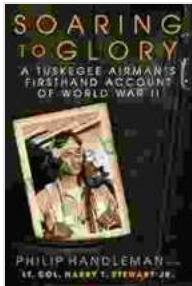


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The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American military aviators in the United States Army Air Forces. They flew combat missions in World War II and distinguished themselves as some of the most skilled and courageous pilots in the war.

This book is a firsthand account of the Tuskegee Airmen's experiences in World War II. It is written by Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who was the commander of the Tuskegee Airmen's 99th Fighter Squadron. Davis provides a detailed account of the challenges that the Tuskegee Airmen faced, both on and off the battlefield. He also shares his personal experiences as a Tuskegee Airman and offers a unique perspective on the war.

This book is an important historical document that sheds light on the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen to the war effort. It is also a moving and inspiring story that will appeal to readers of all ages.

About the Author

Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was born in Washington, D.C., in 1912. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1936 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. In 1941, he was assigned to the Tuskegee Army Air Field, where he became the commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron.

Under Davis's leadership, the 99th Fighter Squadron became one of the most successful fighter squadrons in the war. The squadron flew over 1,500 combat missions and shot down over 200 enemy aircraft. Davis was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star for his bravery and leadership.

After the war, Davis continued to serve in the Air Force. He retired from the Air Force in 1970 with the rank of brigadier general. He died in 2002 at the age of 89.

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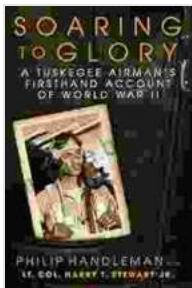
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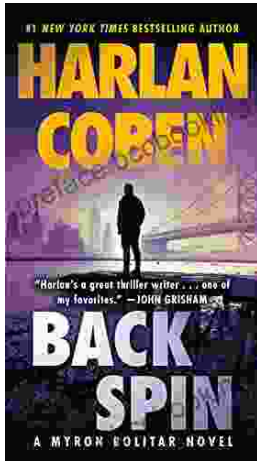
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