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Eric Forsyth publishes second historical novel, *Wings Over the Channel*, the inside story of why the Nazi Luftwaffe lost the Battle of Britain

Wings over the Channel is a new historical novel set in the 1930s, as the British Royal Air Force (RAF) worked frantically to develop an effective defense against bombers before the start of WWII. Great Britain was no longer an island—the English Channel had provided isolation from Europe’s wars for centuries, but now could be crossed in minutes by heavily laden bombers.

Kirkus Reviews calls this book, “A rousing, detailed RAF thriller that delivers an effective climax” and noted that “Forsyth writes all this with a quick, dialogue-driven tempo that will keep readers turning the pages, with the narrative concentrating on both the nuts and bolts of bomber life [in the years leading up to WWII] and the machinations of the Nazis in Europe and the pro-German forces in England. Forsyth’s portrayal of Chadwick is nicely textured—he’s a hero but a complex one.”



The author, a former RAF pilot himself, describes the story this way: “We see this development through the eyes of Allan Chadwick, a young pilot who flew Vimy bombers in my first novel, *Wings over Iraq*. Chadwick is deeply involved in staging mock attacks to train radar operators, but his activities catch the attention of German intelligence. British intelligence seeks to turn the tables by having Chadwick leak misleading reports, but this plan is jeopardized and Chadwick’s life put in danger when a German spy steals accurate data on the RAF exercises.” The story also follows the intrigue of an influential upper-class appeasement movement and Chadwick falling in love with an aristocratic older widow. As Kirkus Reviews notes, the story has a “sly undercurrent of humor” which “keeps the whole tale moving along briskly,” including “a running gag about Chadwick’s behemoth old Bentley.”

The story will appeal to a wide range of readers interested in the history of WWII, military flying in the pre-jet era, and the politics of the 1930s.

THE AUTHOR: Eric Forsyth, is a former RAF fighter pilot who brings his intimate knowledge of flying state-of-the-art aircraft to the flying episodes when Chadwick deals with the idiosyncrasies of the early prototype Spitfires. He is also a highly experienced electrical engineer who can describe in realistic but understandable terms the problems of bringing a complicated, ground-breaking radar defense system on line for the first time. This is Eric’s third book. His first, *An Inexplicable Attraction: My Fifty Years of Ocean Sailing*, written when Eric was 84 years old, was awarded a starred review from Kirkus and listed among their 100 Best Memoirs of 2018.

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Wings Over Iraq is currently available in paperback (\$21.99) and Kindle formats (\$6.99) through Amazon, and will be available through IngramSpark/LightningSource soon for worldwide wholesale and library orders.