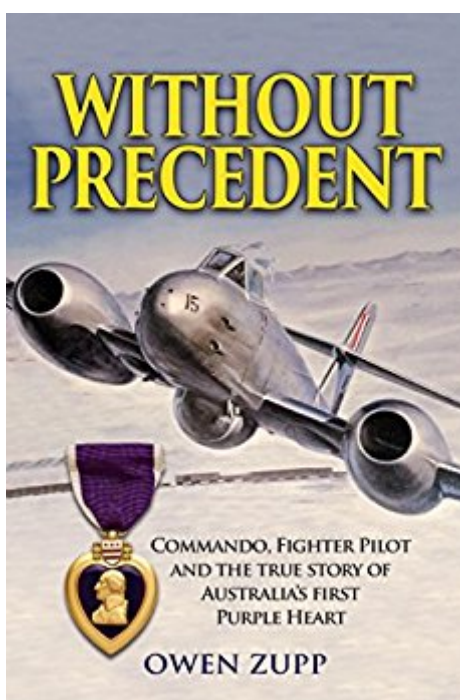


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Without Precedent: Commando, Fighter Pilot And The True Story Of Australia's First Purple Heart



Synopsis

Without Precedent is the military biography of army commando and fighter pilot, Phillip Zupp. One man who served in two very different wars. During World War Two, he saw combat on the ground in the Pacific before patrolling Hiroshima and Tokyo at the war's end. In Korea, Phillip flew 201 combat sorties amid intense ground fire and the ever-threatening MiG fighters. Peace brought an aviation career that spanned the globe and the skies above it. All the while, aviation history had overlooked this intriguing story of the search for a downed airman, a damaged jet and the first Australian Purple Heart. Until now.

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In Without Precedent, Owen Zupp tells the story of Australia's first Purple Heart recipient. A man who fought his way from tough beginnings to into the skies. A veteran of both World War II and Korea whose bravery during the Korean war was recognized with the unprecedented award of the American Purple Heart. A man who also happened to be Owen's father. Much more than a warrior's

biography, or a fantastic set of aviation stories; although it is both of those, this is the kind of book that fathers hope their own children are inspired to write someday. Owen's deep love and respect for Phillip Zupp shines through every page and paragraph. It's a beautifully respectful story that paints a portrait of a man who faced his battles square on all his life. One of the best biographies I've read in a long time. A must read for dads, military historians, and aviation buffs alike.

I feel privileged to have read this book. Phillip Zupp had a truly amazing life full of adventure and friendships. As an aviation enthusiast I appreciate the story of his aviation career. The diversity, history, and great detail in the book makes for compelling reading. There are many amazing stories that I really enjoyed. Owen has done a masterful job putting all this together through his personal experiences with his Father and extensive research.

This book was well written and held my interest as I followed Phillip Zupp from his humble beginnings on his dad's farm and growing up with a burning desire to fly. His journey was not an easy road. Phillip went from cutting sugar cane near his home in Australia to his service during WWII in the Pacific to his time in Korea as a fighter pilot. It is a fascinating book showing the dogged determination of a young man who had very limited formal education accomplish very much. I would highly recommend this book for its coverage of a very interesting man and how he overcame so many obstacles to achieve his dream of being able to fly.

The story of Phillip Zupp should be read by all aspiring pilots as it shows the true strength of a young boy to overcome a lack of an education as a child and to grow with self determination to succeed as a soldier in WW11, as a commando and finally as a fighter pilot in Korea. A truly amazing story not to be missed. Written by his son in admiration of his father's life.

An excellent book and I lived every moment of it. I would have loved to have met him. I felt it was well written too.

A very interesting well written book about a man who with very limited education worked hard to achieve his dream of becoming a fighter pilot. There were a few bumps in the road before and after his fighter pilot time in the Korean war which was the high light of his military flying. Australian involvement in the Korean war is not well documented which makes this book well worth reading.

Owen deserves so much credit for bringing to life what his father was to family and the Australian nation. This is without a doubt the best book I have read about a national hero. I served in the USAF and I couldn't be more proud to share a kinship of sorts with Mr Zupp. Thank you Owen for the inspiring story.

I went through the same RAAF training and Korean experience as Phil Zupp and really enjoyed reliving the experience through the book as it was historically very accurate. Great to see a son honour his father in this way

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