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The Last Fighter Pilot: The True Story Of The Final Combat Mission Of World War II



Synopsis

After the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, Japan's emperor still refused to surrender, and Captain Jerry Yellin was one of the fighter pilots who continued to fly. From April to August of 1945, Captain Jerry Yellin and a small group of fellow fighter pilots flew dangerous bombing and strafe missions out of Iwo Jima over Japan. Even days after America dropped the atomic bombs -- on Hiroshima on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 9 -- the pilots continued to fly. Though Japan had suffered unimaginable devastation, the emperor still refused to surrender. Bestselling author Don Brown sits down with the ninety-one year-old Yellin to tell the incredible true story of the final combat mission of World War II. Nine days after Hiroshima, on the morning of August 15, Yellin and his wingman, First Lieutenant Phillip Schlamberger, took off from Iwo Jima to bomb Tokyo. By the time Yellin returned to Iwo Jima, the war was officially over -- but his young friend, Schlamberger, would never get to hear the news. *The Last Fighter Pilot* is a harrowing first-person account of war from one of America's last living World War II veterans.

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Don Brown, a former officer in the US Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and special assistant United States attorney, is the author of eleven bestselling military and legal books. His work includes the novel *Treason* and the expose *Call Sign Extortion 17: The Shoot-Down of Team Seal Six*.

A good read !

Jerry tells an incredible story. He embodies the greatest generation. I've had the honor of meeting him and having him personally tell me his story. This book is a must read for war bird fans.

Terrific story about Capt. Jerry Yellin and not only his heroics, but his hardships during and after WWII. A must read for any military aviation buff! Thank you Don and Jerry for sharing your story.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. My father was in the Air Force and as I sat here with him while I was reading this book caring for him he explained and answered my questions about the war. This really enlightened me about the wars. Thank you very much for your service and to everyone that has fought for our freedom. I have purchased some copies of this book to give others in our family. G8d bless you all

This book reads like a novel and makes learning history totally enjoyable. I've been reading it aloud to my husband, and he agrees. We both have been surprised by facts and details we had never heard before. Riddled with eye-witness details provided by the man who lived it, along with diary memories of some of his fellow pilots. True story. Interesting and inspirational.

The brief video of the last interview gives you hope for mankind. His son wants to marry a Japanese girl. Her father hates Americans as does his father. The girl's father learns her proposed father in law flew missions over Japan. He then allows the wedding "this man must have been brave beyond belief, I want his blood to flow in my grandchildren." This interview is not part of the book but is available online.

Unbelievable what these young people went through - could these millennials step up? Many could not. A few may. Thanks to the few that serve

Wow. a 2 and a 3 star? I thought this book was magnificent. Very good author. Very informative. Well explained and organized. I learned lots of new things about the air war in the Pacific during WWII. Heartily recommend this one. Hard to put down, and for me, with my schedule, can be hard to do. Brown did a fantastic job melding the individual life/career of Jerry Yellin with the final months of the US island hopping campaign towards the Japanese home islands. I will recommend this to former history teacher colleagues. It is that good! Well done.

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