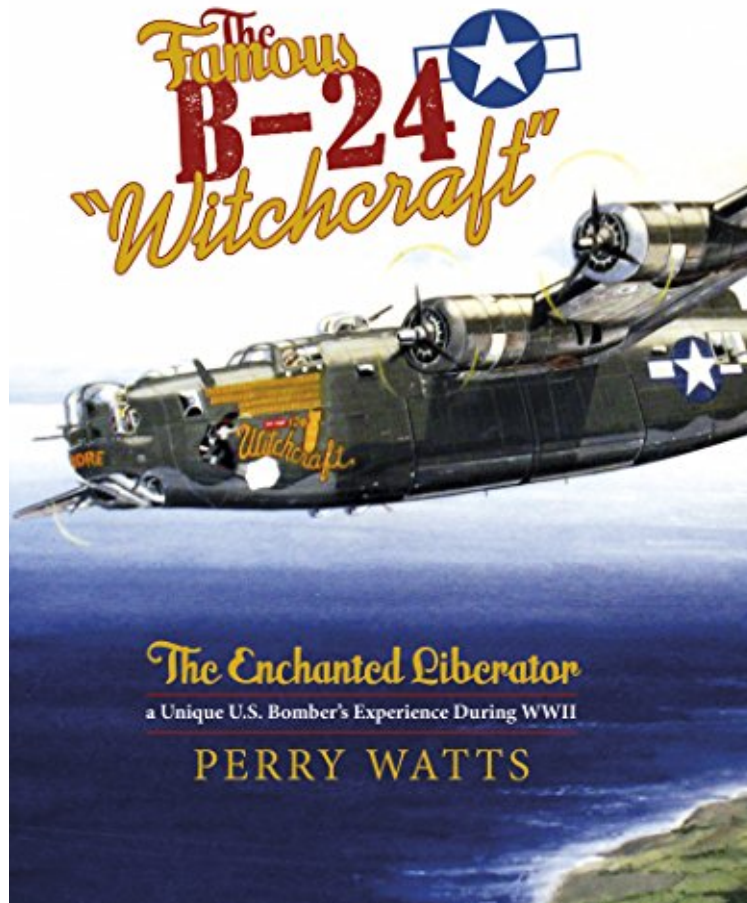


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About the Author Perry Watts (1929-2013) was the official historian of the local wartime US 8th Army Air Force base, Rackheath, Norfolk, England 1944-45, served in Malaya 1947-49, and was an RAF cadet pilot and an executive.