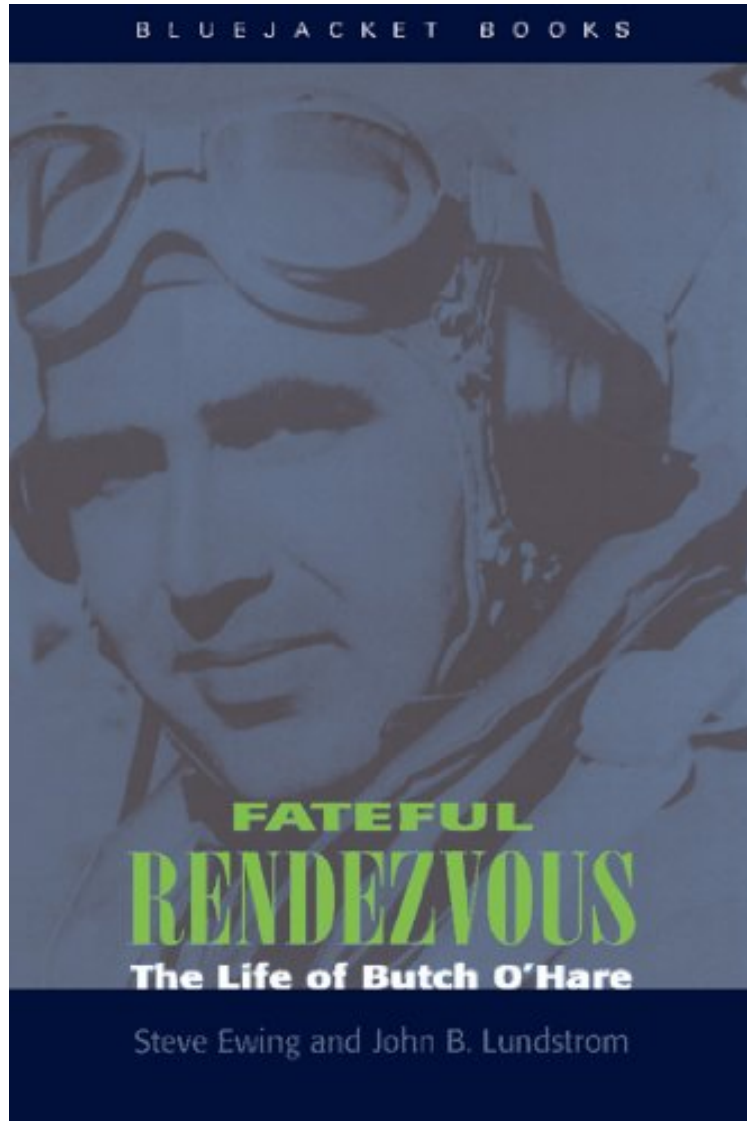


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Fateful Rendezvous: The Life of Butch O'Hare* (Bluejacket Books):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Hagiographical biography of a hero Von Ein Kunde Having read Lundstrom's excellent *First Team* books, I was anxious to get my hands on this book which he co-authored. After the first fifty pages, though, I was beginning to

wonder about the tone of the book; I had anticipated a bit more down-to-earth approach, but the authors opted for the "hero in the making" style. Actually, the only interesting bits are in the latter half of the book, when Butch finally gets into combat flying, and as is the case with all Lundstrom's combat books, the dogfight descriptions are absolutely great. Likewise, the account of the death of Butch O'Hare is excellent. The problem is that they only fill about a fourth of the book. The rest is filled with hagiography, which I was surprised to find. After all, we have the book "Bader - the man and his men", giving a detailed account of England's O'Hare, Douglas Bader, minus the holy approach. It is possible to present the life of a true hero without superficial glamour, but Lundstrom and Ewing missed it here. Another case in point is Blackburn and Hammel's "Jolly Rogers". There, too, a hero is given a thorough treatment, but there's no added sugar. Maybe it is because the authors are not accustomed to writing from this angle; I think I'll stick to their pure combat books.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the remaining mysteries of WWII solved. Von Ein Kunde John Lundstrom is one of the few, maybe the only current writer of US naval aviation history who can describe air to air combat and have it make sense. *Fateful Rendezvous* continues John's standing in that category of writer. His description of the fateful night in November is a masterwork of clarity. The movement of all the participants are put into context with each other and the US Task Force under attack. Getting the context right is something both John and Steve do very well and it shows in this book. Steve's coverage of O'Hare's early years and the family's social standing, including the association with Al Capone are revealed with detail and a solid sense of the times. Those interested in Chicago and American social history between the wars will find *Fateful Rendezvous* brings a new perspective to that topic. John places the events of O'Hare's Navy service in the greater context of the United States' preparation for and fighting in WWII. John also brings in the Japanese point of view as their tactics change in response to the increasing power of the USN in the Pacific. Both authors are known for their attention to detail and strong sense of historical honesty. This book continues that tradition. Having read a pre-publication copy I can't wait to have a finished edition of *Fateful Rendezvous* on my shelf.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is a must-read for naval aviation history buffs. Von Michael J. Schaffner The authors obviously researched their subject quite thoroughly in preparation for this excellent piece of history. In my previous readings, Butch O'Hare has remained somewhat of an enigma. This book provides great insights into the man and his times. This is a great tribute to an American hero. I wish there were more books like this about other heroes from this time period. Men like John Basilone, Alexander Bonnyman, and Richard Bong need to have their stories retold for a new generation of readers

Kurzbeschreibung Fighter pilot Butch O'Hare became one of America's heroes in 1942 when he saved the carrier *Lexington* in what has been called the most daring single action in the history of combat aviation. In fascinating detail the authors describe how O'Hare shot down five attacking Japanese bombers and severely damaged a sixth and other awe-inspiring feats of aerial combat that won him awards, including the Medal of Honor. They also explain his key role in developing tactics and night-fighting techniques that helped defeat the Japanese. In addition, the authors investigate events leading up to O'Hare's disappearance in 1943 while intercepting torpedo bombers headed for the *Enterprise*. First published in 1997, this biography utilizes O'Hare family papers and U.S. and Japanese war records as well as eyewitness interviews. It is essential reading for a true understanding of the development of the combat naval aviation and the talents of the universally admired and well-liked Butch O'Hare.