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Biographies

Ba Ba Black Sheep

Selected by Volunteer Al Ansbaugh

By Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC (Retired)

Library of Congress Number 58-1206 ©1958 Seventeenth Printing; Published by Wilson Press, Fresno, CA, 384 pages Smith Library location: Section A, D 790.B63

Excerpts from the dust jacket:

"...has written one of the great books of World War II. It might be described as the story of a wild, hard drinking, professional Marine flyer...Winner of a ...Medal of Honor and a Navy Cross for his achievements while leading the Black Sheep squadron in the South Pacific, he had a year as a prisoner of the Japanese...Baa Baa Black Sheep is a wonderful book of self discovery...The heart of this book is the colorful story of Boyington's Black Sheep Squadron."

Aviation History

NUTS!

Southwest Airlines' Crazy Recipe for Business and Personal Success

By Kevin & Jackie Freiberg

Selected by Volunteer Chuck Patterson
Initially from the Mark S. Adams Collection

ISBN 1-885167-18-0 hardcover, First Edition © 1996 Published by Bard Press, Austin, Texas
364 pages Smith Library location: Section A, HE 9803.S68 F74

Excerpts from the dust jacket:

"If you're looking for a way to make work more meaningful and life more passionate, read this inspirational book. Full of original insights, upbeat stories, and concrete suggestions, *NUTS!* Shows how the power of principle-centered leadership inspires people to achieve incredible results." Comment by S. Covey, author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

..."Prepare to be dazzled!...will bring renewing laughter, tug on your heartstrings, stretch your imagination, and lift you to new heights." Comment by A. McGee-Cooper, author of *You Don't Have to Go Home from Work Exhausted! ...*"I luv Nuts! Kevin and Jackie Freiberg have captured all the delicious myth, disarming magic, and serious message of Southwest

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Excerpts from the dust jacket (Continued):

Airlines without reducing it to business trivia. A big-hearted book about a big-hearted company." Comments by J. Kouzes, coauthor of *The Leadership Challenge and Credibility*.

Military History / Technology

Skunk Works

By Ben R. Rich & Leo Janos

Selected by Volunteer Jim Thieme

ISBN 0-316-74330-5 Hardcover, First Edition, ©1994, Published by Little, Brown & Co., Canada, 370 Pages

Smith Library location: Section A, TL568.L63 R53

Excerpts from the dust jacket:

Skunk Works is the true story...of America's most secret and successful aerospace operation. As recounted by Ben Rich, the operation's brilliant boss for nearly two decades, the story...is a high-stakes drama of cold war confrontations and Gulf War air combat, of extraordinary feats of engineering and human achievement ...the windowless Skunk Works hanger...produced the most spectacular aviation triumphs of the twentieth century...Rich's first project was the U-2 spy plane...Among others that followed, the SR-71 Blackbird stands out...a crowning achievement is the revolutionary F-117 Stealth fighter...with first-person narratives from the CIA and Air Force pilots who flew the many classified, risky missions.

Military History

Golden Wings

A Pictorial History of the United States Navy and Marine Corps in the Air

By Martin Caidin

Selected by Volunteer Don Flannigan

Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 60-12150, Hardcover, © 1960, Published in N.Y. by Random House, 232 pages, Smith Library location: Section C VG 93.C23

Excerpts from the dust jacket:

...a saga of men and machines in war and peace, and of the emergence of airpower as the dominant force in the modern Navy...from the earliest beginnings to the Polaris and the Supercarriers, with almost half of the book devoted to World War II...GOLDEN WINGS is unsurpassed in its field. It is the result of a three-year search for the best quality photographs. Some of the four hundred photographs included in the book are published here for the first time...Photographs, captions and 60,000 words of text are coordinated in a superb layout to make GOLDEN WINGS another of Mr. Caidin's major contributions to the literature of the conquest of the air.

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The Man Who Rode The Thunder

By LTC William H. Rankin, USMC

Selected by Volunteer Al Ansbaugh

First printing, © 1961, paperback, a Pyramid Book published by arrangement with Prentice-Hall, New York

Excerpts from the volume:

I had been forced to parachute into the very vortex of one of the most violent thunderstorms ever to strike the East Coast....I had been a helpless captive...I came through it...with the distinction of having survived the longest and most fantastic parachute decent in history....held in the grip of the storm – nearly forty minutes...in a decent from over nine miles up...arrived in Korea in July, 1951, went into action...after more than fifty intensive close air support missions...I hadn't received a scratch...on one occasion...the crew counted 132 holes in my plane...In the name of the President of the United States, a Gold Star in lieu of the second Distinguished Flying Cross...In June 1955, assigned to take command of...first Marine Corps attack squadron to see action in Korea...decided for August to set a full time Marine Corps record, 2000 hours...[The unit] logged 2,600 hours of tactical flying, a record that...remains unbroken...there were no accidents...also...an unbroken record...We received many...commendations...including the Marine Corps aviation safety award for 1955...requested an extension to remain with the squadron...The request was granted...I thanked the men of Squadron 121...to take command of 122...I could scarcely believe it – at last, *a jet squadron!*... assumed command on May 18, 1957... my reputation for insistence on physical fitness had preceded me...The morale of 122 was high...Crusader flying gave us a meticulously hand-picked squadron...I passed my second year with the squadron...asked to be relieved...squadron...wanted to fly 122 hours as a final tribute...I gave permission...the air was charged with squadron spirit...the men paraded onto the field...the record still stands...been asked to give LT Herbert Nolan a checkout in the F8U Crusader...a perfect flight with perfect weather...as we approached Norfolk, Virginia, I noticed ...dark, massive rolling clouds of a thunderstorm. ...just passing 47,000-foot mark...suddenly I heard a thump and a rumbling sound...emergency, "engine seizure"...temperature outside was close to 70 below zero...made the decision – EJECT!... eyes felt as though they were being ripped from their sockets, my head as if it were splitting into several parts, my ears bursting inside...I was convinced I would not survive; no human could...I had been literally shot up like a bullet leaving a gun...This was nature's bedlam... the rain was so dense...I thought I would drown in midair...during my bouts with hailstones...felt as though...being pounded by...hammers...Eventually...I could see my white 'chute clearly...could not believe that I was on the earth...I had lost a great deal of blood...stumbled more than walked...Many cars...passed me...car pulled alongside... after ...ride...ambulance came...hospital at Cherry Point...might ground me...not...able to fly jets again...pressure chamber test...was over...Tiger One was back in the air.

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