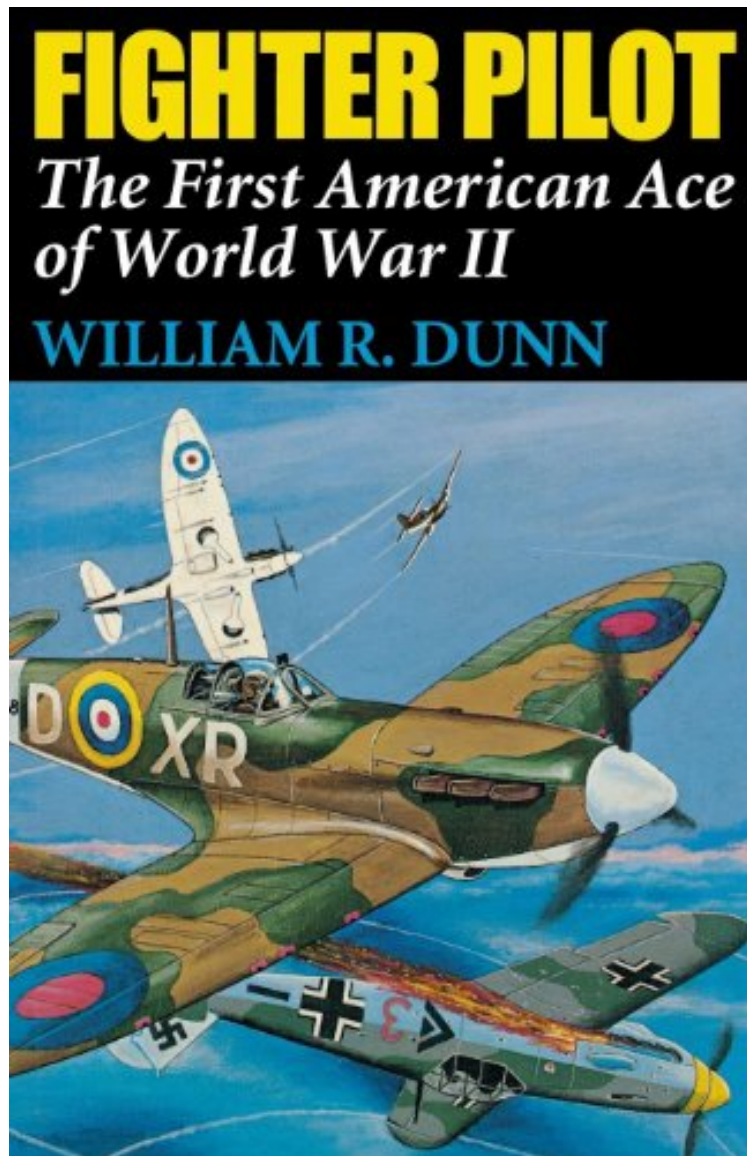


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very entertaining biography of an unusual individual.Von CustomerWilliam R. Dunn, with a slightly cliched but quite capable and at times understated style, tells his own story. It is about a person who engaged in more adventures than

most of us could conceive. He rounded up and broke wild horses in the 1930's in the American West, fought with a Canadian highland regiment in France, became the first American ace with the RAF Eagle Squadron, helped force the German's back to Germany with the USAAF 9th Air Force, continued with Chenault and Chiang in China and, to cap his long career, contributed with the US Air Force in Viet Nam. In his childhood, the author set a goal to be a flyer. He never wavered in its pursuit until he achieved the goal and then never stopped flying until first the Air Force asked him to retire and then death finally revoked his pilot's license. His perseverance was evident by the fact that after marrying a Canadian girl in 1943 he only visited her and his son on two brief occasions until he finished in China in 1947. Of course, she did the right thing. He also didn't quit when the Air Force retired his Lt. colonel rank after the war and he re-enlisted as a technical sergeant. The bureaucrats involved with his loss of rank should have been court marshalled by the way. An interesting footnote is that he was proud of his marksmanship with weapons. He shot down two German bombers with a puny Lewis Gun as an infantryman. He was a relatively prolific scorer compared with his peers as a fighter pilot in Hurricanes and Spitfires. Then, after an accident when attempting to take off with a Thunderbolt he mentioned that he wasn't seriously hurt and in passing that it only cost him the sight in one eye. While it wasn't clear when his vision became monocular, he did fly the next day. My point is that he never shot down another airplane in his long subsequent career after this incident despite some opportunities. Though Bill never commented on it in the book, I wonder if his sight was a factor.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well written, clear and factual. Bill writes the way it was. Von Ein Kunde I first became interested in Bill's story while I was doing research for a painting I was preparing for an American Society of Aviation Artists annual seminar. We talked many times on the phone when I needed some detail or other for the painting, and he offered to send me a copy of his book. When I started to read it, I couldn't put it down. He even autographed it for me and is now one of my treasured possessions. Since the seminar was in the same town he lived, I invited him to the show to see the painting I had done of the Hurricane he flew in No. 71 Squadron of the Eagle Squadron RAF. It was a very emotional for both of us, especially when he turned to me and said, "that's just the way it was". He really was America's First Ace of WW2.

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