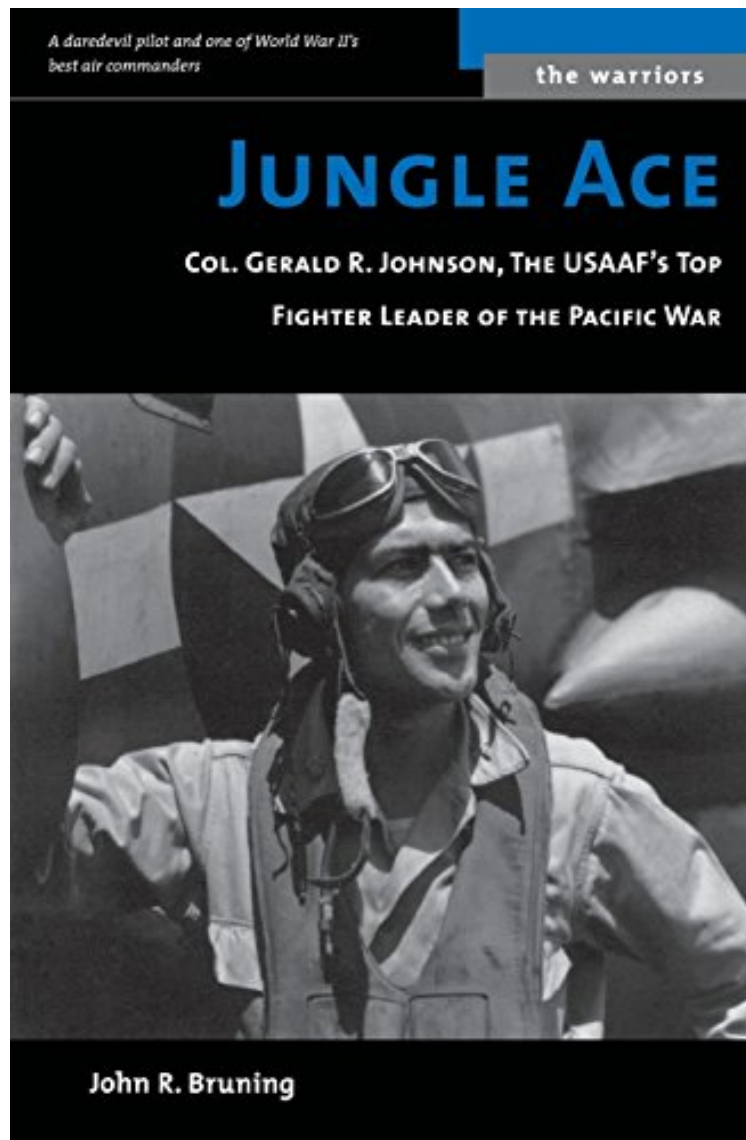


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A good book about an unique character By Botnik Roller This is a very good about air combat in the Pacific in World War II. Gerald "Jerry" Johnson was part of the backbone of the

USAAF top aces of the Pacific War, along with Bong, McGuire and MacDonald. He had 22 official kills to his credit. The book has a lot of, by now, usual tales of the typical air combat of the time, that being that living conditions and operational accidents due to weather or other factors were usually more dangerous than the Japanese fighters. When it comes about air combat, the book usually is all about the P38 destroying Japs by the dozen, rarely suffering any losses. The book has a lot of letters to his wife and sometimes his Dad. Apparently, Jerry Johnson loved to fight and did it without any quarter given or asked. He sprayed Japanese troops on the grounds with gusto, something not all fighter pilots enjoyed. The writing style of the writer is good. There are some annoying typographic errors, and some sentences that do not make sense. For example, near the ending of the book, the writer says something like "if Jerry had survived the war...". Well, since he died in October 1945, he indeed survived the war, an amazing feat after 262 combat missions flying over the merciless and disease-infected Pacific! Yes, he was an active officer on duty abroad when he died, but he survived the war. Also, the writer attributes the suicide of his twin brother (Harold), in 1975, to Jerry's loss. Is it true? If so, it took 30 years for Harold finally to succumb to... what? He was not guilty of Jerry's death in the minimum. A full Colonel at only 24, Jerry Johnson unfortunately never lived to see his infant son. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A tale well told, of an American hero of WWII. By Clarence E. This is a well told tale of an American hero of the WWII airwar in the Pacific. Most of the literature is from the European theater, so an account of the Pacific theater is welcome. Also the literature favors pilots of bombers, P-47s and P-51s. The P-38 is dismissed as unable to maneuver with the Japanese fighters. True, but the P-38 pilots who survived learned to use the advantages their plane possessed, and defeat the Japanese pilots. The element lacking in this book is the insight only a pilot can provide. Another failing (and this is universal) is the perspective of the maintenance crews. The pilots are mostly quick to commend them, but how they did their job is a story long overdue. That being said, it is worthwhile to compare living conditions for pilots in the different theaters. Perhaps the cotton living conditions made the pilots more eager to go kill somebody. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Man, Great Fighter Pilot By John E. Fitzgerald Great story about a great American. I had heard of Gerald R. Johnson, but not the details. This book is told mainly in his own words. Great description of the hardships, boredom, and excitement of the war in the air in the South Pacific. I recommend this to any WWII history buffs.

Flying P-38s, Jerry Johnson shot down 24 aircraft in 265 combat missions in the Pacific theater. At the age of only twenty-four, he commanded the highest-scoring fighter group in the Pacific. Tragically, though Johnson had survived three combat tours, which included a mid-air collision with a Japanese aircraft and being shot down by friendly fire, the new father disappeared without a trace while flying a courier mission one month after the war's end.

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