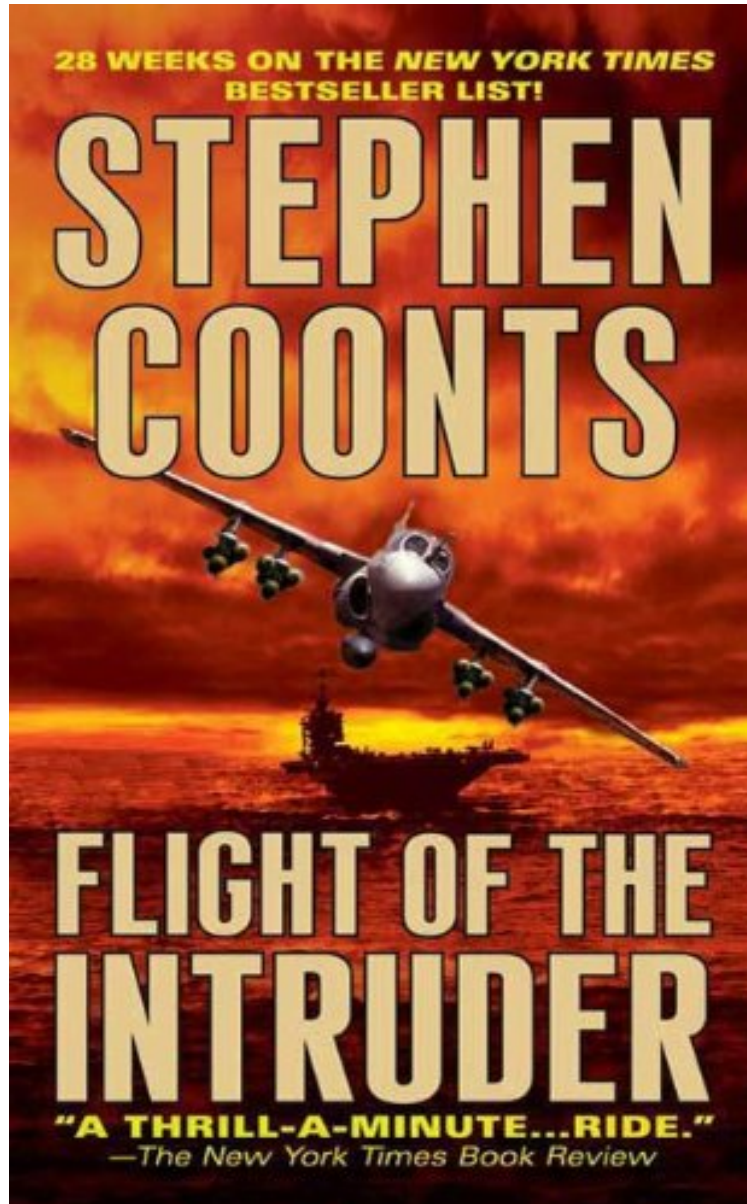


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Von Stephen Coonts : Flight of the Intruder: A Jake Grafton Novel (Jake Grafton Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Flight of the Intruder: A Jake Grafton Novel (Jake Grafton Series):

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Grafton, a hero then and a hero still... Von Ein Kunde This is the story of navy attack pilots during the war in Vietnam. It is also the story of one particular pilot, LT Jake "Cool Hand" Grafton, an A6B Intruder pilot flying off the coast of North Vietnam as part of the Tonkin Gulf "Yacht Club." This is a first novel by a writer who lived the experiences of his fictional character. When I first read this book about the time the hardcover was first published, I felt as if I was in the ready room with Grafton, Boxman, Razor and the others being briefed before "going downtown" to bomb Hanoi. The feel for time and place is all here. The descriptions of the life aboard a carrier on station, the shore leave in Subic Bay and Olongapo City all ring true according to my navy veteran friends. As I read, I felt as if I could have been one of the characters Stephen Coonts wrote about. For a debut novel, this one was extremely well done. It was the entrant to a series that I hoped Coonts would write, and subsequently did. I like Jake Grafton because he is a man all of us could only hope to be. Most of all, he is a man of honor and integrity and this is demonstrated when he decides to put his career (and freedom) on the line by going after a target "downtown" after President Johnson has called a bombing halt over Hanoi and Haiphong. Another wonderfully drawn character is LCDR Virgil Cole, Jake's B/N (bombardier/navigator). Cole has seen combat before and has the Silver Star. He trusts no one but himself but, does his job magnificently. In the movie version, the casting for this character was brilliantly handled when Willem Dafoe played the part to perfection. Although the book and the movie differ at the end, the characterization was true to Mr. Coonts' intent, in my opinion. Jake and Cole became a team and stuck together in thick and thin. Their friendship and loyalty to each other was proven when they went after their downed squadron commander, CDR Camparelli, were shot down themselves and had to survive. The two, who are bound by a well-defined sense of honor, keep their commitments to each other and their squadron. Although Coonts the writer was also Coonts the lawyer at the time he wrote the novel, he introduces a question of military ethics and obedience when the navy investigates Grafton's and Cole's unauthorized mission against the North Vietnamese capital. Senator Fred Dalton Thompson of Tennessee, in one of his supporting screen roles, does an effective job as the navy Staff Judge Advocate arguing that control of the military must remain in the hands of civilians and elected officials if the United States is to avoid the dangers of military control of the government. Again, this actor turned politician mirrors exactly Mr. Coonts' character in the novel when he and other senior officers attempt to determine the fate of the two aviators who flew side by side in that wonderful Grumman attack aircraft. Stephen Coonts' wrote a novel that begged for a sequel or a series. I am sure that most readers clamored for more of Jake Grafton after reading this book. I know I did. This book proves that Mr. Coonts is a man of many talents. After all, he flew the Intruder, came home to become a successful lawyer and then launched a very successful career doing something he really likes namely, writing popular novels. Even though I first read this book almost 11 years ago, I finally got the chance to thank the author for all the hours of reading enjoyment he's given me. I'd also like to thank him for his service in Vietnam and in the reserves from which he retired not so many years ago. BZ CDR Stephen Coonts USNR (ret) and thank you!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. IT'S LIKE YOU JUMP INTO THE COCKPIT WITH JAKE GRAFTON!!! Von Ein Kunde Get ready to strap on an A-6 Intruder and fly into the dark skies of North Vietnam. Nobody could capture the excitement of flying intruders in Vietnam than a man who has done it. The way Coonts describes the people and situations is amazing, he puts a lot of detail into every character giving you the feel like you were standing right next to them. If you there was only one book you could choose to read it should "FLIGHT OF THE INTRUDER" 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the New Naval Classics Von Ein Kunde There are many authors who have scads of good stories in them; others only have one. I'm afraid Mr. Coonts falls into the latter category. "Flight" is the sole good work out of his series of novels following the career of Navy bomber pilot Jake "Cool Hand" Grafton, but it is a doozy. It's a thoughtful, insightful, vividly descriptive account of a man struggling with the frequently conflicting tugs of fear, conscience, and duty as he ventures daily into the hellish skies over North Vietnam. Coonts understands intimately and relates ably the joyful fraternal life of a Navy squadron, with its gibes and pranks and silly nicknames, and the closer-than-a-marriage relationship of the pilot and bombardier as they must venture, alone but for each other, into utterly black nights to find their targets. But more than that, it's a tale for the Everyman in all wars, a guy who just wants to live through it, or, failing that, at least die for something worth his life and the lives of his friends. Along with the better works of David Poyer and P.T. Deutermann, and the Vietnam trilogy of Gerry Carroll, "Flight" deserves its place as one of the modern Naval classics, up there on the shelf with Melville and "Mister Roberts".

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