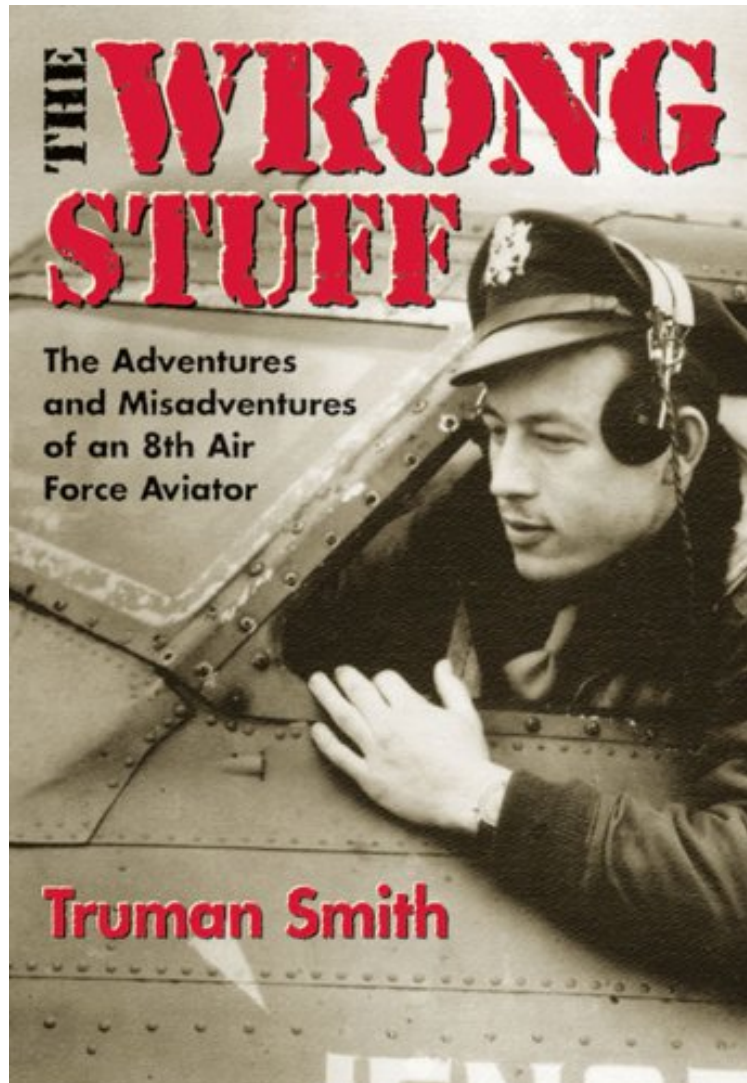


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "The Wrong Stuff" is definetely "The Right Stuff"Von Ein Kunde"As a publisher of aviation art I have to extensivelyresearch my subjects which means reading almost every book on WW2 thatis available. Some good and

some not so good. Many written in co-operation with a professional writer and although having an interesting story to tell, aimed mainly at the experienced and knowledgeable reader. Very, very occasionally one finds a literary jewel and a treat lies in store. "THE WRONG STUFF" by Truman J. Smith is one such. You don't have to know what a B17 is or be interested in the Air War in Europe to read this book. This is an incredibly moving human story, told with great eloquence and humor, of a young man, twenty years old, thrown in at the deep end of a murderous war who, fifty years later, has the incredible gift of being able to pass on to the rest of us the feeling of "being there." And so we can all experience as never before the hardships on the ground and pre-mission nerves, the terrors unfolding all around at 25,000 feet watching new found friends hurtling to their deaths and knowing that the next shell could have your name on it. Relaxing on leave in London, laughing and searching for any diversions to pass the time until the next mission. They had to cram a lifetime's experiences into a few months because for tens of thousands of them there was no future. I have tried but find it difficult to compare it with anything. This book made me laugh and brought a lump to my throat. It is just the best book dealing with the air war that I have ever read and should be required reading in schools so that the younger generation can appreciate the debt they owe to Truman J. Smith and his like.

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Von tws1@sprintmail.com
I enjoyed "The Wrong Stuff" immensely! I rank it among the best I have ever read, and I read a lot. My criteria for a really good book are these: (1) Is it hard to put down? (2) Am I anxious to get back to it? (3) Am I sorry when I'm finished reading it because the story is now over? The answer with regard to "The Wrong Stuff" is yes, in spades! It is every bit as spellbinding as a Tom Clancy novel (my standard measure for the best action stories), and this one is true. The factual information about the war and how the air war was fought over Europe is excellent. The description of what it was like to be involved in that type of air combat is terrifying, and the antics and misadventures of the young men involved make it seem real and human in a delightfully humorous way. Additionally, the writer's ability to vividly describe the mental and emotional stress endured by those men enables the reader to get a feel of what it must have actually been like to survive such an ordeal. The men who made it through the conflict must have acquired 20 years of maturity in those few months. The book is very skillfully written, and I honestly believe that it has the potential to become a best seller! It also reminds the reader that those of us who followed owe an enduring debt of gratitude to those who fought that war.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. No ghost-writers in the sky
Von Ein Kunde
"Smitty" Smith might tell good aviator stories but he simply cannot write a book. The style is simplistic rather than simple and it is not enough story to fill 340 pages. His experience is interesting but the general strategic pictures he gives are simply not according to history. And he repeats himself unbearably - we know pretty soon that "flak is so impersonal" and that pilots' billets are worse than those of American criminal prisoners - it is possible to understand this the first time it is mentioned. So aren't there any people at Southern Heritage Press who write these stories over - or at least work out the many typing errors (did he just dictate it - eg "I sang allowed" rather than aloud/ p 107)? Also, I am no fan of every word or part of sentence, which would be stressed in talking, being set in capital letters- I think everybody can follow this text without being helped in this way. Therefore, 200 pages would have been way enough (I do not need all of his 35 missions including all he has nothing to feel about).

Kurzbeschreibung Between April and July 1944, Truman Smith Flew thirty-five bombing missions over France and Germany. He was only twenty years old. Although barely adults, Smith and his peers worried about cramming a lifetime's worth of experience into every free night, each knowing he probably would not survive the next bombing mission. Written with blunt honesty, wry humor, and insight, *The Wrong Stuff* is Smith's gripping memoir of that time. In a new preface, the author comments with equal honesty and humor on the impact this book has had on his life.