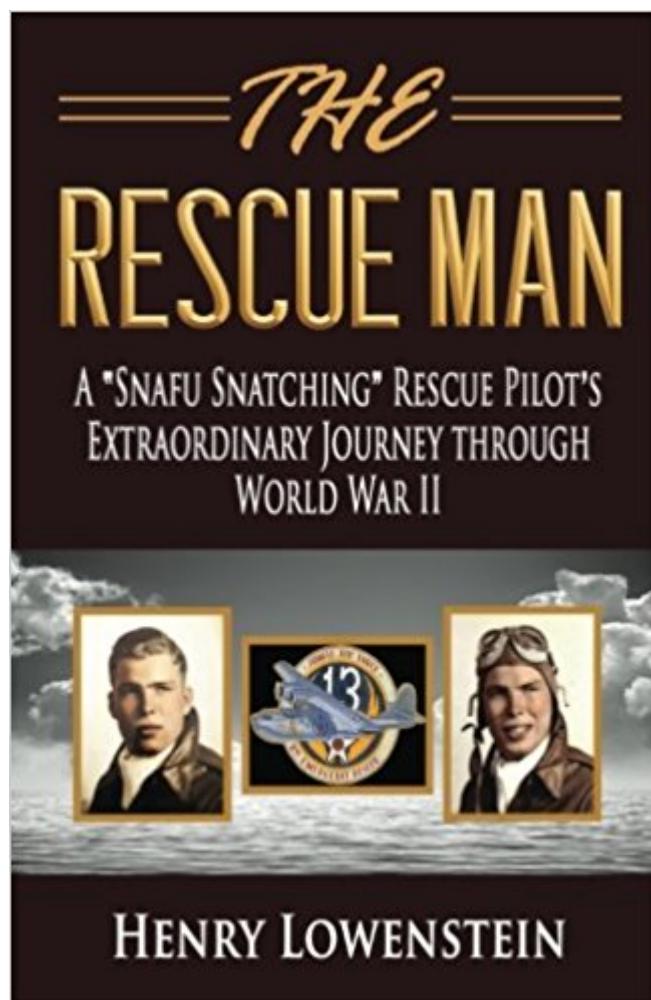


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The Rescue Man: A "Snafu Snatching" Rescue Pilot's Extraordinary Journey Through World War II



Synopsis

THE RESCUE MAN presents the extraordinary and unique journey of a World War II-era rescue pilot, First Lieutenant Frank Philby "Bud" Hayes, from his childhood in Idaho through his training for and service during World War II. Bud helps tell this story himself through his letters and records, which are the book's main foundation and reveal tales of excitement, trials and tribulations, achievement, heroism and ultimately tragedy and mystery. The U.S. Army Air Force's Second Emergency Rescue Squadron that Bud served in saved over seven hundred downed pilots during the war, making them responsible for thousands of children and grandchildren being alive today. Nevertheless, history has left Bud's incredible story, and that of his squadron, largely untold... until now. Paralleling this book's focus on Bud and his rescue squadron, this book also tells the interrelated broader story of major pre-, mid- and post-World War II events occurring in the U.S., Europe and the Pacific. This includes little known, but significant, stories like that of a turf war between the U.S. Army Air Force and the U.S. Navy over who would be responsible for performing rescue missions during World War II, all while their servicemen's lives hung in the balance. In this book, World War II's events help tell Bud's story, and Bud's events help tell World War II's story. Or as this book's preface states it, the book "tells history through a biography and presents a biography in the context of history." As members of Bud's greatest generation continue to pass on from our lives, it is important that we preserve their unique and sometimes never-before-heard stories about World War II. This is one such story. It is the untold story of Bud, of his Second Emergency Rescue Squadron and of their involvement in and relation to the events of World War II. The story is as extraordinary, unique and powerful as it ultimately is tragic and mysterious. Thanks to Bud and his rescue squadron, over seven hundred men returned home from war with the opportunity to start families and pursue their American dreams. Will Bud also come home?

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Wonderful story of a true American hero, who performed his duty and sacrificed himself so others can live. Loved how this tied his humble beginnings in Idaho to his success as one of the few Army Air Corp PBY pilots to serve in the Pacific theater. Very well written and thoroughly researched, plus the comparison to modern equipment and methods assisted the reader to better understand exactly what it meant to be the, "Rescue Man".

What a beautiful tribute to not only "Bud", but to all the heroes who served and sacrificed as "rescue pilots" during that terrible war. My father flew the B-24 "Liberator" in the Pacific during the war and I remember him telling stories about the bravery and dedication of these pilots! It is so refreshing to see someone finally research, document and write their story! EXCELLENT READ!!

Bud's life story comes alive in the *Rescue Man*. The author's writing style is excellent and the book is an easy read. This is must read all of us that enjoy the blend of person lives with man's greatest challenges.

This story was very close to home. It was very well written and holds your interest from beginning to

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Rescue Man is both a great piece of history and a remarkable story. I found myself immersed in Bud Åf Ås life on the family farm and felt bonded to him as he transitioned to the life of a pilot. Beautiful original photographs, and quotes from original documents and letters, vividly bring the story to life. I highly recommend this book, as Rescue Man brings to light the story of heretofore unheralded heroes who saved many lives in service to our country.

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