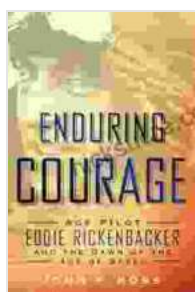


Ace Pilot Eddie Rickenbacker and the Dawn of the Age of Speed

Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio, on October 8, 1890. He was the son of German immigrants and grew up in a working-class neighborhood. Rickenbacker was a natural athlete and excelled in boxing, wrestling, and football. He also had a passion for cars and motorcycles.



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In 1917, the United States entered World War I. Rickenbacker enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 94th Aero Squadron. He quickly proved to be a skilled pilot and was soon promoted to captain. Rickenbacker flew a variety of aircraft during the war, including the Spad XIII, the Nieuport 28, and the Fokker D.VII.

Rickenbacker was a fearless and aggressive pilot. He was credited with shooting down 26 enemy aircraft, making him one of the most successful

American aces of the war. Rickenbacker was also a gifted tactician and led his squadron to several notable victories.

In September 1918, Rickenbacker was shot down over Germany. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war until the end of the war. Despite his ordeal, Rickenbacker remained optimistic and continued to fly after the war.

After the war, Rickenbacker returned to the United States and became a successful businessman. He was involved in the automotive industry and served as the president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Rickenbacker also wrote several books about his experiences in World War I.

Eddie Rickenbacker died in Columbus, Ohio, on July 23, 1973. He was 82 years old. Rickenbacker is remembered as one of the greatest American aviators of all time. He was a hero to his country and an inspiration to generations of aviators.

Rickenbacker's Legacy

Eddie Rickenbacker's legacy is one of courage, determination, and innovation. He was a pioneer in the field of aviation and helped to usher in the age of speed. Rickenbacker's accomplishments are still celebrated today, and he remains an inspiration to aviators and historians alike.

In 1975, the United States Postal Service issued a stamp in honor of Rickenbacker. The stamp featured a portrait of Rickenbacker and the words "Eddie Rickenbacker, American Ace." In 1985, Rickenbacker was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. In 2013, the United States Air Force named a C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft after Rickenbacker.

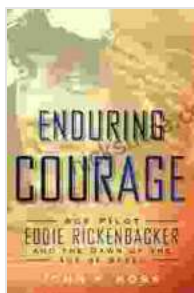
Eddie Rickenbacker's legacy is one that will continue to inspire for generations to come. He was a true American hero and a pioneer in the field of aviation.

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The Eddie Rickenbacker Memorial in Columbus, Ohio



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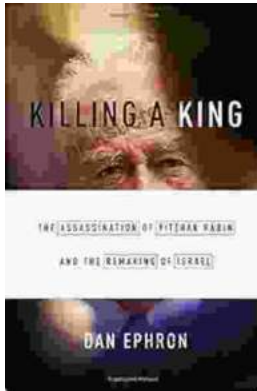
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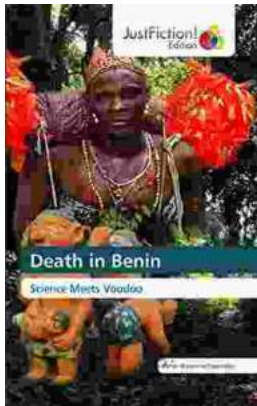
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