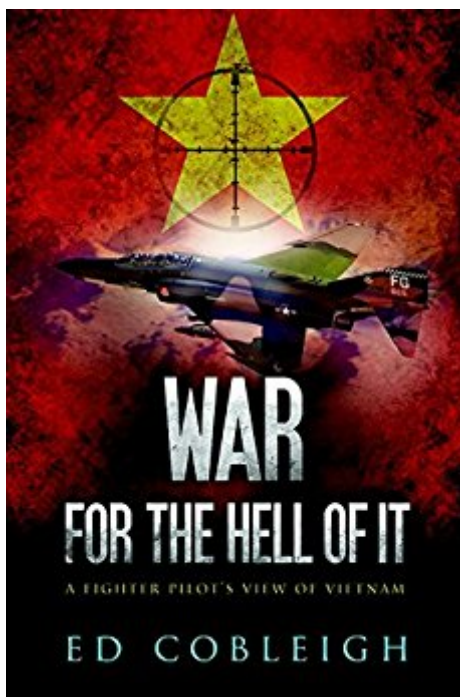


The book was found

War For The Hell Of It: A Fighter Pilot's View Of Vietnam



Synopsis

Ed, "Fast Eddie," Cobleigh served two tours of duty during the Vietnam air war, logging 375 combat sorties in the F-4 Phantom fighter/bomber. In *War for the Hell of It*, Cobleigh shares his perspectives in a deeply personal account of a fighter pilot's life, one filled with moral ambiguity and military absurdities offset by the undeniable thrill of flying a fighter aircraft. With well-crafted prose that puts you into the Phantom's cockpit, Cobleigh vividly recounts the unexplainable loss of his wingman, the useless missions he flew, the need to trust his reflexes, eyesight, and aggressiveness, and his survival instincts in the heat of combat. He discusses the deaths of his squadron mates and the contradictions of a dirty, semi-secret war fought from beautiful, exotic Thailand. This is an unprecedented look into the state of mind of a pilot as he experiences everything from the carnage of a crash to the joy of flying through a star-studded night sky, from the illogical political agendas of Washington to his own dangerous addiction to risk. Cobleigh gives a stirring and emotional description of one man's journey into airborne hell and back, recounting the pleasures and the pain. the wins and the losses. and ultimately, the return.

Book Information

File Size: 1002 KB

Print Length: 275 pages

Publisher: Check Six Books; 2 edition (January 4, 2016)

Publication Date: January 4, 2016

Sold by:Â Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B01A7GI1IY

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #20,499 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #11 inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > History > Military > Vietnam War #13 inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > History > Military > Aviation #15 inÂ Books > History > Military > United States > Vietnam War

Customer Reviews

Vietnam-era combat pilots are too often overlooked. Their bombing campaign was one of our

nation's costliest air offensives. Yet, for most Americans, it's the "grunts" on the ground who remain the face of U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia. Perhaps that's because so many Vietnam aviation narratives concentrate on technical details at the expense of human experience. In "War for the Hell of It," Ed Cobleigh has given us an arresting emotional account of one pilot's personal war. Forget "The Right Stuff." Cobleigh pierces that popular image and takes us inside the helmet of a USAF fighter pilot, circa 1969. His memoir is much more than airspeed and avionics, operations and ordnance. This is a book about warriors; the author just happens to fight his war from the cockpit of an F-4 Phantom II fighter-bomber. Cobleigh's account is unsentimental and unsparing. He's a relentless veteran, cold and competent. Over two tours and 375 combat missions he makes mistakes, he hates the enemy, he loses friends, and he copes by resorting to denial and detachment. Yet, for all his hard-won cynicism, Cobleigh refuses to surrender his humanity. This is a book about duty. Winners get out alive, and survivors are obligated to tell the truth. One reason why Cobleigh's memoir is so compelling is because it's not a straight chronology. Readers who expect dates and specifications will be disappointed. Instead, Cobleigh wisely chooses to tell his story as a series of vignettes that capture vivid on-the-spot impressions. It so happens that the father of one of my high-school classmates served with the USAF in Vietnam. Weapons officer in a Phantom, he won the Distinguished Flying Cross. When he told us war stories, this is what they sounded like.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Vietnam War: Soldier Stories: Untold Tales of Soldiers on the Battlefields of the Vietnam War (Vietnam war, soldier stories, Gunship Pilot, Marine Corp, Vietnam History, Vietnam memoirs) War For the Hell of It: A Fighter Pilot's View of Vietnam Vietnam War: The Vietnam War in 50 Events: From the First Indochina War to the Fall of Saigon (War Books, Vietnam War Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 6) The Pilot's Manual: Ground School: All the aeronautical knowledge required to pass the FAA exams and operate as a Private and Commercial Pilot (The Pilot's Manual Series) Vipers in the Storm: Diary of a Gulf War Fighter Pilot Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War Soul Survivor: The Reincarnation of a World War II Fighter Pilot IP6: Nature's Revolutionary Cancer Fighter: Nature's Revolutionary Cancer-Fighter Jet Fighter School II: More Training for Computer Fighter Pilots (Top gun) Highway 1, Hell & Horror - Vietnam War Convoys - Ambushes: Truck Drivers - Chasing Ghosts - Engine Out Survival Tactics: Fighter Pilot Tactics for General Aviation Engine Loss Emergencies Malta Spitfire: The Diary of an Ace Fighter Pilot The Great Leader and the Fighter Pilot: The True Story of the Tyrant Who Created North Korea and the Young Lieutenant Who Stole His Way to Freedom Spitfire!: The Experiences of a Battle of Britain Fighter Pilot Fighter Pilot Battle Hymn: Chaplain Turned Fighter Pilot World War 2 History's

10 Most Incredible Women: World War II True Accounts Of Remarkable Women Heroes (WWII history, WW2, War books, world war 2 books, war history, World war 2 women) Private Pilot Test Prep 2017: Study & Prepare: Pass your test and know what is essential to become a safe, competent pilot — from the most trusted source in aviation training (Test Prep series) The Standard Pilot Log (Black): ASA-SP-30 (Standard Pilot Logbooks) The Standard Pilot Log (Navy Blue): ASA-SP-57 (Standard Pilot Logbooks)

[Dmca](#)