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The Red Baron: The Graphic History Of Richthofen's Flying Circus And The Air War In Wwi (Graphic Histories)



Synopsis

In *The Red Baron*, graphic artist and author Wayne Vansant illustrates the incredible story of Manfred von Richthofen, whose unparalleled piloting prowess as a member of the Imperial German Army Air Service made him a World War I celebrity both in the air and on the ground. Vansant beautifully depicts the fearsome intelligence and mid-flight awareness that would earn Richthofen 80 air combat victories from his rough beginnings, to the years he spent commanding Jasta 11 from the cockpit of his fabled red plane, to his eventual leadership of the infamous "Flying Circus," named for the group's colorful aircraft and mobile airfields.

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"The Red Baron takes you into the cockpit of Manfred von Richthofen's blood-red Fokker and hurls you into aerial duels in a way made possible only in a graphic history. This legendary story of men who flew with the wind in their wires will stay with you long after you savor Wayne Vansant's words and illustrations." - Robert F. Dorr, USAF (ret.), historian and author of *Fighting Hitler's Jets*

The Red Baron by Wayne Vansant is more than a gripping graphic biography of Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the greatest ace of World War I. Vansant has not only done a remarkable job in telling the story of the Red Baron, he has presented an insightful account of the development of combat aviation, and his depictions of aerial actions are absolutely thrilling. But as important visually as they are, his real achievement is in going beyond the exciting dogfights. He rounds out the story with remarkable diligence, revealing the men behind the pilots and the importance of the aircraft that

they flew. The Red Baron is an exceptional addition to the historiography of World War I and combat aviation. Bravo!" - Dwight Jon Zimmerman, award-winning and New York Times best-selling military history author"...graphic writer and artist Wayne Vansant uses this medium to cleverly and successfully tell the story of German World War One flying ace Manfred von Richthofen in his entertaining book "The Red Baron." - Aviation Week"Wayne Vansant profiles and brings back to life one of combat aviation's greatest legends, Manfred von Richthofen?"better known as the Red Baron?"in a graphic history that will surely entertain both young and old alike. This illustrated biography also highlights the exploits of many other combat pilots, German and Allied, and is as educational and entertaining for students as for adults. . . .The fighter pilots of the First World War set the benchmark for later generations of pilots. Twenty years later, in an even greater world war, their legacy of conduct, chivalry, honor, innovation, and success would be remembered, even revered, by another generation of young men who would once again fly, fight, and die in hostile European skies. Other heroes would emerge, but the Red Baron will always stand alone." - Colin D. Heaton, historian and author of *The German Aces Speak* and *The Me 262 Stormbird* --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Writer and artist Wayne Vansant was the primary artist for Marvel's *The X-Men* for more than five years. Since then, he has written and illustrated many historically accurate graphic histories, such as *The Hammer and the Anvil*; *The Vietnam War: A Graphic History*; *Normandy: A Graphic History of D-Day*, *The Allied Invasion of Hitler's Fortress Europe* (Zenith Press, 2012); *Gettysburg: The Graphic History of America's Most Famous Battle and the Turning Point of the Civil War* (Zenith Press, 2013); *Grant vs. Lee: The Graphic History of the Civil War's Greatest Rivals During the Last Year of the War* (Zenith Press, 2013); *Bombing Nazi Germany: The Graphic History of the Allied Air Campaign That Defeated Hitler in World War II* (Zenith Press, 2013); and *The Red Baron: The Graphic History of Richthofen's Flying Circus and the Air War in WWI* (Zenith Press, 2014). He is currently working on *The Battle of the Bulge: A Graphic History of Allied Victory in the Ardennes, 1944-1945* (Zenith Press, 2014) for the 70th anniversary of the battle in December 2014. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

If you haven't read any of these great books by Wayne Vansant, you are denying yourself a very pleasant historical read. The author/illustrator is a wonderful historian as well as artist, and a very capable editor in choosing and telling the facts of actual historical events. This edition follows works on the Civil War, D-Day, Battle of the Bulge, and others. And I hope many more will follow.

The story is of Manfred Von Richtofen, the World War One German fighter pilot who ran up a tally of eighty aircraft shot down and earned the nickname The Red Baron from admiring people and adversaries alike. His career ended at age twenty five when he was shot down and killed in action. Vansant tells the story well, with no embellishment or detractions to the character or historical events. This is not a comic book. The story is aimed at those who can appreciate the fury and irony of war, and the courage of people in combat, no matter their nationality. I look forward eagerly to more works from this talented historian! provided my copy quickly and in perfect condition. Don't hesitate to order this volume.

This is one of a series of graphic novels dealing with war created by Wayne Vansant. And considering the popularity of the topic and the popularity of graphic novels its sure to be popular. I'd heard of The Red Baron long before picking up this book but it was interesting to read his story in the graphic format. Student readers will be fascinated by the depictions of early air warfare, the techniques and strategies used as well as the personal prowess of Richthofen. I think the one thing that came through loud and clear was how dangerous it was to be a pilot during the war. Vansant does a nice job of covering different aspects of the air war including the flying, scouting, fighting, guarding, and other activities of the different units, but also how the units operated. Other famous flying aces of the war from the various participating nations are also included in the story. This is a great way to introduce young readers to the importance of and impact of the past.

My kiddo loved it! Read it 5xs in 2days, and it's not that short.

bought this for my kids ages 11,11,12 and 14. They had never learned about the Red Baron. I think everyone needs to know who the Red Baron was.

Really good, got it for my son to read and I did too. As a fan of WW1 aviation I was impressed with the historical accuracy and high quality drawings. Only negative is the broad sweep of the story is tough to capture in a short graphic format.

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This book will make you smarter.It's not just for little kids. While focusing on the development of military aviation in WWI, this book takes a look at the entire war effort and includes valuable

biographical information. Visual indentifiers of planes at the back. Extremely well done.

Recommended.

What a great visual study of the Red Baron. This is great history book for those who may not want to read a biography. This will only wet your appetite for more. Even Snoopy would be proud to read about such a noble and innovative ace.

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