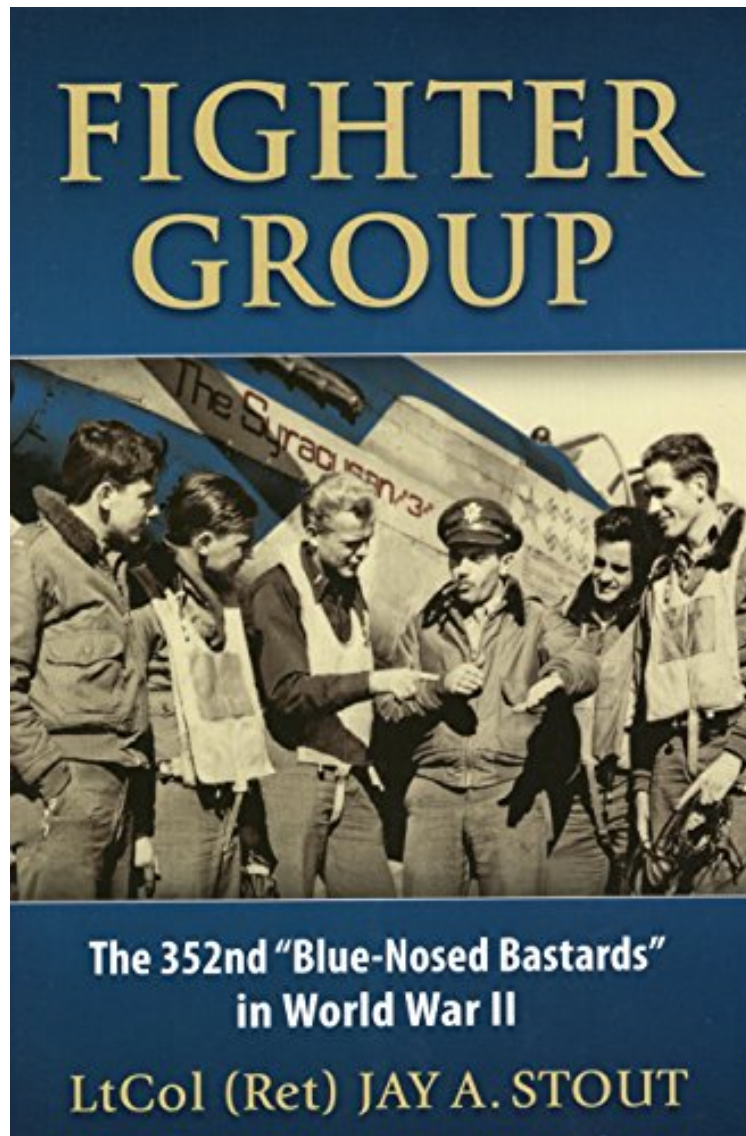


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Remarkable Achievement By Jeannie Walker (Award-Winning Author) Wouldn't it be nice if everyone were perfect? But the fact is: Everyone has failures and faults. The men from the 352nd Fighter Group might not have been perfect. They were ordinary guys, who became heroes, and they got the

job done under horrific circumstances. On one day alone, the 352nd claimed 21 enemy kills. I wish I could say that all of them came back safely from their combat missions, but sadly enough some were killed. The author doesn't forget the ground crews, who were responsible for keeping the planes airworthy. It is not often that Ground get the attention and respect they rightfully deserve. The author is a retired Marine Corps fighter pilot, and he knows his stuff. This is an interesting, albeit sad book at times. War is not a happy tune, but there were some fun times for these men, thank God. I have learned World War Two veterans aren't run-of-the-mill people. Each one is remarkable and extraordinary in different ways. Most don't think they were heroes - but they were just that! I believe this is a book that is well worth taking the time to read. Fighter Group: The 352nd "Blue-Nosed Bastards" in World War II is not an ordinary book - it is an exceptional one. Jeannie Walker (Award-Winning Author) "Fighting the Devil" - A True Story of Consuming Passion, Deadly Poison, and Murder 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A first-rate book about the 8th AF bomber offensive in general, and the Bluenosers in particular. By Aviation Book Fan I give this book my highest recommendation. If you have an interest in air warfare, you will enjoy reading this book. An author can get a unit history, combat reports, maybe a memoir or two, and pump out a unit history. However, you can tell the special ones that were written as a labor of love, where the author went the extra mile to really get to know the veterans of the group to add the authenticity that can never be gleaned from mere paper. This is one of those books. I wondered why "352nd" or "Bluenoser" was not in the title. As the author says, "In part, this story is the story of all the fighter groups of VIII Fighter Command." That is true. There is a wealth of background material on the entire 8th AF bomber offensive, both from the USAAF side and from the Luftwaffe side. Within the broad picture of that struggle, the particular stories of the Bluenosers are highlighted. And what a wonderful collection of stories they are! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A GREAT book about fighter pilots who flew in Europe during WWII. By Ronald Strong The best book I've read on WWII aerial combat. Stout has done his homework, and it shows. The day to day details of what it was like to be in the 352 fighter group make the story come alive. There's the big picture, we all know... the daylight bombing campaign and the desperate attempt to protect the bombers, and the general course of the war as it led up to D Day. But what makes this such a compelling story is the attention to detail about everything from how they loaded ammo or worked the radios or how to deal with a low fuel situation over the Channel, to what they drank and who got the girls. Amazing detail about flying the P-47 and P-51. I love WWII history, but only if it is well written and provides some insight that has not been rehashed a hundred times before. Stout must have read 10,000 old GI letters and action reports to come up with this stuff. This book will not let you down. Tally Ho!

Winner of the San Diego Book Award for History. As described by award-winning author Jay A. Stout, the 352nd Fighter Group was one of the Eighth Air Force's most successful fighter units and counted history's two top-scoring P-51 aces among its ranks. This book--the most comprehensive work ever to cover the actions of a single USAAF fighter unit--details the air actions of not only the group's notable aces, but also the rank-and-file fliers who carried the bulk of the load. It describes the 352nd's activities from its formation at the close of 1942, its movement to England and its combat operations flying P-47s and P-51s against the Third Reich. Although the book covers the unit's actions as a whole, it also follows several pilots in detail. Rich descriptions of tactics and equipment, personal reflections, letters home, amusing anecdotes and, of course, detailed descriptions of air combat. Not simply an award-winning historian, Stout draws from his own combat experience as a fighter pilot to make these discussions credible, interesting and real. 420+ pages, bibliography, index, end notes and two separate photo sections. Jay A. Stout breaks new ground in World War II aviation history with this gripping account of one of the war's most highly decorated American fighter groups

"Stout's aviation expertise sorts fact from fiction and drives to the bone and heart of the fighter pilot in World War II."

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the P-51 Mustang. Stationed at Bodney, northeast of London, England, for most of the war, the 352nd Fighter Group flew as part of the famed U.S. Eighth Air Force, primarily as escorts for the B-17 and B-24 bombers that pounded Germany. In the process, the group's P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs struck crippling blows against the Third Reich's fighter force, helping to render the Luftwaffe incapable of defeating Allied bombers and protecting the homeland from devastation. Drawing on interviews with veterans of the 352nd Fighter Group, their letters home, and the unit's after-action reports, Stout reconstructs the experiences of World War II fighter pilots, from boyhood dreams of flight to wild dogfights in which milliseconds made the difference between life and death. This isn't just the story of a single fighter group; it's the story of how the United States won the air war over Europe.