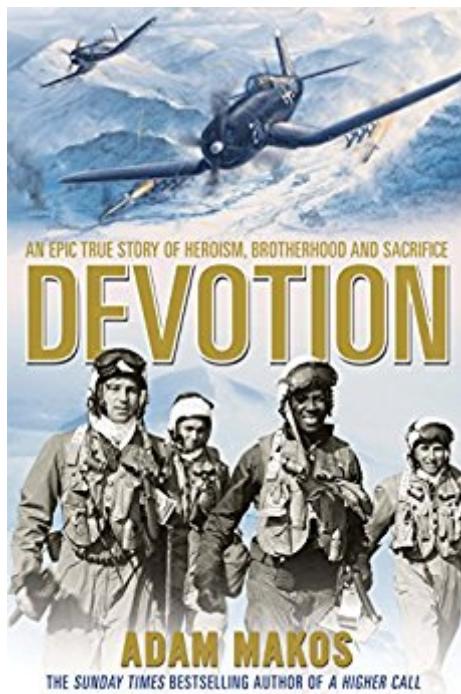


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Synopsis

Devotion is the gripping story of the US Navy's most famous aviator duo - Tom Hudner, a white, blue-blooded New Englander, and Jesse Brown, a black sharecropper's son from Mississippi. Against all odds, Jesse beat back racism to become the Navy's first black aviator. Against all expectations, Tom passed up a free ride at Harvard to fly fighter planes for his country. Barely a year after President Truman ordered the desegregation of the military, the two became wingmen in Fighter Squadron 32 and went on to fight side-by-side in the Korean War. In the war's climatic battle at the Chosin Reservoir, Tom and Jesse flew headlong into waves of troops in order to defend an entire division of Marines trapped on a frozen lake. Jesse was shot down and pinned in the burning wreckage of his fighter. Tom then faced an unthinkable choice - to see his friend burn to death or to go down in a blaze of glory, flouting the rules to crash-land behind enemy lines and save Jesse - or die trying. The question was crueler than the freezing wind: How far will you go to save a friend?

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As a Korean War veteran I enjoyed the book immensely, in particular the juxtaposition of both the "grunts" on the ground & the pilots in the air. I had heard of the Jesse Brown/Tom Hudner story

many years ago but was surprised to read that my father, Lt. Dennis Nelson, was present at the Medal of Honor presentation standing next to Daisy, Pres. Truman & Tom Hudner (see photo on P.391). A brief synopsis of my Dad appeared on P.390 also. Brings back memories. CN

It was equally, if not, more intriguing than A Higher Call. It also gives you some insight on the Korean War, a war I never really looked into other than watching Dogfights. Highly recommended.

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