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the air war 1939 1945 was first written in the late 1970s when there was very little academic interest in the history of air power what there was focused largely on combat the book was intended to provide a global history of the air war by looking at combat but also the broader context of technology production intelligence and leadership the book sought to address the question of why the allies in the end won decisively the war in the air and concluded that axis air forces were too tied to a narrow conception of air power attached to surface forces rather than air power exercised in a broader framework of air defense logistics strategic bombing and technological development the book has been assigned reading in military and air force academies for the past forty years the air war 1939 1945 immediately and permanently altered the way that historians have examined the nature of aerial warfare during world war ii overy s ingenious examination of the global nature of planning building deploying and utilizing air forces remains the finest overall study of the topic more than a quarter century after its first publication conclusions drawn in this work are even today an integral part of u s air force

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leading experts examine the air war in the context of modern industrialised societies and compare the different ways in which it was conducted by the main air powers they demonstrate that the relationship between civilians and the military had as much impact on the conduct of the air war as the leadership the authors cover a wide spectrum and focus on topics such as air war and foreign and domestic policies top echelon command and leadership strategic planning air armament and war economy operations and logistics intelligence and reconnaissance and air war humanity and international law

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whirlwind is the first book to tell the complete awe inspiring story of the allied air war against japan the most important strategic bombing campaign in history from the audacious doolittle raid in 1942 to the atomic bombing of hiroshima and nagasaki in 1945 award winning historian barrett tillman recounts the saga from the perspectives of american and british aircrews who flew unprecedented missions over thousands of miles of ocean as well as of the generals and admirals who commanded them whether describing the experiences of bomber crews based in china or the marianas fighter pilot on iwo jima or carrier aviators at sea tillman provides vivid details of the lives of the fliers and their support personnel whirlwind takes readers into the cockpits and gun turrets of the mighty b 29 superfortress the largest bomber built up to that time tillman dramatically re creates the sweep of wartime emotions that crews endured on fifteen hour missions grappling with the extreme tedium of cramped spaces and with adrenaline spikes in flak studded skies knowing that a bailout would put them at the mercy of a merciless enemy or an unforgiving sea a major character is the controversial and brilliant general curtis lemay who rewrote strategic bombing tactics his command's fire bombing missions incinerated fully half of tokyo and many other cities crippling japan's industry while still failing to force surrender whirlwind examines the immense logistics and construction efforts necessary to support superfortresses in asia and the mariana islands as well as the tireless efforts of engineers to build huge air bases from scratch it also describes the unheralded missions that american bomber crews flew from the aleutian islands to japan's northernmost kuril islands never has the japanese side of the story been so thoroughly examined if washington d c represented a second front in army navy rivalry the situation in tokyo approached a full contact sport tillman's description of japan's willfully inadequate approach to civil defense is eye opening similarly he examines the mind set in tokyo's war cabinet which ignored the atomic destruction of hiroshima and nagasaki requiring the emperor's personal intervention to avert a ghastly allied invasion tillman shows how despite the allies ultimate success mistakes and shortsighted policies made victory more costly in lives and effort he faults the lack of a unified command for allowing the army air forces and the navy to pursue parochial goals at the expense of the larger mission and he questions the premature commitment of the enormously sophisticated b 29 to the most primitive theater in india and china whirlwind is one of the last histories of world war ii written with the contribution of men who fought in it with unexcelled macro and microperspectives whirlwind is destined to become a standard reference on the war on multiservice operations and on the human capacity for individual heroism and national folly

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without what the allies learned in the mediterranean air war in 1942 1944 the normandy landings and so perhaps the second world war ii would have ended differently this is one of many lessons of the mediterranean air war the first one volume history of the vital role of airpower during the three year struggle for control of the mediterranean basin in world war ii and of its significance for the allied successes in the war s last two years airpower historian robert s ehlers opens his account with an assessment of the pre war mediterranean theater highlighting the ways in which the players strategic choices strengths and shortcomings set the stage for and ultimately shaped the air campaigns over the middle sea beginning with the italian invasion of abyssinia ehlers reprises the developing international crisis initially between britain and italy and finally encompassing france germany the us other members of the british commonwealth and the balkan countries he then explores the mediterranean air war in detail with close attention to turning points joint and combined operations and the campaign s contribution to the larger allied effort in particular his analysis shows how and why the success of allied airpower in the mediterranean laid the groundwork for combined arms victories in the middle east the indian ocean area north africa and the atlantic northwest europe of grand strategic importance from the days of ancient rome to the great power rivalries of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the middle sea was no less crucial to the allied forces and their foes here in the successful offensives in north africa in 1942 and 1943 the us and the british learned to conduct a coalition air and combined arms war here in sicily and italy in 1943 and 1944 the allies mastered the logistics of providing air support for huge naval landings and opened a vital second aerial front against the third reich bombing critical oil and transportation targets with great effectiveness the first full examination of the mediterranean theater in these critical roles as a strategic and tactical testing ground for the allies and as a vital theater of operations in

its own right the mediterranean air war fills in a long missing but vital dimension of the history of world war ii

the air war over europe during world war ii proved that combat in the sky can be even more devastating than combat on the ground when the war ended every major city in germany was virtually destroyed a german writer admitted that his own nation in taking up the sword to conquer the world had summoned up those bands of furies which raced across the german skies here from the acclaimed historian stephen w sears is the story of europe s air war

the cultural legacy of the air war on germany is explored in this comparative study of two bombed cities from different sides of the subsequently divided nation contrary to what is often assumed allied bombing left a lasting imprint on german society spawning vibrant memory cultures that can be traced from the 1940s to the present while the death of half a million civilians and the destruction of much of germany s urban landscape provided usable rallying points in the great political confrontations of the day the cataclysms were above all remembered on a local level in the very spaces that had been hit by the bombs and transformed beyond recognition the author investigates how lived experience in the shadow of nazism and war was translated into cultural memory by local communities in kassel and magdeburg struggling to find ways of coming to terms with catastrophic events unprecedented in living memory

the air war was won and lost not only in the skies but also in the factories and the research institutes finally the author dispels many popular myths and in particular reveals that although air power in the form of strategic bombing by itself did not determine the war s final outcome its use dramatically illustrated the complexities of managing modern war jacket

while the jet jockey competitiveness the undercurrent of fear the victories and foul ups of jet sweeps have been described many times few such chronicles have done it so grippingly and with such a ring of accuracy mr grant explores the emotions felt not only by the men in battle but by the wives and others left behind and the questions the war raised in their minds to put in larger context the war s impact on individual participants the author periodically reviews the high level struggles over how to fight the air war

excerpt from air war its psychological technical and social implications part iii outlines the technical development of aeronautics since 1918 revealing the social factors which have controlled that development modern military plans for the use of the air plane in another war are discussed against the background of the experiences reported from the abyssinian chinese and spanish wars about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks.com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that

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profusely illustrated text traces the development of military aviation and surveys the equipment personnel and events of the air war between germany and the allies during world war ii

this book tells the story about the air war that was fought in the skies of normandy as the troops hit the beaches fighting and dying on the sands

this is the thrilling saga of the war in the air in the pacific theater of operations during world war ii from pearl harbor to nagasaki as told by the men who created led and fought in the deadly zero fighter plane they tell what it felt like to bomb american ships and to shoot down american airplanes and then of their shock when their myth of invincibility was shattered by the new american lightning hellcat and corsair fighters the story continues to the final desperate days of the kamikaze suicide planes and finally they reveal their reaction to the dropping of the atomic bombs on hiroshima and nagasaki

in the skies of world war ii europe the eighth air force was a defining factor in turning the tide against the nazis in these gripping oral histories the sacrifice savagery and supremacy of the mighty eighth is described by those who experienced it and survived it at the

outbreak of world war ii america was woefully unprepared for a fight though europe was already years into the battle soon though america s war machine was rolling out pilots engineers planes and materials in astounding numbers it was called the eighth air force and it would hit the nazi juggernaut like a lightning bolt launching a then groundbreaking campaign of daylight bombing runs the men of the eighth would suffer more casualties than the entire marine corps in the pacific theater but they would also prove to be the most effective weapon against the enemy taking out strategic targets such as munitions plants and factories that were vital to the german war effort and grinding them to a halt in the mighty eighth the men who fought in the greatest air war in human history tell their stories of courage and camaraderie as only those who were there can tell them

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