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Flosi Þorgeirsson says

I found this a very disappointing read with a very misleading title. Don't expect any stories of daring night time raids over German occupied Europe. I can recall only two that come close: Once, the author and his navigator realize that one engine of the Mosquito is on fire. So they turn back to the airfield. Another account tells of how the navigator sees a "bogey" on the radar but the outcome is inconclusive. That's all. Most of the book tells of pranks and tricks the RAF personnel play on each other while bored witless at their airfield. There are also tales of women and partying. After I finished the book, I realized I knew more about the author's old car than his Mosquito fighter-bomber. The author is doing service while very little is actually happening on the Western Front, the Germans being busy fighting the Russians, so this is in a way understandable. After the Battle of Britain the UK actually played a minor role in this war until 1944. An important point in understanding WW2 is the fact that 8 of 10 German soldiers died on the Eastern front. The title is misleading. "Boredom at a British Airfield During World War 2", would be more fitting.

Aotn says

A good book overall. Sheds much light on the "extracurricular" side of flying beaufighters and mosquitoes. Good description of training. I would have appreciated a much more in-depth description of the operational side. As it is, only one or two of the thirty or so operations flown are briefly covered. The rest focusses on friendships, weddings, carousing, women, etc...still fun.

Judy A. busby says

You're in the greatest generation

So real, no fiction novel could compare. The reader experiences all the raw emotions of a valiant man and his fellow fighters. It's personal and inspiring. Nobody just showed up in dress uniform never telling of bodily functions, doubts or disgust.

DIGBY MARTIN FLETCHER says

The cavalier of the sky

This is a marvellous mixture of humour and reality. It describes the writer's flying career from training in 1942 right through night flying in the war to the aftermath. In spite of the frequent deaths and injuries he maintains outrageous humour and to him it was all great fun. Like all real life, the truth is far more complicated than any fiction. Thoroughly recommended.

Jeannie Walker says

This book helped to shine a light on the dark corners of World War Two and life in the RAF. I want to thank the author for the photos and for a book that is well written. It provided me with insight on the engagement of RAF night fighter operations. Graham White was among one of hundreds of good patriots who flew over Germany, and he was blessed (or lucky) to survive many combat missions. I am glad he came back to earth. Any war is a sad tale, but this book has some comical moments that both my husband and myself enjoyed reading. I hope everyone takes a ride with the night fighter on this one mission. Gives you a good idea of what these brave guys went through in the cockpit and in some of their personal lives.

It is an engaging tale and a good read.

Jeannie Walker (Award-Winning Author)

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Pat Cooper says

Interesting

I found this fascinating, not the usual combat stories but a warts and all autobiography of the authors development into a night fighter pilot. Quite unusual and an easy read, job to put down.

John cooper

Kelly Willcoxbrackeen says

Great tale, short on subject matter

This book is a good story, but doesn't spend too much time on night fighting missions. It instead focuses on one pilot's experience through the war, training and post-war. There is even a partial tour of Europe on a WWII paratroop scooter. All in all, not a bad story, the title is a little misleading.

William Mills says

Very good. It has affected me as a person. The book describes Chalky's broken femur in 1950 which took 8 months to heal . I had a near identical injury in 1975 which resulted in 4 and half months in traction. The same injury today takes around three weeks to cure. I never knew until I read Mr White's book that the cause of our knee disabilities was not our accidents but by the hospital putting a traction pin in our shins. They never told me.

Otherwise the book was very readable. Too many RAF books insist on included everyone's name and start to read like a memorial. This one fortunately doesn't, and but does include a good deal of interesting

information.

jeff parmley says

Experience of. Actual pilot's mission's in combat

Real life thoughts and opinion no blown up heroics just a pilot carrying out his mission with his picture of station life friendships made and lost terrificly outlined painting pictures. In your mind free of tally his etc life action funny and sad in parts

C J A HARRIS says

Comedy rather than history

The author has a sense of humour which he seems determined to show off consistently and some of his stories are entertaining but it leaves the read rather empty. I know a lot of old veterans don't like to talk about the actual fighting but this is extreme, he flew thirty odd missions but he bRe
