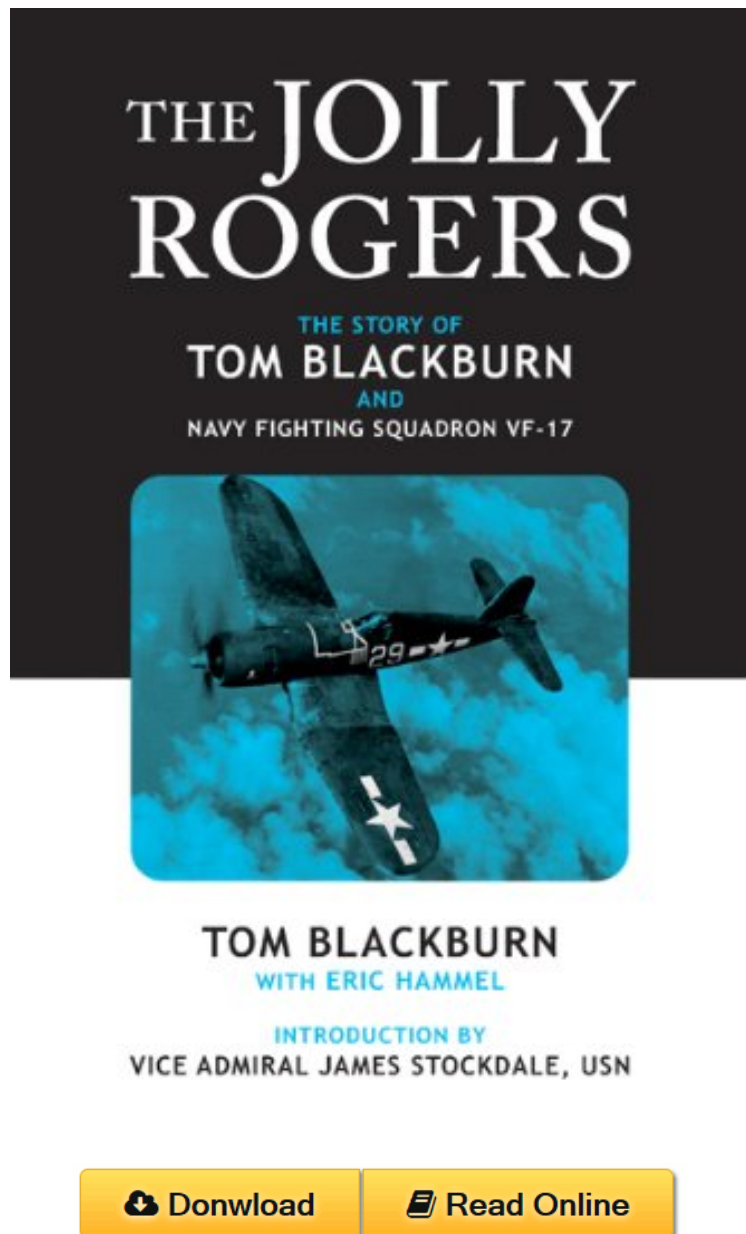


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MARVELLOUS ! Von Z do Borogod With help from Eric Hammel, the late Blackburn (he died in 1994) wrote a marvellous book, well researched and personal, citing all the pilots from VF-17 and their story after the war. The action sequences are fantastic, and makes the reader feels like he was aboard one of the fighters. One of the best ever written.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unique Book Von D. Caraccilo Concise, not overly complex, and to the point. This is how I would describe Tom Blackburn's memoir, *The Jolly Rogers: The Story of Tom Blackburn and Navy Fighting Squadron VF-17*. Written in concert with acclaimed historian Eric Hammel, *The Jolly Rogers* is the true story of one of the US Navy's foremost World War II fighter squadrons; the VF-17. The leader of this famous squadron was the charismatic fighter ace Tom Blackburn. This memoir is about Blackburn's early days and how he climbed the ladder to success after the intense and extremely successful campaign against the Japanese in the Solomon Islands and Rabaul in late 1943 and early 1944. Beginning his war in January 1941, Blackburn was first stationed at the newly created instructional staff at the Naval Air Station in Opa-Locka, Florida. Here is where he grew his roots to go on to become, as Admiral James Stockdale writes in the Introduction, "... a man... tailor-made to be an across-the-board role model and leader of men flying and fighting from ships at sea..." This intriguing memoir is a long overdue tribute to a great warrior who commanded an unflappable unit. Unlike many memoirs, *The Jolly Rogers* is a no-nonsense account that praises those deserving pilots that flew with the author. It is a must read for all of those with even a remote interest in Naval aircraft and their historical exploits. It is an unique book that should appeal to a broad audience.

END 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the finest books on air combat ever written Von Mark Rainey As an avid student of WWII combat aviation, I don't think a book has ever thrilled me as much as *THE JOLLY ROGERS*. Tom Blackburn's writing style is easy and effective, especially in conveying the emotions and excitement of close engagement with enemy fighters. The books traces Blackburn's inauspicious debut in Operation TORCH to his glory days as CO of Fighting 17, with stories that are often as moving and tragic as they are exhilarating. Two sections of the book feature numerous photographs of the men and machines of the squadron, as well as detailed maps of the Solomons combat arena. I think I've read this book 3 times in its entirety and I still frequently read select passages just as refresher. I couldn't recommend it more highly. Tom Blackburn remains, even after his passing a few years ago, a true American hero; often frightened, sometimes arrogant, far from perfect, but always devoted to duty and able to stare death in the face and come away better for it.

Kurzbeschreibung *THE JOLLY ROGER* The Story of Tom Blackburn and Navy Fighting Squadron VF-17 Tom Blackburn with Eric Hammel Introduction by Vice Admiral James Stockdale, USN (Ret.) *The Jolly Rogers* is the true story of one of the U.S. Navys foremost World War II fighter squadrons, VF-17, and its charismatic commander, fighter ace Tom Blackburn. In his= action-packed war memoir and unit history, Blackburn describes VF-17s intense, winning campaign against the Japanese over the northern Solomon Islands and Rabaul in late 1943 and early 1944. Beginning with his own experiences as a trainer of fighter pilots early in World War II and his leadership of a small carrier-based fighter squadron supporting the invasion of North Africa, Blackburn goes on to provide a rich, detailed account of how he shaped a crew of over-eager hotshots into one of the highest scoring fighter squadrons of World War II. In only seventy-six days of combat, Tom Blackburn's Jolly Rogers knocked down a record 154 enemy warplanes, and Blackburn himself emerged as one of VF-17s leading aces with eleven kills to his credit. Boisterous at times, and sober at others, Blackburn explains the methods he used and an example he set to shape and wield VF-17 before and during its South Pacific combat tour. Not least of the challenges facing Blackburn and VF-17 was taming the hot new Vought F4U Corsair fighter. Originally slated to serve aboard a fleet aircraft carrier, VF-17 was ultimately transferred to land-based duty when the Corsair proved too hot to handle during carrier-deck landings. Though the Corsairs teething problems were worked out by others it eventually became a superb carrier-based fighter-bomber it was Blackburn and his Jolly Rogers who proved the full potential of the Corsair as a killer of enemy airplanes. Both a war memoir and a caring tribute to the aggressive, hold-nothing-back young men he trained and led in combat, Blackburn's story is an epic in World War II history annals. Tom Blackburn, who was preparing to lead a carrier air group into combat when World War II ended, later commanded an aircraft carrier and retired as a captain in 1962. He passed away in 1994. Eric Hammel is an acclaimed military historian with more than thirty-five books to his credit. Critical Acclaim for *The Jolly Rogers* Publishers Weekly says: Blackburn was an exceptionally talented, resourceful, inspiring leader who imparted to his men a fierce warrior ethic . . . especially noteworthy is the authors straightforward description of the methods he used organizing, training, leading his pilots in combat and developing air tactics. The Shipmate says: Tom Blackburn [was] exceptional, and so is his book. The Hook says: Tom Blackburn [was] one of the most successful fighter squadron commanders the U.S. Navy ever produced . . . not only a cracking good story, but a valuable primer on dealing with the rugged individualists who populate naval aviation, Highly recommended. The San Diego Union says: [This] thrilling saga focuses on unsung heroes. Stars and Stripes says: In a book generously laced with tales of air combat, Blackburn talks of the days spent building VF-17 into an outfit with its own identity and then leading his men into combat . . . The Naval Institute Proceedings says: Excellent . . . a well-rounded, coherent story that focuses on

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