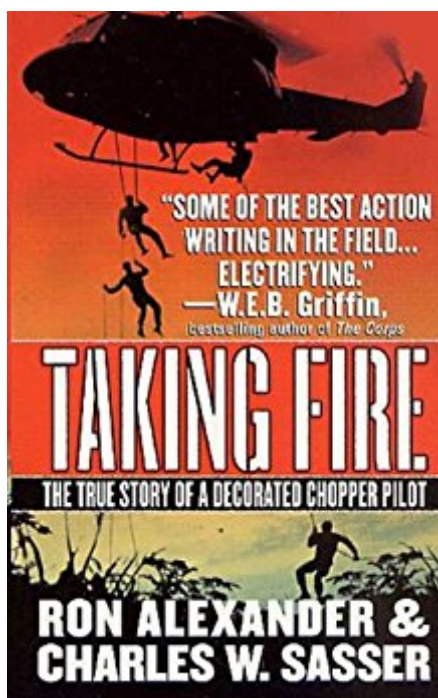


The book was found

Taking Fire: The True Story Of A Decorated Chopper Pilot



Synopsis

Nicknamed "Mini-Man" for his diminutive stature, a mere five-foot-three and 125 pounds in his flight boots, chopper pilot Ron Alexander proved to be a giant in the eyes of the men he rescued from the jungles and paddies of Vietnam. With an unswerving concern for every American soldier trapped by enemy fire, and a fearlessness that became legendary, Ron Alexander earned enough official praise to become the second most decorated helicopter pilot of the Vietnam era. Yet, for Ron, the real reward came from plucking his fellow soldiers from harm's way, giving them another chance to get home alive. In *Taking Fire*, Alexander and acclaimed military writer Charles Sasser transport you right into the cramped cockpit of a Huey on patrol, offering a bird's eye view of the Vietnam conflict. Packed with riveting action and gritty "you-are-there" dialogue, this outstanding book celebrates the everyday heroism of the chopper pilots of Vietnam.

Book Information

File Size: 1264 KB

Print Length: 332 pages

Publisher: St. Martin's Press (April 1, 2007)

Publication Date: April 1, 2007

Sold by: Amazon Macmillan

Language: English

ASIN: B003J5UI5U

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #114,339 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #35

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Military & Wars >

Branches > Air Force #62 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Biographies & Memoirs >

Historical > Military & Wars > Vietnam War #78 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Biographies

& Memoirs > Historical > Military & Wars > Branches > Army

Customer Reviews

Five stars all the way. Great book for anyone who enjoys reading true aviation stories of the

Vietnam era. Author balances personal life and professional military life story with anecdotes on military helicopter aviation and the life these pilots lived while serving in Vietnam. These pilots are true heroes !

This book is gut wrenching on the first helicopter dependent war. The charmed minimal was almost rejected, and did everything to avoid combat then found guts that he did not know he had. I gave it 4 stars because first hand memories of combat are important for history. There was no glossing over unpleasant accounts.

This was a book for my husband, who was a helicopter pilot of the same era. He loved it, and he will probably read it numerous times. Ordering and receiving it went seamlessly. Thank you.

perfect!

The book itself was REALLY good at explaining the AirCav way of fighting, putting it, along with a lot of other things about Vietnam in context. The pacing is fast, it's littered with great anecdotes about near-crashes, discovering a cobra that had gone missing, and shows as much as tells about the day to day of AirCav using Huey's and Cobras in the--at the time--new and innovative way.

I was one of Alexander's first Aircraft Commanders (AC) when he arrived in Vietnam, and I was still in the unit six months after he left. When I confronted his co-author Sasser about the ridiculous claims in this book, he told me "You don't know what the hell you're talking about." Oh, but I do. I read this "book" again and feel compelled to let other less-informed readers know that it goes beyond fiction to flat-out delusion. A classic example is the "Sergeant Snider LRRP" incident, where Alexander flagrantly steals the valor of his now-deceased AC Kit Beaton, (who was much loved and respected by the Troop and received a Silver Star for the action) as well as claiming kills that rightfully belonged to the LRRP Team Slashing Talon 36. Despite what Alexander and Sasser say, Alexander did nothing but sit in the helicopter; the landing zone never took a shot; the enemy were either killed, wounded or routed by the covering Cobras and the survivors of the LRRP Team (Slashing Talon 36) by the time Alexander's aircraft landed; a medevac had already extracted the wounded (and was not fired on either). I was flying above Alexander's (or more rightfully Kit Beaton's) aircraft the entire time. I never took a shot. My recollections are corroborated by SGT Paul Alfaro, one of the LRRP survivors and Assistant Team Leader, and the after action reports of

Company H, 75th Rangers. This sort of self-aggrandizing rubbish has no place on the fiction shelf, let alone the history shelf. Alexander and Sasser should be ashamed of themselves. But they apparently lack the ability, so the rest of the Troop has to do it for them.

"Legendary 1st Air Cavalry Division pilot Alexander was the most highly decorated American helicopter pilot of the thousands who served in the Vietnam War." I don't know and have never heard of the "Legandary" Mr. Alexander and have no doubt he did his duty but the "most decorated" in the war he was not. I cannot rank him at all. I do know combat scout pilots Larry "Kickass" Brown, Rod "Outcast" Willis, Ace "War Wagon" Cozzalio and Lou "Rocket" Rochat, and gun pilots Skip "Redskin" Butler", Ron Timberlake, Tim "Blue Ghost" Sprouse, Lou "Animal" Breuer, Mac "Charliehorse" Cocherell, Dean "Darkhorse" Sinor, Chuck Koranda and Steve Wing. Jolly pilot Rodney "Quang Tri"Griffiths and "Dustoff" MOH recipients Patrick Brady and Mike Novosel. I know "Legandary" Huey drivers like Joe Hogg, Wayne McAdoo, Bob Holmes, Joe Estes, Larry Ezell, Noel Harvey, and Mike Sloniker. You want "Legandary", I just gave you legendary. It would take Mr. Alexanders Huey to haul the medals these guys earned. Several of their crewchiefs are more highly decorated than Alexander. Mike Clausen comes to mind with his MOH. Jim parker and Ken Stormer are two. If the guys who were there with Alexander didn't "buy it", that's a bad sign. I hope this was someones else's fault and not his, but it is just not true.

After an internal review at the NASM, the Executive Director ordered "Taking Fire" to be removed from the gift shop due to fraudulent claims and highly racist rhetoric. For example, the back cover of the paperback states that Mr. Alexander was the "second highest decorated helicopter pilot of the Vietnam era." That would come as a big surprise to the nine helicopter pilots who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. If you like lightweight, highly fictionalized accounts of the Vietnam War, then read this book. However, it makes a mockery of the sacrifices made by members of A Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry and Company H, 75th Rangers. How do I know? I flew with Alexander throughout his entire tour and I have firsthand knowledge of the missions he describes so poorly and inaccurately. I wish I could give it zero stars but the format doesn't allow it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Taking Fire: The True Story of a Decorated Chopper Pilot Fire Encyclopedia: Kindle Fire Manual for the latest generation of Kindle E-Readers and Fire Tablets, Kindle Voyage, Kindle Paperwhite, Fire HD 6, Fire HD 8, Fire HD 10, and Fire HDX 8.9 The Pilot's Manual: Ground School (PDF eBook Edition): All the aeronautical knowledge required to pass the FAA exams and operate as a Private

and Commercial Pilot (The Pilot's Manual Series) Viper Pilot: The Autobiography of One of America's Most Decorated Combat Pilots Fire TV: Fire Stick: The Ultimate User Guide to Fire Stick To TV, Movies, Apps, Games & Much More (how to use Fire Stick, streaming, tips ... (User guides, internet, free movie Book 2) How to Install Kodi on Fire Stick: Install Kodi on Fire Stick: Step-By-Step Instructions with Screen Shots! (2017 Kodi User Guide, fire tv stick, kodi book, kodi fire tv stick, kodi stick) All-new Fire HD8 and Fire HD10 Tips, Tricks, and Traps: A comprehensive user guide to the new Fire HD8 and Fire HD10 tablets Fire Stick: The Ultimate Fire Stick User Guide - Learn How To Start Using Fire Stick, Plus Little-Known Tips And Tricks! (Streaming ... TV Stick User Guide, How To Use Fire Stick) Aerial Combat Escapades: A Pilot's Logbook: The True Combat Aerial Adventures of an American Fighter Pilot The Chopper: The Real Story Street Warrior: The True Story of the NYPD's Most Decorated Detective and the Era That Created Him True Ghost Stories And Hauntings: Eerie True Paranormal Hauntings, Unexplained Phenomena And Disturbing True Ghost Stories (True Ghost Stories, Bizarre True Stories,) Chopper: A History of America Military Helicopter Operators from WWII to the War on Terror Indian Larry: Chopper Shaman Chopper Coloring Book for men: Outlaw Biker motorcycle Relaxation and Stress Relief Designs (Adult Coloring Books) How to Build a West Coast Chopper Kit Bike (Motorbooks Workshop) Young Men and Fire: A True Story of the Mann Gulch Fire Fire on the Mountain: The True Story of the South Canyon Fire Schweizer Helicopter Pilot Textbook & Helicopter Pilot Exercise Book - Bundle Remote Drone Pilot Certification Study Guide: Your Key to Earning Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)