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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sorta reads like a ReportBy Writing HistorianI was hoping that this book might be an edited version of a memoir written by Hansell which is currently held at the Air Force Academy Library. It is not. In fact, it reads like a report by a senior officer who has been told to write an account that supports the overall agenda of his particular service. So while some parts are informative, it is neither complete nor objective. Recommended with caution.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Precision High Explosive vs. Area Incendiary BombingBy Michael J LeahyHaywood Hansell helped develop stategic bombing theory and he was the first commander of the WWII XXI Bomber Command. Hansell's command attacked mainland Japan with B-29 bombers concentrating on aircraft manufacturing targets. Hansell was replaced by Curtis LeMay who concentrated on low level area incendiary bombing of Japanese cities.This memior makes a cogent argument that precision strategic bombing could have efficiently destroyed Japan's ability to wage war without incinerating the roughly 330,000 Japanese civilians that died from the incendiary, and atomic bomb, attacks. This work is very well written, and documented. It is a work that I wish all American high school students were required to read.I prefer this work to LeMay's autobiography, "Mission With LeMay," and Werrell's recent "Blankets of Fire." The contrast between this

work and LeMay's autobiography is extraordinary.

This book seeks to recount air experience and development before World War II, to describe the objectives, plans and effects of air warfare in Europe and in the Pacific, and to offer criticism, opinion, and lessons of that great conflict. The observations in this book constitute a memoir. This book is part of a series of historical volumes published by the United States Air Force, Office of Air Force History.