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Arnold, Elliott. Rescue! New York, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1956. (UGC726-A75)
The story of the Air Rescue Service of the U.S. Air Force which is devoted to saving lives—civilian as well as military.

Fascinating escape and evasion experiences of American pilots in the Korean War. Based on declassified reports. The Foreword is by General Twining.

Brickhill, Paul. Beach for the sky. New York, Norton, 1954. (D786-884)
The inspiring biography of Douglas Bader, the legless ace of the Battle of Britain, a brilliant study in courage and fortitude.

The story of a top engineering test pilot. Flying the Douglas Skyrocket in 1951, Mr. Bridgeman made aviation history by travelling at almost twice the speed of sound at an altitude of 80,000 feet.

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How man has extended his knowledge of the Earth's atmosphere above the troposphere to the frontier of interplanetary space. With continued increase in the operating altitude of manned aircraft, development of guided missiles and long-range rockets and artificial satellites, these upper regions take on a new significance.

This book is the pictorial documentation of the fifty years of development of American airpower. Contains many new photographs of planes and of airmen. The book was done with the cooperation and assistance of the Air Force.

The story of the rise and fall of the German Fighter Forces during the years 1938 to 1945. The author was a Nazi fighter pilot who was engaged in combat during the Spanish Civil War as well as World War II.

The autobiography of the world's first air reporter and a life-long air historian. Profusely illustrated; many of the photographs have never been published before.

The autobiography of one of Germany's greatest aircraft manufacturers. Heinkel gives a candid account of the development of aviation under Hitler. Contains many fine illustrations.
The story behind the Royal Air Force by a veteran Air Chief Marshal. Includes fine portraits of RAF leaders.

Lasly, Walter. Turn the tigers loose. New York, Ballantine, 1956. (FZ3-L345t)
This novel is an outgrowth of the author’s combat experience as Director of Operations for a wing of night bombers in Korea. The book was written by an Air Force Colonel on active duty.

This book is by the author of two outstanding studies, The German Air Force and The Soviet Air Force. Mr. Lee now attempts to re-think some of the aspects of past, present and future airpower. He pleads for greater flexibility in the use of airpower.

A book of readings for the Air Age edited by two instructors in the English Department of the Air Force Academy.

Rowe, Basil L. Under my wings. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1956. (TLB290-R87)
The autobiography of the chief pilot of Pan American Airways who logged 35,000 air hours in his forty years of flying.
The author was a Wing Commander of the Luftwaffe and a dive bombing ace on the Eastern Front. He sheds lots of light on his opposite numbers, the Russian Air Force pilots.

Sakai, Saburo with Caidin, Martin, and Saito, Fred. Samurai! New York, Dutton, 1957 (D611-S15)
The combat story of Japan's greatest living ace Saburo Sakai. This book for the first time brings to American readers the emotions and feelings of the men who spear-headed Japan in the air.

Slessor, Sir John. The central blue. New York, Praeger, 1957. (DA89.6-S63)
This autobiography of Marshal Sir J**n Slessor is also in effect a history of the Royal Air Force. Sir John is acknowledged as one of the world's foremost military strategists.

This is a collection of writings about the sky in all its aspects from the earliest times to the present. It is beautifully illustrated both in gravure and in line drawings.

Contains the vocabulary of the air and of airmanship. It is the most complete work of its kind, numbering over 16,500 entries with 200,000 quotations, each illustrating the use of some word or phrase.
A handbook on all phases and facets written by military and civilian experts. It contains important information for the layman as well as the pilot, the engineer, the air commander or the aviation sales representative.

Williams, Beryl and Epstein, Samuel, The rocket pioneers. New York, J. Messner, 1958 (TLE515-E64)
The rocket is one of the oldest man-made devices. In this book the exciting story of the pioneers of rocketry is told. The introduction is written by the President of the American Rocket Society.