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Description

Manfred von Richthofen - the Red Baron - was the most celebrated fighter pilot of the First World War, and was holder of the Blue Max, Pour le M, rite, Germany's highest military decoration. He was credited with 80 victories in the air, before being shot down in disputed circumstances aged 26. In this autobiography Richthofen tells not only his own story but also that of his contemporaries, their duels in the sky, ever present danger, fame, honor and spiraling death.

Insightful reviews

Holly: Whether highly censored or not there were a few episodes relayed in this book by Richthofen I find highly fascinating! Although sometime after this book was published he was quoted to have said about the book, "I find it insolent, I am no longer that person." I was glad to hear this as his attitude toward killing was getting a bit tiresome. The gems of this book are the very human moments I can identify with! For example he says before his first solo fight (which is always a relative surprise) he writes he wanted to say, "no, I am too afraid." But instead writes that of course he told nobody he was afraid and instead got inside the plane to go with whatever may come. He said I he felt confident on take off but still didn't know how he was going to make a successful landing until he just "did it." Other moments I found truly fascinating were the number of mistakes he made in everyday flying...no serious competency mistakes but just a momentary lack of paying attention..I can seriously relate. Makes me cut myself a bit of slack...I mean, If the Red Baron suffers from it...it's certainly ok that I do!

Jose Yuste: La autobiografía del mayor as de los cielos de la Primera Guerra Mundial. Una edición cuidada, esta de [Macadan](#), para este pequeño librito. Rústica, con unos bonitos colores en su portada y una buena impresión en un buen papel.

Una lectura rápida, el libro ocupa menos de 200 páginas, completamente distinta a otros pesados y abstrusos tratados sobre combates, estrategias o razones de y sobre las guerras y las batallas.

El propio protagonista nos cuenta sus vivencias de una manera excesivamente concisa la mayoría de las ocasiones. Una historia amena, que sabe a poco, escrita con sencillez, a menudo con humor, otras veces con sentimiento y siempre con la pasión del joven que ha vivido de primera mano lo que relata. Un joven valiente y orgulloso de ser alemán y de lo que hace. Anécdota tras anécdota nos cuenta su paso por la academia, su tiempo en caballería y su llegada a la aviación donde se convirtió en el héroe cuya foto decoraba todas las casas de Alemania.

Richthofen escribió esta autobiografía mientras estaba convaleciente después de ser herido en la cabeza y la termina con imaginación hablando del futuro de la aviación. Futuro que no pudo disfrutar él pues fue mortalmente alcanzado poco después de volver al frente.

Shawn Martin: This autobiography shoots down the stereotypes of the ace. If you can read through the propagandized editing, you see a calculating individual who really didn't care about the politics of war. He was the last of the noble warriors.

David: I believe the name interprets higher as "The pink conflict Flyer", which inserts greater in that era. I stuck myself thinking, I'm hoping this man has an afternoon task except writing, after which I remembered, oh yes, he's the crimson Baron. Also, during the filters of translation, German censorship, and British censorship, who is aware what the fellow initially said. Nevertheless, it is demanding not to be interesting whilst telling tales approximately fighter triplanes.

Stephen: the typical guy in the street would possibly not be aware of first thing concerning the nice War, yet he will have heard of the crimson Baron. characteristic that to a foolish song, or a Peanuts comedian trip, yet within the nice warfare Germany had no hero like Baron Manfred von Richthofen, a real knight of the air. starting as a cavalry captain, von Richthofen joined the air provider and shortly proved a frightful natural. The crimson Baron constitutes his memoir during the war, and what can't be instructed through his dying is instructed by way of others, specifically his brother and an English pilot. Owing both to the author's army precision, German directness, or the results of translation, The pink Baron is brief and to the point. The memoirs open with experiences from his time using with the Uhlans in Russia prior to he broadcasts that he's becoming a member of the air service. His experiences from time on the entrance are mostly with out emotion, yet they're aided through interspersed letters to buddies at domestic within which the Baron finds his pleasure at flying, his innovations approximately his foes, and finally his worry in regards to the inevitable. His list used to be exceptional; earlier than his personal death, the Baron used to be answerable for at least 80 kills within the air. He expresses little excitement in this, other than a hunter's quiet delight in having long past out and gotten his quarry, and not rails opposed to his foes. The French he regards with a bit disdain simply because they like ambushes within the air, and skilled pilots are too clever for that method of paintings long; the English are way more worthwhile opponents, no matter if they take pleasure in theatrics a bit too much. (So says the guy with a brilliant crimson 'crate'). yet having dispatched such a lot of competitors himself, and seeing Germany lose flooring and his many neighbors dead, the Baron may perhaps believe demise coming for him. After expressing anxiousness approximately what used to be to come back -- and shoving it out of the way, understanding he needs to do his responsibility -- the memoirs end, through a story through his brother, the account of an English pilot, and a piece of writing approximately his burial. The appendices are really good, together with diagrams of all of the significant fighter planes pointed out throughout. The crimson Baron takes it slow to hot to a reader, being very staid for the main half and translated imperfectly, however it does have the advantage of being the suggestions of the guy himself, and never simply speculations and praises of him. that continues to be its leader promoting point, notwithstanding there are dashes of knowledge that supply readers a think for what it may possibly were prefer to struggle within the air. "We came across Richthofen. His face, relatively peaceful, had an expression of gentleness, of refinement. abruptly I felt miserable, desperately unhappy, as though I had dedicated an injustice. There can be no feeling of pleasure that there lay Richthofen, the best of all! In my center I cursed the strength that's dedicated to death. I gnashed my teeth. I cursed the war! If he were my dearest friend, I couldn't have felt higher sorrow". - Captain A. Roy Brown, RFC/RAF

Evan: This booklet is an engaging interest piece. It used to be written whereas the famed "Red Baron" was once on depart after his fifty-second kill, despatched East to satisfy a bevy of dignitaries. The memoir itself used to be seriously labored over by means of propaganda

editors, and so readers should still learn very some distance among the lines. As a bit of writing, it really is unremarkable. As a set of battle stories, it is fairly something. I used to be so much taken through the juxtaposition of chic savagery and genteel chivalry exhibited by means of contributors of Richthofen's royal class. He writes of "putting humans opposed to the wall" as a cavalry officer, which I am lovely definite is a euphemism for army execution (at the ripe age of twenty-two or so), yet later within the booklet is feted with oysters and champagne after being shot down and crash-landing. The most outstanding function of this complete factor is the sheer cognitive dissonance of the "sporting" lifetime of a pilot as opposed to the totally wicked violence of the world's so much unnecessary and harmful trench-war grudge match. The pilots speak in jovial bon mots and clap one another at the back, in among tossing bombs onto squaddies and splattering British and French pilots. Do not hassle attempting to find mentions of big-picture strategic options or perhaps any reasoning for the struggle at large. That isn't what the crimson Baron was once about.

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