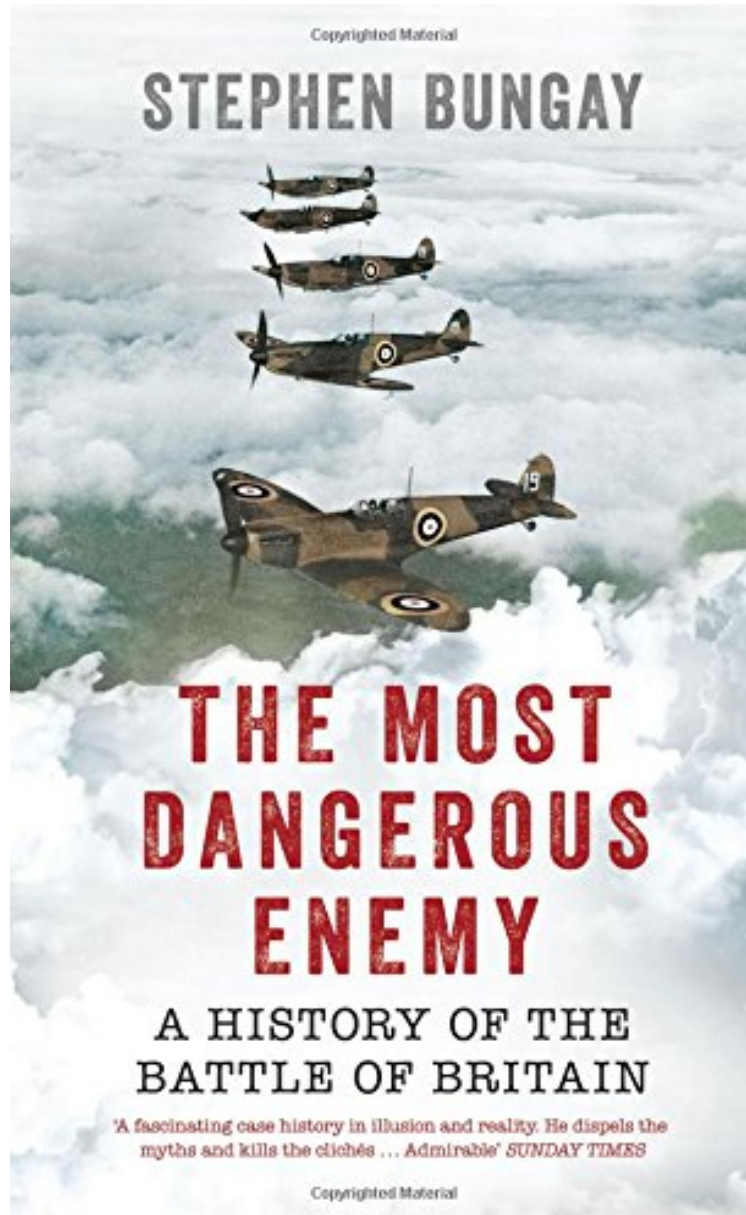


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Highly recommended

I saw a review of the book in the Wall Street Journal; it was on my doorstep in a couple of days, started reading it and could not put it down. A Brit ex-pat friend down the road has it now. His wife lived a mile from RAF Hornchurch during the Battle and remembers the sound of the bombs.

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