryden to British major Hedley Verity and Canadian lieutenant Farley Mowat (later a celebrated author), to German and Italian participants such as Wilhelm Schmaltz, brigade commander in the Hermann Göring Division, or Luftwaffe fighter pilot Major Johannes “Mack” Steinhoff and to Italian combatants, civilians and mafiosi alike—which gives readers an intimate sense of what occurred in July and August 1943. Emphasizing the significance of Allied air superiority, Holland overturns conventional narratives that have criticized the Sicily campaign for the vacillations over the plan, the slowness of the Allied advance and that so many German and Italian soldiers escaped to the mainland; rather, he shows that clearing the island in 38 days against geographical challenges and fierce resistance was an impressive achievement. A powerful and dramatic account by a master military historian, Sicily ’43 fills a major gap in the narrative history of World War II. Praise for Sicily ’43 A New York Times Book Review Editors’ Choice Named a Best History Book of the Year by the Wall Street Journal “Academic histories are all very well, but at times it is a pleasure to sit back and wallow in an old-school military tale of flinty-eyed men doing battle. That is what James Holland, a seasoned craftsman, offers in Sicily ’43.”—New York Times Book Review “Crisp, detailed, and entertaining, Holland refuses to let the legends overshadow the flesh-and-blood soldiers who fought, bled, and died. Sicily ’43 is an outstanding look at a stepping-stone to victory.”—Wall Street Journal

Military Review 1989

Dennis Piszewicz 2007 Describes how Hermann Oberth, Werner von Braun, and their colleagues progressed, from the innocent dream of the V-2 ballistic missile, to the transfer of their technological legacy to the Americans.

The Messerschmitt 210/410 Story Jan Forsgren 2019-09-17 In 1938, the Reichsluftfahrtministerium (German Air Ministry, RLM), issued a requirement for a new twin-engine heavy fighter to replace the Me 110. This type of combat aeroplane was known as Zerstör (Destroyer). The first prototype flew in September 1939. The Me 210 proved very difficult to fly, having numerous deficiencies. It was said to be deadlier to its crews than the enemy. Nevertheless, the Luftwaffe ordered the Me 210 into production. Operational trials began in late 1941, but it was eventually acknowledged that the aircraft had to be redesigned in order to be accepted into Luftwaffe service. The whole Me 210 debacle proved a huge scandal. A redesigned variant, the Me 410 began to reach Luftwaffe units in mid-1943. Even if the Me 210 and Me 410 were similar in appearance, the latter had to be redesigned to avoid the extremely poor reputation of the Me 210. The Me 410 proved a quite successful aeroplane, being used as a heavy fighter and for reconnaissance duties. Its closest Allied equivalent was the British DH 98 Mosquito. More than 1,500 Me 210/410s were built in Germany and Hungary, with only two Me 410s surviving today.

Messerschmitt Bf 110 Ron Mackay 2000 Describes the development, technical details and operational use of this often underrated aeroplane which remained in service in the Luftwaffe throughout World War Two. With many rare photographs this new edition to the Crowood Aviation Series will appeal to historians and modellers alike.

Robert L. Richardson 2017-04-15 The World War II fighter-pilot story On the very first day of the invasion of Sicily, three months into his combat career, Allan Knepper flew his P-38 Lightning fighter in a squadron sent out to sweep the island and interdict German ground targets. Retreating German infantry unexpectedly pounded the American flyers. Knepper was one of two shot down; he was never found. Knepper’s story is the story in-microcosm of thousands of American fighter pilots in World War II. Richardson recounts Knepper’s experiences from training through combat and uses them to discuss the aircraft, tactics and doctrine, training, base life, and aerial combat of the war. This is the intimate account of one pilot at war, but also the anatomy of the fighter-pilot experience in World War II.

The Gathering Storm Gerrit Haarr 2013-09-24 “A top-of-the-line examination of operations in north European waters during the first eight months of [WWII] . . . by far the best work on that subject.”—Stone & Stone The term “the phony war” is often applied to the first months of the Second World War, a term suggesting inaction or passivity. That may have been the perception of the war on land, but at sea it was very different. This new book is a superb survey of the fierce naval struggles, from 1939 up to the invasion of Norway in April 1940. The author begins the book with the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow in 1919 and then covers the rebuilding of the Kriegsmarine and parallel developments in the Royal Navy and summarizes relevant advances in European navies. The main part of the book then describes the actions at sea starting with the fall of Poland. There is a complex, intertwined narrative that follows. The sinking of Courageous, the German mining of the British East Coast, the Northern Patrol, the sinking of Rawalpindi, small ship operations in the North Sea and German Bight, the Altmark incident are all covered. Further afield the author deals with the German surface raiders and looks at the early stages of the submarine war in the Atlantic. As with his previous books, Gerrit Haarr has researched extensively in German, British, and other archives, and the work is intended to paint a balanced and detailed picture of this significant period of the war when the opposing naval forces were adapting to a form of naval warfare quite different to that experienced in WWI.

Philip Kaplan 2007-03-22 This book examines the reality behind the myths of the legendary German fighter aces of World War II. It explains why only a small minority of pilots – those in whom the desire for combat overrode everything – accounted for so large a proportion of the victories. It surveys the skills that a successful fighter pilot must have – a natural aptitude for flying, marksmanship, keen eyesight – and the way in which fighter tactics have developed. The book examines the history of the classic fighter aircraft that were flown, such as the Messerschmitt Bf 109 and the Focke Wulf Fw 190, and examines each type’s characteristics, advantages and disadvantages in combat. The accounts of the experiences of fighter pilots are based on archival research, diaries, letters, published and unpublished memoirs and personal interviews with veterans. The pilots included are Werner Molders, Günther Rall, Adolf Galland, Erich Hartmann and Johannes Steinhoff. **Hitler’s Spanish Legion** Gerald R. Kleinfeld 2014-05-01 Classic story of the 47,000 Spaniards who fought for the Third Reich in World War II. **Backwater War** Edwin Palmer Hoyt 2006-11 The Allies waged an assault in Sicily and Italy marked by dissent from beginning to end. Includes the controversial bombing of Monte Cassino.