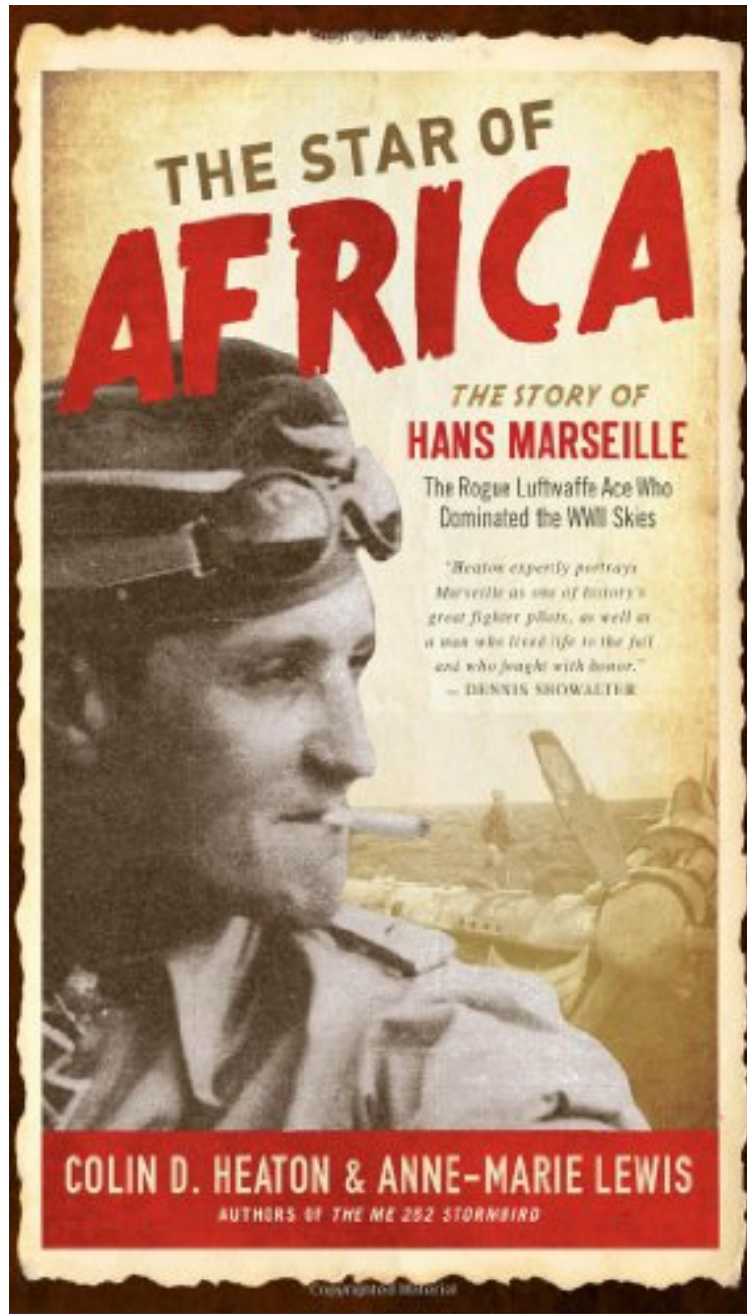


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Colin D. Heaton, Anne-Marie Lewis : The Star of Africa: The Story of Hans Marseille, the Rogue Luftwaffe Ace Who Dominated the WWII Skies before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Star of Africa: The Story of Hans Marseille, the Rogue Luftwaffe Ace Who Dominated the WWII Skies*:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent, but flawed. By S.T. This is the only book I've read on Hans Marseille that's added much lacking humanity to his life story. Like other reviewers have noted, Marseille was truly a romantic and tragic character. This book gives a real sense that he was a knight errant of the desert skies who made a concerted effort to treat his opponents with respect and dignity. The losing side of WWII is so often painted with a wide and unsympathetic brush - the Germans especially presented as Hitler-loving automatons. This book renders a portrait of a man who stridently disagreed with Nazi politics, yet found an escape in flying, loving, and living. The humanized aspect of the book was so engaging, that it was rather jarring and strange when there would be passages that would simply read: on ____ (date) he shot down ____ (a lot) planes. I don't have my copy in front of me at the moment, but there were a few too many passages that felt like information for the sake of information. It was almost as if the book couldn't decide if it wanted to pack in stats and figures like other pedantic war-books, or continue to focus on the human aspect of the subject. In the author's defense, it seems they did it so they could confirm Marseille's figures with British loss records. In that sense, this book is excellently researched. So whether it's numbers or characters, this book covers both; but for myself, I very much enjoyed the care the authors took in showing the struggle of one human being in an untenable situation. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What a story! By Waikiki What a story! It's hard to imagine a more gifted flier, or a more flawed man. We all have our weaknesses, but Hans had more than most. He also had a heart, and did not relish taking another life. Need rationalized he had to in war to survive himself, but that was not an easy decision... A must read! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ***Excellent Look and One of the Forgotten*** By Sam M. Well researched book on the life and times of one of Germany's forgotten heroes. Being a warbird buff purchased this one as I have always been fascinated by the exploits that was touched on in "Horrido"; another good over all book on German aces. This one sheds a little more light on the man himself and is a very good read. For some reason I was requested by for another review when I could've sworn I had previously did one. Regardless, this is another good look at a free spirit who was definitely not a Nazi, but just a damn good pilot with exceptional unmatched skills.

Publication Date: November 15, 2012 "Having read other biographies of Marseille . . . I was surprised to find that this gracefully written new work adds fascinating details and accounts from extensive interviews with Luftwaffe 'Experten' that make it worth reading no matter how deeply immersed in Marseille lore you might already be." - Aviation History magazine

"His list of affairs with women, some even married and famous was an embarrassment, but his success as a fighter pilot quieted much of the dissent." Lt. Gen. Hans Baur "He was so handsome, all the women loved him, and it was easy to be infatuated with him." Film director Leni Riefenstahl "Marseille was the ultimate role model for German youth, until he opened his mouth." Hitler Youth Leader Artur Axmann "His loss was a bitter blow to his compatriots in JG-27 but a blessing to those of us on the other side." Ron Cundy, Royal Air Force, North Africa "If Marseille had about three victories per mission on average. If he had He could have been the top ace above Hartmann, if he had lived." Col. Hannes Trautloft, Knight's Cross "I suppose from what I learned, and what I knew, that once Marseille accidentally learned of Auschwitz, that may have been what changed his attitude." SS Lt. Gen. Karl Wolff "Watching Marseille in the air was like watching a deadly aerial ballet. He looked like he was twelve years old, and often acted like it." Major Werner Schroer, Knight's Cross, Oak Leaves and Swords, JG-27. "Marseille was perhaps the best that the Luftwaffe had. His record was only surpassed by his immature unprofessionalism." Col. Hajo Herrmann, Knight's Cross, Oak Leaves and Swords. "Men like Marseille captured the public imagination, and rightly so. They played a dangerous game, and Marseille was perhaps the best to ever fly a fighter." Lt. Gen. Gunther Rall, Knight's Cross, Oak Leaves, Swords with 275 victories. "There was great rivalry for kills, and Marseille boasted that he would beat all of us." General Gustav Rodel, JG-27, Knight's Cross, Oak Leaves, 98 victories Marseille often cried when he killed man, but he still managed to do his job. He was really too sensitive for the war. Ambassador Franz Elles, JG-27 He was the kind of pilot you probably expected to meet, and deep inside were afraid to. He was apparently just that damned good. BGEN Robin Olds So many charges were filed against him for misconduct, I was stunned at the amount of paperwork. Col. Herbert Ihlefeld To be so young yet so successful was incredible, and we all admired him. Franz Stigler Marseille was perhaps the best deflection shot in the Luftwaffe, and we all knew of his success. Lt. Gen. Gunther Rall I knew that when I saw Yellow 14 and the first Gruppe, my men would be fine. Maj. Gen. Kurt Kuhlmeier, Stuka pilot From the Inside Flap Hans-Joachim Marseille, Germany's greatest fighter pilot of World War II, had an inauspicious beginning. His parents were divorced, and his relationship with his father was difficult. Even

when doing well in school, he was frequently in trouble with his teachers. In the Luftwaffe, he was often written up for his undisciplined behavior—he once landed his plane on the autobahn—and it seemed like he spent most of his time restricted to quarters. He crash-landed planes, flew off on his own leaving his wingman unprotected, and clashed with superior officers. His first commanding officer, Herbert Ihlefeld, sent him packing for repeatedly disobeying orders and breaking formation. In turn, his second commanding officer, Johannes Steinhoff, the famed German ace, also tired of his drunken exploits and careless flying, and sent him off to his third commander, Eduard Neumann.