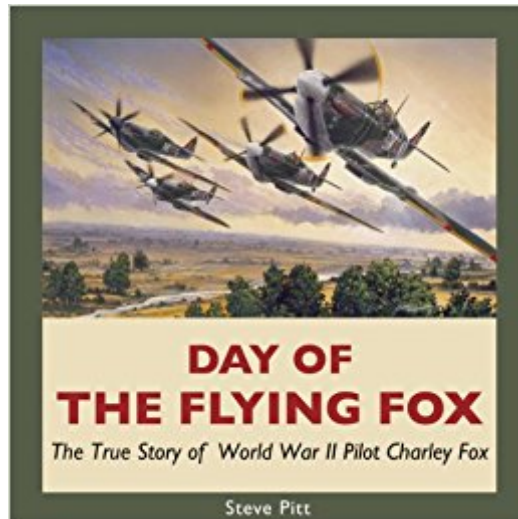




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Synopsis

Canadian World War II pilot Charley Fox, now in his late eighties, has had a thrilling life, especially on the day in July 1944 in France when he spotted a black staff car, the kind usually employed to drive high-ranking Third Reich dignitaries. Already noted for his skill in dive-bombing and strafing the enemy, Fox went in to attack the automobile. As it turned out, the car contained famed German General Erwin Rommel, the Desert Fox, and Charley succeeded in wounding him. Rommel, who at the time was the Germans' supreme military commander in France orchestrating the Nazis' resistance to the D-day invasion, was never the same after that. Author Steve Pitt focuses on this seminal event in Charley Fox's life and in the war, but he also provides fascinating aspects of the period, including profiles of noted ace pilots Buzz Beurling and Billy Bishop, Jr., and Great Escape architect Walter Floody, as well as sidebars about Hurricanes, Spitfires, and Messerschmitts.

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Author Steve Pitt examines the life of Canadian World War II pilot Charley Fox, who attacked famed German General Erwin Rommel's car and wounded him.

This book was clearly written with a younger audience in mind, so the writing style is basic. I was familiar with Charlie Fox's exploits, so I didn't really learn anything new from the book. I bought this book because I personally met Charlie Fox, shook his hand, and got my picture taken with him. An honour, for sure. Charlie's untimely death in car crash in the fall of 2008 was somewhat ironic since he was the one credited with shooting Irwin Rommel's car in France, in 1944, killing Rommel's driver and injuring Rommel himself. RIP Charlie.

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