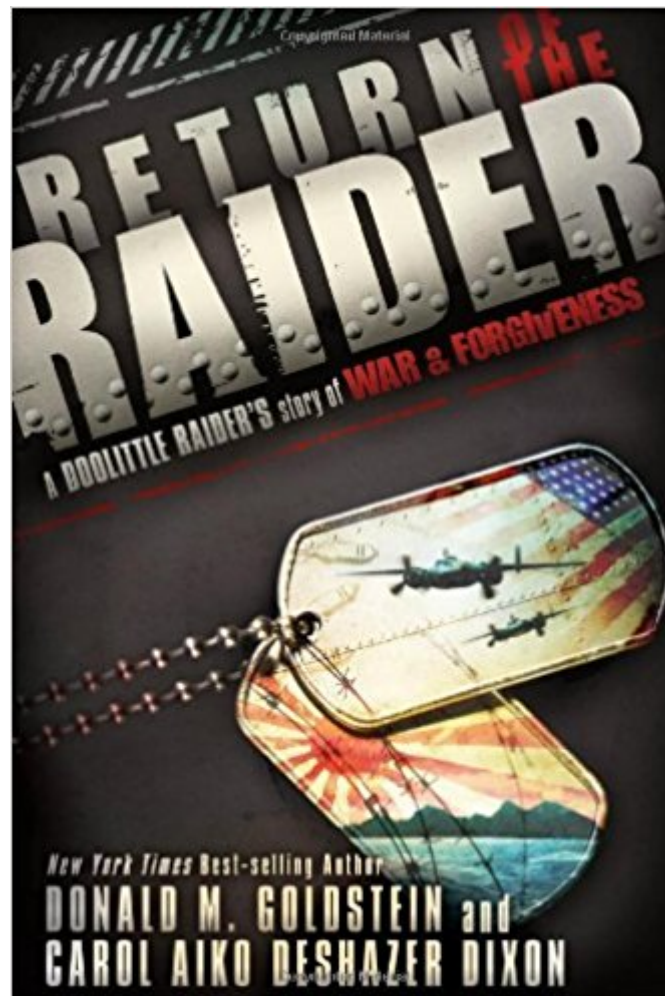




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Return Of The Raider: A Doolittle Raider's Story Of War & Forgiveness



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Jacob DeShazer, a farm boy from Oregon, joined the army Air Corps at age 27. He had always wanted to be a pilot, but when he did not qualify, an opportunity opened to become a bombardier. By luck of the draw, Jacob found himself as one of the 80 men participating in the famous Doolittle Raid over Japan shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. During the raid, Jacob and his fellow crewmen bailed out over China and were taken captive by the Japanese as prisoners of war for more than three years. In that Japanese POW camp, every day facing torture and death, Jacob's path changed when his request for a Bible was fulfilled. Jacob came back to the Christian faith in which he was raised, and made a vow to God in his prison cell that if he survived he would return to Japan, not as a warrior but as a missionary. The Jacob DeShazer story is not only about the bravery of a soldier during war, but also about how powerful love and forgiveness can be when given to the enemy.

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Return of the Raider presents one survivor's view of the Doolittle Raid against Japan in the early days of World War II after Pearl Harbor. Jacob DeShazer's story is a testament to the grit and determination that saw the U.S. through to victory. Return of the Raider is also an unforgettable chronicle of one man's faith during one of the most pivotal times in American history. •Col. Carroll V. Glines, USAF (Ret.), historian, Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders

Jacob DeShazer was brave like a Japanese samurai. He was brave as a prisoner of

the Japanese. He never yielded to the guards. After conversion he was braver, enough to love Japanese. Return of the Raider is a story of a person who knew that perfect love drives out all fear. Iwao Shimada, pastor of the church the DeShazers started in Japan. With every reason to hate his captors, Jake had discovered a reason to forgive them—the love of Christ. This book by Jake's daughter, Carol, and military historian, Dr. Donald Goldstein, is a long-awaited complete, contemporary biography of the raider who returned, not only to America but to Japan, with a message of hope and healing for the heart. David McCasland, co-producer, From Vengeance to Forgiveness: Jake DeShazer's Extraordinary Journey, Day of Discovery Television.

An unforgettable chronicle of one man's faith during one of the most pivotal times in American history. Cole. Carroll V. Glines, USA (Ret.), Historian, Doolittle Tokyo Raiders. It is easier to seek revenge or to hate than it is to forgive. Which would you choose? Jacob DeShazer, a farm boy from Oregon, joined the army Air Corps at age 27. He had always wanted to be a pilot, but when he did not qualify, an opportunity opened to become a bombardier. By luck of the draw, Jacob found himself as one of the 80 men participating in the famous Doolittle Raid over Japan shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. During the raid, Jacob and his fellow crewmen bailed out over China and were taken captive by the Japanese as prisoners of war for more than three years. In that Japanese POW camp, every day facing torture and death, Jacob's path changed when his request for a Bible was fulfilled. Jacob came back to the Christian faith in which he was raised, and made a vow to God in his prison cell that if he survived he would return to Japan, not as a warrior but as a missionary. The Jacob DeShazer story is not only about the bravery of a soldier during war, but also about how powerful love and forgiveness can be when given to the enemy. "This would be a wonderful world if we would all try to love one another." Jacob DeShazer.

I have been a "fan" of the Doolittle Raid and Raiders since I first saw "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo" when I was twelve years old. And I have read every book I could find on Jimmy Doolittle and the galant men who followed him. Mr. Deshazer was one of those men I grew to admire and respect for what he suffered as a prisoner of war, from what he learned about forgiveness and where he was lead to share his love grace and faith. I want to thank the Deshazer family for their love and devotion not only to their parents, but to their god. May He be with you always.

I am blessed to have personally known Mr. Deshazer and heard his testimony many times as I was growing up. What a treat to read his biography and learn even more about this amazing man. Mr. Deshazer's story clearly demonstrates the power of Christ's love and forgiveness. We all have hurts in our life that need healing, ones that we cannot get past on our own and by reading this story, maybe we will take one step closer to the truth: in Christ, all things are possible and His love is perfect, unfailing and never ceasing.

A very interesting story of Jacob DeShazer's return to Japan as a missionary after being held there as a prisoner of war. Good, factual reading for anyone interested in World War II or missionary stories. It traces his life as a young, brash pilot (part of the Doolittle Raiders), prison experiences, his conversion and realization that God's mercy is more powerful than weapons of war. Recognized by his peers and newsmen world-wide, he is a true hero of that era.

This was an excellent story of a Doolittle Raider and how he forgave even after the war. My cousin, Harold A. Spatz, was on the same plane as Jake DeShazer, being the 16th plane to leave the carrier for their mission. My cousin was not as fortunate as Jake, as he was executed by the Japanese at the age of 21 in October, 1942.

I was fascinated by this account of a man who willingly put himself in a casket with wings to avenge the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and survived the odds only to come back and forgive our enemy. Not just with words, but actions as he spent his life spreading love and forgiveness in the former enemies country through the message of an all forgiving God through Christ.

This is a tremendous story of love and forgiveness by one who, on all accounts, had every rite to seek revenge. What a story! A film could easily be made of this book.

An amazing story of an amazing man. What a life, a very powerful witness to what God can do (and does). Very well written.

This brings forth much new information about Jake DeShazer and is extremely well written.

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