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This is a great book for those of us still immersed in WWII fighter aircraft. Dad flew 38's and 51's back then. I love all of his stories, but this book adds much more to that from old pilots who were interviewed to make this. Love it and have bought many copies for other friends. It covers WWI, WWII and Korea, with all the stats of all the countries that participated at that time. Amazing how good the Japanese and German pilots were. Buy it. You will not regret it!!!!

Back in the late 1950s/early 1960s, there weren't a lot of military aviation history books out there detailing the exploits of American fighter pilots, Edward Sims being the exception. When FIGHTER ACES appeared in 1965, fighter buffs, including a then-15 year old Wisconsin lad, hit the jackpot. Here was the mother lode! Toliver and Constable divided the ace material into chapters on the making of a fighter ace, World War I aces, USAAF PTO aces, USAAF ETO aces, Navy aces, USMC

aces, Axis aces and Korean war aces. Various pilots were described through mini-bios followed by self-penned accounts of memorable missions. At that time, almost all the WW II & Korean aces and even a few WWI aces were still with us so the book had a wealth of ace talent to tap in to and dishes up many exciting 'I-was-there' accounts. It's just a pity the authors didn't ask for even more accounts from all those pilots! The book features a number of photo inserts of aces and their aircraft. In many ways, Toliver and Constable's FIGHTER ACES set the template for books on fighter aces. Though there have been many 'ace bios' books published since 1965, FIGHTER ACES was one of the first and best histories of fighter pilots in action. Several revisions and expanded versions have only increased the value and appeal of this seminal book.

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