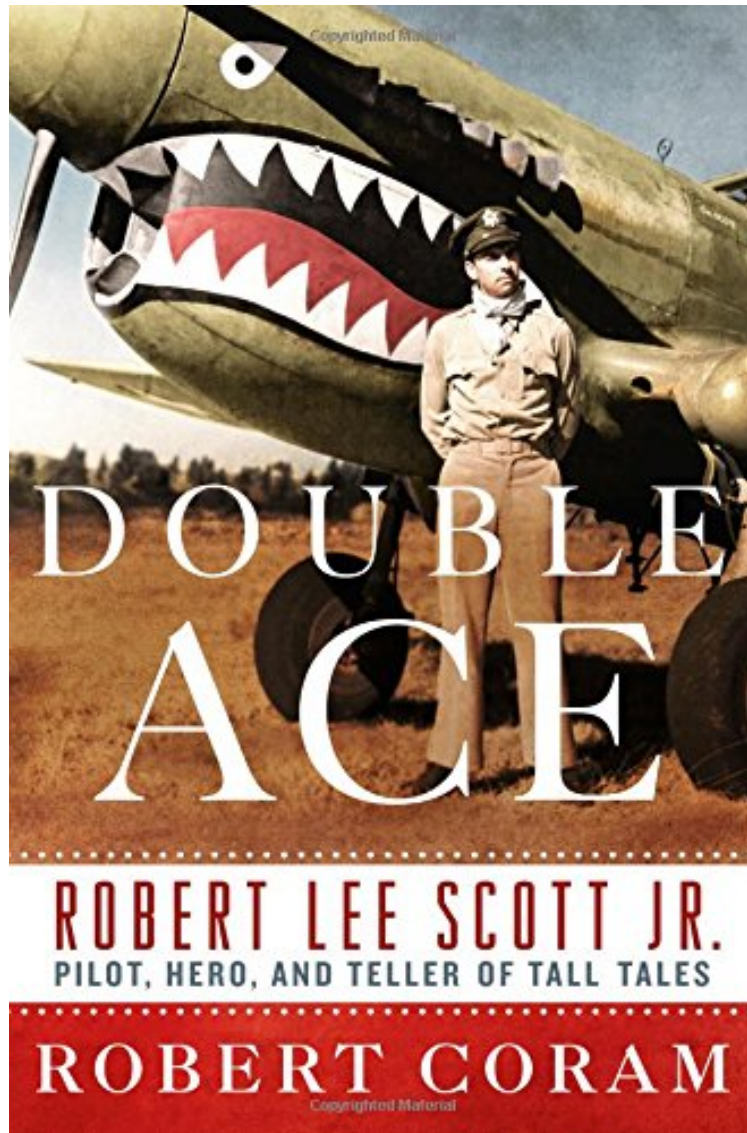


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. he is a masterful author and his works never disappoint. Outstanding readBy John HuntThis is one of many books by Robert Coram, which I consider as favorites... he is a masterful author and his works never disappoint. Outstanding read!12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. When the Legend Becomes Fact, Print the Legend...The Life of Robert Lee Scott, Jr., Fighter Pilot!By Mike O'ConnorIn his almost 100-year lifetime, Robert L. Scott, Jr. was many things: an Eagle Scout, a West Point grad, an acclaimed national hero, a WWII fighter ace and leader, a best-selling author, noted speaker and the spark plug that helped create Georgia's Museum of Aviation. And, according to Robert Coram's illuminating and absolutely fascinating biography, Scott also flunked out of high school and was a shameless self-promoter and teller of tall tales who never let the truth get in the way of a good story, a serial womanizer and an absentee husband and father not to mention the fact that, though he made general, he played fast and loose with USAF rules and regs and had financial troubles throughout his life. Scott's complicated and complex life is brought to vivid life in DOUBLE ACE, THE LIFE OF ROBERT LEE SCOTT JR.. a 2016 St. Martin's Press release.Scott's troubles originated with his mother, who lived out her frustrated dreams through her first born. If Ola Burckhalter Scott couldn't achieve greatness, her favorite child, the center of her world, could - and would - under her endless poking and prodding. It was 'Mama' who set her first born on his life's course. After witnessing a demonstration flight by Eugene Ely on 19 October 1911 - a flight that ended in Ely's death! - Scott's mother told Robert Lee was going to grow up to be not just an aviator but an aviator as famous as Ely. The die was cast and after barely eking through West Point - he was 257th in a class of 262 - he embarked on an Army Air Corps career Scott was determined to become a fighter pilot but he spent his early days flying the U.S. Mail before being assigned to the Panama Canal Zone flying Boeing P-12s. He married in September 1934 but his wife - and later, his daughter - wouldn't see much of him; flying was his consuming passion. In June 1937 he reported to Randolph Field as an instructor, a posting that he saw as evidence that other Air Force officers were conspiring to keep him out of fighters. Future postings frustratingly kept him in Training Command until, after war's outbreak, he fast-talked his way into Task Force Aquila, a top-secret Air Force project to bomb Japan with B-17s based in China. By the time Aquila fizzled out, the B-17s were in Karachi. Scott then hooked up with the Assam-Burma-China Ferry Command, flying supplies over the Hump in C-47s. The ABC Command had several Republic P-43s and Curtiss P-40s on hand. Ever the fighter, Scott appropriated the fighters and began flying unauthorized combat missions. His exploits brought him to the attention of the AVG commander, Colonel Claire Chennault, and the rest, as they say, is history.DOUBLE ACE is not just a compelling, warts-and-all examination of one of the most famous Air Force pilots of WWII or ever. In relating Scott's WWII exploits, Coram also interweaves the story of Claire Chennault and his championing of fighter aviation stateside and his subsequent combat career in the CBI Theater. Further, Coram details the political intrigues that plagued the Allied effort in China involving AAF brass, General Stillwell, Chennault, Chiang Kai-shek and his wife.In short, the life of Robert L. Scott is a real-life tall tale skillfully untangled by Coram. In the end, whatever the man's shortcomings, Robert L. Scott will be remembered as an inspiration to countless young Americans who, after reading of his exploits in GOD IS MY CO-PILOT, aspired to a military flying career. DOUBLE ACE is a great read. Buy it. Highly recommended.*****9,900 Helpful Votes!0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Teresa KnightFor my Dad

Robert Lee Scott was larger than life. A decorated Eagle Scout who barely graduated from high school, the young man from Macon, Georgia, with an oversize personality used dogged determination to achieve his childhood dream of becoming a famed fighter pilot. In Double Ace, veteran biographer Robert Coram, himself a Georgia man, provides readers with an unprecedented look at the defining characteristics that made "Scotty" a uniquely American hero. First capturing national attention during World War II, Scott, a West Point graduate, flew missions in China alongside the legendary "Flying Tigers," where his reckless courage and victories against the enemy made headlines. Upon returning home, Scott's memoir, brashly titled God is My Co-Pilot, became an instant bestseller, a successful film, and one of the most important books of its time. Later in life, as a retired military general, Scott continued to add to his list of accomplishments. He traveled the entire length of China's Great Wall and helped found Georgia's Museum of Aviation, which still welcomes 400,000 annual visitors. Yet Scott's life was not without difficulty. His single-minded pursuit of greatness was offset by debilitating bouts of depression, and his brashness placed him at odds with superior officers, wreaking havoc on his career. What wealth he gained he squandered, and his numerous public affairs destroyed his relationships with his wife and child. Backed by meticulous research, Double Ace brings Scott's uniquely American character to life and captures his fascinating exploits as a national hero alongside his frustrating foibles.

"Coram concludes that the Georgia-born Scott was an avid storyteller and egotistical self-promoter convinced of his own destiny ... Coram's mixed feelings about Scott are convincing, and the bad behavior makes for entertaining reading." - Publishers Weekly"... Coram's book is a pleasure for fans of military aviation history." - Kirkus sAbout the AuthorRobert Coram is a Pulitzer Prize nominated journalist and the author of over a dozen books including biographies of Air Force pilots John Boyd and Bud Day.