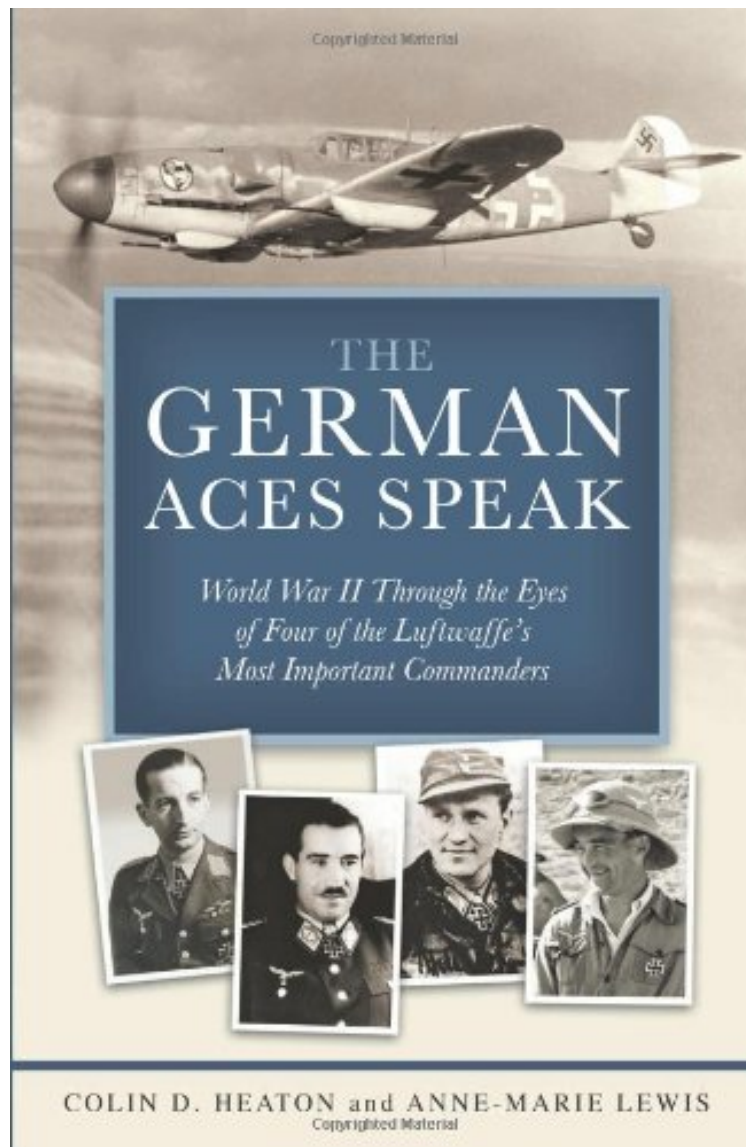


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A fascinating series of interviews to surviving German WWII Luftwaffe aces. We are used to reading and watching countless films on the prowesses of allied aces. But seldom do we get to know the story from the other side. Fact-filled with tons of insightful remarks from those who were there, bring us the missing part of the history of WWII war in the air. RAF and USAF aces revel in telling their exploits on getting some 20-odd victories, for the vast majority, where Luftwaffe aces started at 100 (the "experten"), and reached to an astonishing 350 in the case of all-time scorer Erich Hartmann. Fighting in appalling conditions, with a flawed leadership and dwindling resources from a decaying Reich, these guys seem to have made true heroes beyond imagination. The fact that they were on the losing side, and fighting for their nation, who was run by Hitler the madman, caused them to be all but forgotten by history. This book makes them well deserved justice.

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I find it always very interesting to hear the "other side of the story". History is written by the victor and the defeated rarely has a chance to express his point of view. This book tells you the inside story of the Luftwaffe, written by those who were part of it at the highest level. I had read how Göring was an incompetent strategist, but he was also a master liar, manipulator and nothing was ever his fault. I wonder if Hitler had caught Göring in his lies sooner if the outcome of the war had been different or would have lasted longer. Göring reminds me of many high executives in today's world that you don't understand how they got so high up in the organization and worst of all how it is that they remain in office. This book will give you an inside of what German pilots went through during the WWII, the politics inside the high command, relationships even with the Führer. Now I have to read Galland's autobiography, *The First and the Last*.

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History buffs and WWII vets like me will be totally fascinated reading these four memoirs by German aces. They weren't Nazi party members and the savage brutality of the ground war was missing in the air war. Pilots shot down by either side were never machine gunned in their parachutes, but allowed to safely land. The bravery of these Aces and those on the our side was incredible as was their chivalry. Here is one incredible example--right out of a Hollywood movie. The Germans shot down a British Ace who wore artificial legs that were destroyed when he parachuted down. The Germans then notified the International Red Cross that they would permit the British a fly over to drop replacements so their downed Ace could walk again. There is even more to this incident but I suggest you get the book. It is an eye opener.

For the first time, four German WWII pilots share their side of the story.

"Of all the Luftwaffe's fighter aces, the stories of Walter Krupinski, Adolf Galland, Eduard Neumann and Wolfgang Falck shine particularly bright. For the first time in any book these four prominent and influential Luftwaffe fighter pilots reminisce candidly about their service in World War II." - Military