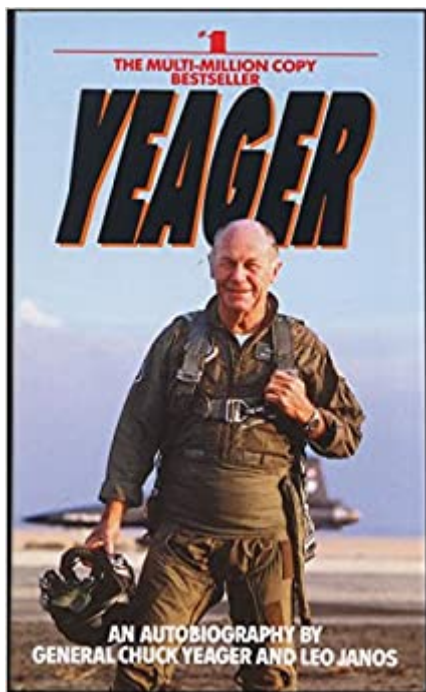


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Yeager: An Autobiography



Synopsis

General Chuck Yeager, the greatest test pilot of them all -- the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound . . .the World War II flying ace who shot down a Messerschmitt jet with a prop-driven P-51 Mustang . . .the hero who defined a certain quality that all hotshot fly-boys of the postwar era aimed to achieve: the right stuff. Now Chuck Yeager tells his whole incredible life story with the same "wide-open, full throttle" approach that has marked his astonishing career. What it was really like engaging in do-or-die dogfights over Nazi Europe. How after being shot over occupied France, Yeager somehow managed to escape. The amazing behind-the-scenes story of smashing the sound barrier despite cracked ribs from a riding accident days before. The entire story is here, in Yeager's own words, and in wonderful insights from his wife and those friends and colleagues who have known him best. It is the personal and public story of a man who settled for nothing less than excellence, a one-of-a-kind portrait of a true American hero.

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YA Bona fide heroes are a rare breed, and while Chuck Yeager would be the first to deny he was one, his life story tells a different tale. Here he describes his early life in the hills of West Virginia; his years as fighter pilot in World War II, where he was shot down in occupied France and escaped with the help of the French Resistance; his love of flying. His coolness under pressure; his knowledge of how everything on his plane worked; and his extraordinary luck saved his life in many instances. Brash, opinionated, stubborn and given to wild antics, Yeager also comes across as a man of

integrity and courage. Yeager both lived and made aviation history. He tells his story vividly and pulls no punches in describing the events and the people who made history with him. Diana Hirsch, PGCMLS, Md. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

People who know nothing else about aviation know that it was Chuck Yeager who broke the sound barrier. Those who have read Tom Wolfe's *The Right Stuff* also know he did it with broken ribs from a nocturnal horse race. Readers of this engrossing work will find these circumstances typical of the way Yeager has always done things. In matter-of-fact language that covers both suspenseful flying descriptions and high times with drunken flying buddies, Yeager holds one's attention with the same ease that he brought to research and test flying. There is understatement in his descriptions of combat flying over Europe, of family life and his displeasure over having to be gone so long, of the years in the California desert; and his confident tone enhances these and other reminiscences in what has to be the aviation literature event of the year, and a bonus for general readers, too. BOMC main selection. Mel D. Lane, Sacramento, Cal. Copyright 1985 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great book and a good read even the second time. They don't make men like Chuck Yeager anymore and if they do, they are few and far between. There is a lot of the science and skill of flying in this book and it gets pretty technical at times. Of course pilots will love it. I'm not a pilot but a man of science and a military history buff and I loved it.

A great history of the early modern age of combat piloting from the definitive veteran, General Yeager. Great insights into the intricacies and problems of air-to-air combat and aircraft development. Gen. Yeager's expertise and drive is clear on every page. The only criticism of the book is the occasional needless disparagement of other great figures in air combat.

This is a great read and a fascinating story. Everyone will love it, not just the aviation minded people. I can't recommend this book enough. He was a great hero and one of the most courageous people I've read about or heard about.

Book will keep you interested if you love early plane testing

Grat read!

What a legend. Great story from Chuck.

Great book.

As an USAF veteran and a Apollo 11 worker I appreciate Chuck's contribution to the space program and as an American I admire and respect his service in defense of freedom and America. He deserves our admiration and has mine.

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