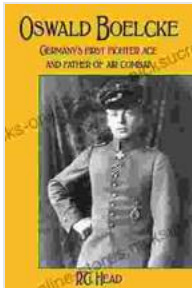


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Early Life and Career

Manfred von Richthofen was born on May 2, 1892, in Kleinburg, Germany. He was the son of a wealthy Prussian aristocrat. Richthofen joined the German army in 1911 and served as a cavalry officer at the outbreak of World War I. In 1915, he transferred to the air service and quickly became one of Germany's top fighter pilots.

The Red Baron

Richthofen was known for his daring flying style and his bright red Fokker Dr.I triplane. He was given the nickname "the Red Baron" by the British press. Richthofen quickly became a national hero in Germany and a symbol of German military prowess.

Tactics and Innovations

Richthofen was a brilliant tactician and innovator in air combat. He developed new tactics for attacking enemy aircraft and was one of the first pilots to use formation flying. Richthofen also pioneered the use of synchronized machine guns, which allowed pilots to fire their guns through the propeller arc.

Air Victories

Richthofen was credited with 80 air victories, more than any other pilot in World War I. He achieved his first victory on September 17, 1916, and his last victory on April 21, 1918. Richthofen was shot down and killed on April 21, 1918, by Canadian pilot Roy Brown. He was 25 years old.

Legacy

Manfred von Richthofen is considered to be one of the greatest fighter pilots of all time. He was a brilliant tactician and innovator who revolutionized air combat. Richthofen's legacy continues to inspire fighter pilots around the world.

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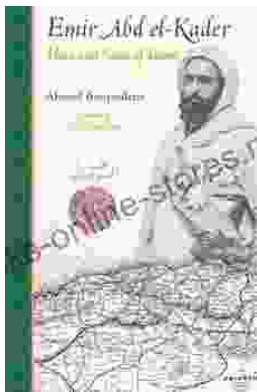
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