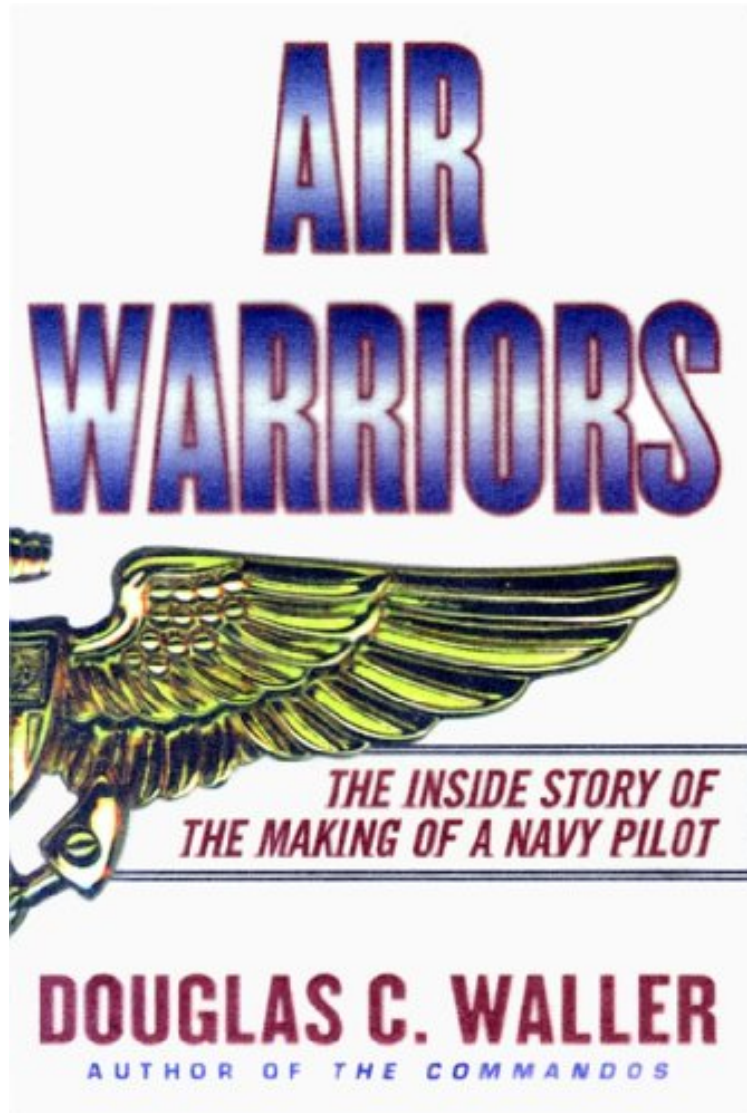


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great work, but where's the rest of the pilots? Von JF (idobudo@earthlink.net) As a pilot in the United States Coast Guard, I

find it odd that all the "glory" and media is given to the "Hornet" and "Tomcat" drivers which are a very very small part of naval aviation. Myself and many of my classmates who graduated from flight school at Naval Air Station Milton--the base where the real pilot training goes on--had the grades required to go on to the jet 'pipeline.' But as a 'Coastie' that option is unavailable due to the fact that the Coast Guard has no tactical fighter aircraft. This is fine with most coasties because they don't desire to fly tactical aircraft. We rather enjoy the rescue and counter narcotics business. No "Top Gun" for us, but "Baywatch" is a more popular show anyway. The beauty of the book is how it depicts the trials and tribulations of the students going through training. Most of my friends from training say it was the, "hardest, yet most enjoyable year they ever spent." After all, they got to wear a green sack and get paid to fly. I just wish more would have been said about the hundreds of people who are outstanding pilots who went on to fly helicopters, C-130s, or E-2/C-2s (which also land on and get shot off carrier flight decks). Also, the book overlooks the fact that many navy "bubbas" get the grades to fly jets but are not allowed to due to, "needs of the Navy." Just let it suffice to say that the book is a fine portriat of life in navy flight school, but ANYONE who wears the, "wings of gold" has accomplished a major feat and deserves the same recognition as the real life, "Maverics" or "Icemen" of the fleet.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. good material, poor writingVon Ein KundeI bought this book because I've been accepted for Navy pilot training and want to know more about what's in store for me. The information contained in Air Warriors was interesting and useful, but very poorly presented. The author writes like a seventh grader, and the organization of the text is not very good. Waller tries to interweave the stories of several people (in a failed attempt to emulate Amy Tan's far better execution of the technique in The Joy Luck Club), but some of the stories are just not long enough to warrant this approach. He is obviously trying to write in a style that is not natural for him. In many cases, he leaves the reader wondering what happens to a certain "character" (these are real people he's writing about, after all) until a skimpy summary section at the end. Waller had the potential to write a good book, but his writing style (or, rather, lack thereof) gets in the way.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Essential Reading for Future Naval AviatorsVon Ein KundeAs a former US Navy attack pilot (A-6), I strongly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in Naval aviation. Contrary to popular fiction (fueled by recruiting propaganda, of course), the job and lifestyle of the Navy aviator is not best described in what you see in Top Gun or on the Discovery channel.The Fly Navy experience as much about failure, visceral fear, and emotional ambiguity as it is about Maverick getting laid and bending around at the speed of sound. I am particuarly impressed at how skillfully the author captured the gut-wrenching grind that the attrition (err training) program is all about.This book gets 5 stars in its category and 3 stars for general literary merit. For those interested in this genre, I also recommend "Iron Claw", written by an actual EA-6 aviator.

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