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Graham Cross : Slybirds: A Photographic Odyssey of the 353rd Fighter Group During the Second World War before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Slybirds: A Photographic Odyssey of the 353rd Fighter Group During the Second World War:

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only the history of the group, but the supporting groups that ultimately played an integral part to the success of the 353rd Fighter Group. Dr. Cross does a masterful job of including the pilots from the 353rd Fighter Group that participated in "Bill's Buzz Boys" and the innovations that the 353rd Fighter Group made in their ground attack tactics. The book has a splendid flow to it as each chapter outlines the respective squadron's history, aircraft accidents, nose art and famous aircraft, POWS and Evadees and life in and around Goxhill and Raydon. This book certainly rivals the effort of Peter Randall and Nigel Julian's excellent volume on the 56th Fighter Group, published by Steven Darlow and Fighting High Publishing in 2015. This book belongs on the bookshelf, right next to the 56th Fighter Group!! Lastly, the book concludes with a beautiful tribute to those 353rd Fighter Group personal that lost their lives during the war. You can feel the author's knowledge, passion, dedication and respect to the 353rd Fighter Group in every page. I cannot recommend this book enough. Dr. Cross has truly done a masterful job in perpetuating the legacy and history of the 353rd Fighter Group. This volume belongs on the bookshelf of anyone who has an interest in Eighth Air Force Fighter Command history!! Well done, Graham Cross and Fighting High Publishers!!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must-read for fans of aerial military history. By John Hawkes. As the son of a proud member of the 353rd, I was thrilled to learn of Graham Cross's plans to release this book. And the finished product is absolutely spectacular. This is a must-read for anyone interested in the aerial history of the Second World War. Exquisitely written and filled with photos that will take you behind the scenes with the people who made the 353rd run, this book is truly a visual treat. You'll enjoy this one!

The distinctive black and yellow chequered markings of the 353rd Fighter Group, the 'Slybirds', made them one of the USAAF 'Mighty' 8th Air Force's most colourful fighter groups. Flying P-47D Thunderbolts and later P-51D Mustangs the 353rd's appearance in the skies over occupied Europe witnessed growing American air power and helped to change the course of the air war. From mid-1943 until the end of hostilities in Europe, the 353rd participated in all major aerial battles from the 1943 Regensburg and Schweinfurt raids to 'Big Week', the attacks on Berlin, and the support of the D-Day landings and Normandy campaign in 1944. They went on to win the Distinguished Unit Citation during the Arnhem operation of September 1944 and after converting to P-51 Mustangs they continued to play a full and prominent role in the final smashing of the Third Reich from the air. Fighting High Publishing has come together with respected 8th Air Force historian Graham Cross to tell the story of the 'Slybirds'. With access to an unparalleled photographic archive built up over nearly thirty years of close association and friendship with the group, the author provides a detailed representation of all aspects of the group's key activities. Focussing not just on the aircraft and pilots but also the vital work of the ground crews and service personnel, this is a stunning tribute that fills a major gap in the history of 8th Fighter Command. A full honour roll to those who made the ultimate sacrifice is included along with details of all POWs and all confirmed claims by the Group's air-to-air aces. Packed with nearly 450 photos, the majority of which are previously unpublished, unseen wartime colour photos and detailed captions, this book is a visual and information feast. This latest volume in Fighting High Publishing's 'Odyssey' series is the most in-depth photographic record of the 353rd to date and provides a unique window on a fighter group at war.