

# The World's Greatest Test Pilot Tells His Story I Phoenix Press

Chuck Yeager, the world's greatest test pilot, tells his story in this captivating autobiography. From his early days as a fighter pilot in World War II to his groundbreaking flights in the Bell X-1, Yeager's story is one of courage, determination, and innovation.



## Wings on My Sleeve: The World's Greatest Test Pilot tells his story (Phoenix Press) by John Man

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Yeager was born in Myra, West Virginia, in 1923. He grew up on a farm and learned to fly at a young age. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army Air Corps in 1941. During World War II, Yeager flew 64 combat missions in the P-51 Mustang. He shot down 13 enemy aircraft, making him one of the top American aces of the war.

After the war, Yeager was assigned to the NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics), the predecessor to NASA. In 1947, he was selected to fly the Bell X-1, the first aircraft to break the sound barrier. On

October 14, 1947, Yeager flew the X-1 to a speed of Mach 1.06, becoming the first human to travel faster than the speed of sound.

Yeager's groundbreaking flight in the X-1 paved the way for the development of supersonic aircraft and space exploration. He continued to fly test aircraft for the NACA and NASA for many years, and he made significant contributions to the development of the X-15, the SR-71 Blackbird, and the Space Shuttle.

Yeager retired from the Air Force in 1975, but he continued to fly for many years after that. He died in 2020 at the age of 97. He is considered one of the greatest aviators of all time, and his story is an inspiration to all who dream of achieving great things.

### **Yeager's Legacy**

Chuck Yeager's legacy is one of courage, determination, and innovation. He was a pioneer in the field of aviation, and his groundbreaking flights in the Bell X-1 paved the way for the development of supersonic aircraft and space exploration. Yeager was also a gifted test pilot, and he made significant contributions to the development of several important aircraft, including the X-15, the SR-71 Blackbird, and the Space Shuttle.

Yeager's story is an inspiration to all who dream of achieving great things. He shows us that anything is possible if we have the courage to follow our dreams and never give up.

### **Book Review**

Chuck Yeager's autobiography, "Yeager: An Autobiography," is a captivating and inspiring read. Yeager tells his story in a straightforward and engaging

manner, and he provides a fascinating glimpse into the world of aviation and space exploration. The book is full of exciting stories and anecdotes, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in aviation or history.

I highly recommend "Yeager: An Autobiography" to anyone who is interested in learning more about one of the greatest aviators of all time. The book is a captivating and inspiring read, and it is sure to leave you with a newfound appreciation for Chuck Yeager and his incredible accomplishments.

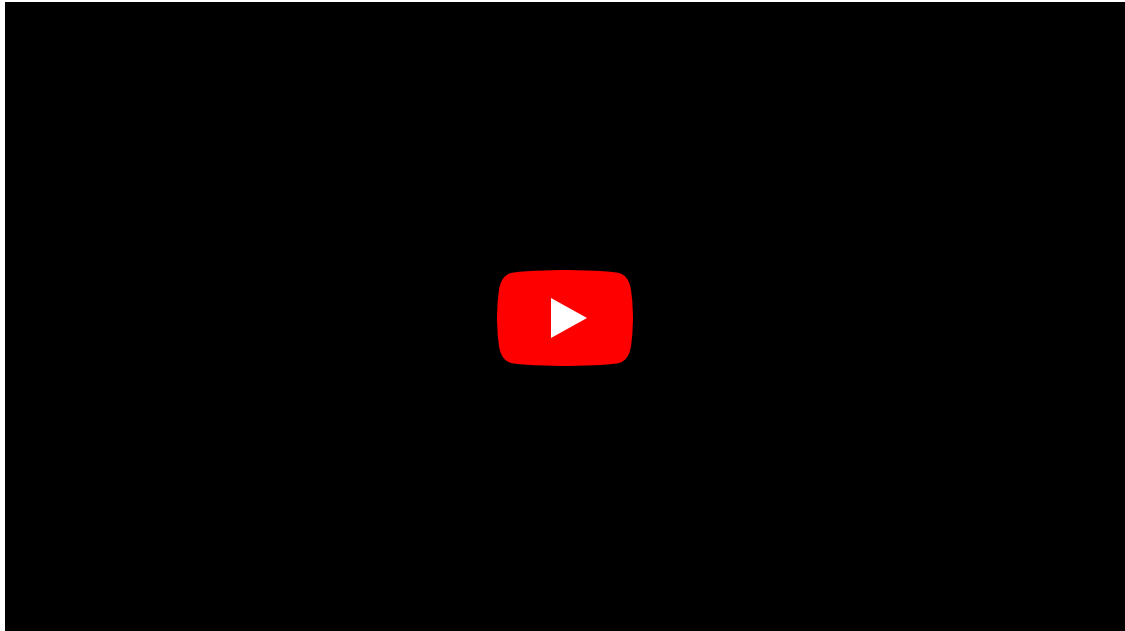
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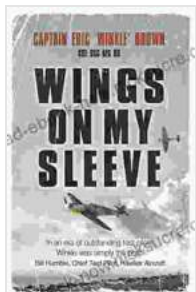
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[Yeager: An Autobiography](https://www.amazon.com/Yeager-Autobiography-Chuck-Yeager/dp/0684870637) \* [The Right Stuff]  
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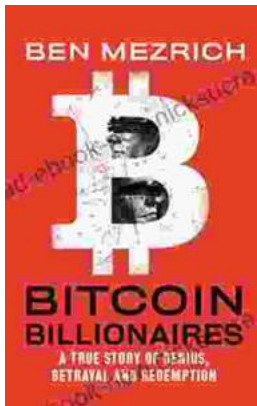
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