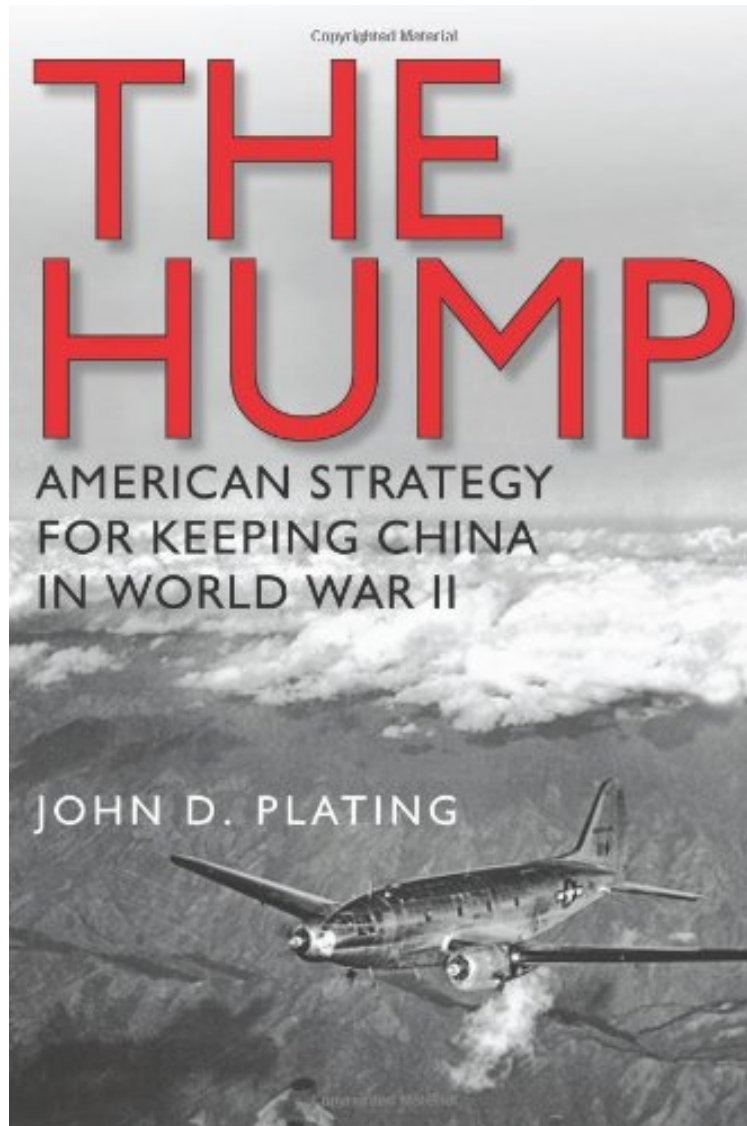


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book on a fascinating subjectBy Kindle CustomerFascinating, readable, well-researched6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Expert, fresh, pathbreakingBy Donald M. BishopThe World War II airlift "over the Hump" from India to China is the stuff of Air Force legend, passed from generation to generation, but a formal history has been long overdue. This book, the first 360-degree study written by a historian who is also an aviator, fills in the legend with facts, replaces conjectures with analysis, enlarges the history of the China-Burma-India theatre of operations, and firmly places the Hump airlift in the history of both air power and the Second World War.In "The Hump," Colonel Plating persuasively develops five themes: "airlift as an expression of airpower; the Hump as a dramatic feat of aerial logistics; the impact of the Hump in both theatre and global war strategy; airlift as an expression of "national-ness"; and airlift as facilitating a paradigm shift in global logistics." Military and aviation historians will appreciate Colonel Plating's achievement in other ways too:-- The sophisticated discussion of the effect of weather on Hump operations well shows Plating as both a military historian AND an Air Mobility Command pilot.-- He is particularly good in demonstrating the links between the units flying over the Himalayas and high wartime policies -- involving President Roosevelt, Chiang Kai-shek and T.V. Soong, General Marshall, General Arnold, and Admiral Mountbatten, to name a few -- and the key wartime conferences of political and military leaders.-- The treatment of "frictions" that vexed those at the forward bases is excellent. So is the explanation of how medical problems, flying fatigue, statistical control, lack of navigation aids, too-early deployment of the C-46 and C-54, and Japanese defeats in the Pacific affected the airlift.-- The book includes an excellent short essay demonstrating how the experience of the Hump was applied by General Tunner to the Berlin Airlift, giving the U.S. its first victory in the Cold War.-- "Air power" is popularly conceived as fighters and bombers, but it has other forms -- reconnaissance, battle management, and airlift among them. The strategic effect of the Hump airlift well illustrates this.Indeed, looking at the China-Burma-India theatre through the lens of the airlift, Plating's view of allied strategy is fresh, pointing the way to a major historical re-evaluation. The history of the CBI has for two long rested on the scaffolding of the three Army official histories and Barbara Tuchman's biography of Stilwell. It has been too long focused on the conflicts between Stilwell and Chiang Kai-shek, and Stilwell and Chennault. Readers of "The Hump" will better understand the limitations of Stilwell's and Chennault's view of the war, understand more about Chiang Kai-shek's calculations, credit the success of the airlift to Brigadier General Thomas O. Hardin as well as to the celebrated Brigadier General William Tunner; and focus on the airlift as a mainstay of U.S. strategy.It's not possible to offer too much praise for this book, so expert, so fresh, and so pathbreaking.-30-5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Readable History for Those InterestedBy Pennsylvania PaulThis is a pretty readable history for those of us interested in The Forgotten Theater of WWII. I was trying to learn something about my father's service beyond the 10 or so stories that he told us growing up, the album of photos that he put together in 1946, and his wings, theater ribbons and Air Medal he gave to my mother. My only criticism of the work is that it could use a great many more maps for those of us whose geography isn't quite up to snuff, which is a criticism another reviewer already made. The photos are by and large excellent and showed up well on my first gen Fire tablet. The history is well documented with copious endnotes. It is a book I will hang on to as part of our family history and pass on to my kids. It also helped me understand some of the historical background for what I learned in "The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War", which I would highly recommend to anyone interested in the U.S.'s relationship with China.

Chronicling the most ambitious airlift in history . . .

"This scholarly study, reflecting the author's wide research on the subject at all levels, including the strategic, convincingly demonstrates how the original "Hump" operation expanded from a show of American political support for China to a major supply effort for American forces in China for B-29 operations against Japan and preparations for a final assault on the Japanese mainland. Plating's work represents an original contribution to the literature that is certain to become the definitive work on the subject."—Bill Bartsch, author, *Every Day a Nightmare: American Pursuit Pilots in the Defense of Java, 1941-1942*