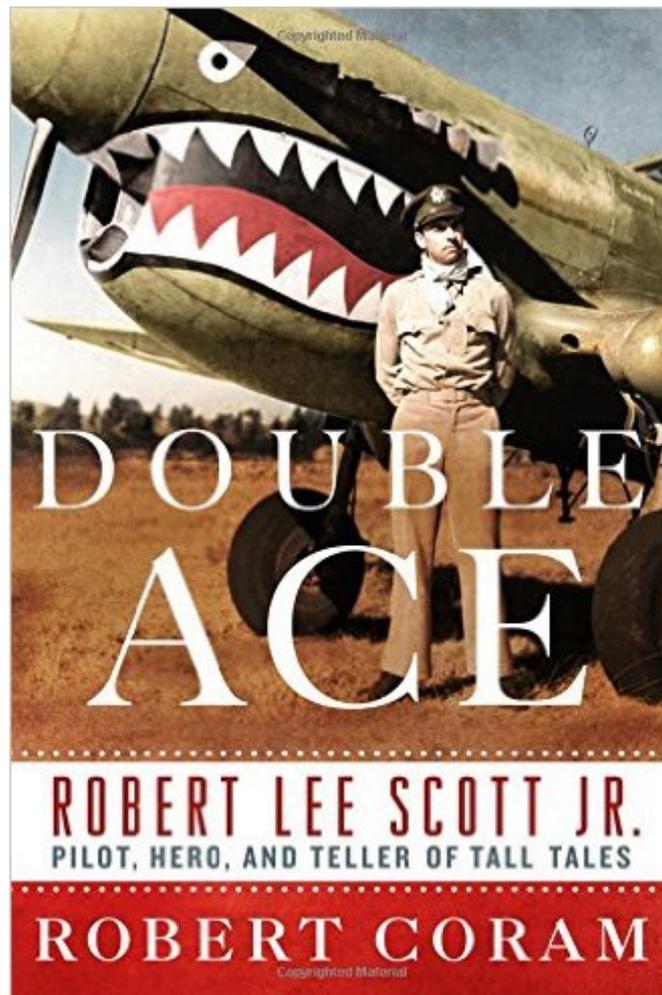


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Double Ace: The Life Of Robert Lee Scott Jr., Pilot, Hero, And Teller Of Tall Tales



Synopsis

Robert Lee Scott was larger than life. A decorated Eagle Scout who barely graduated from high school, the young man from Macon, Georgia, with an oversized personality used dogged determination to achieve his childhood dream of becoming a famed fighter pilot. In *Double Ace*, veteran biographer Robert Coram, himself a Georgia man, provides readers with an unprecedented look at the defining characteristics that made "Scotty" a uniquely American hero. First capturing national attention during World War II, Scott, a West Point graduate, flew missions in China alongside the legendary "Flying Tigers," where his reckless courage and victories against the enemy made headlines. Upon returning home, Scott's memoir, brashly titled *God is My Co-Pilot*, became an instant bestseller, a successful film, and one of the most important books of its time. Later in life, as a retired military general, Scott continued to add to his list of accomplishments. He traveled the entire length of China's Great Wall and helped found Georgia's Museum of Aviation, which still welcomes 400,000 annual visitors. Yet Scott's life was not without difficulty. His single-minded pursuit of greatness was offset by debilitating bouts of depression, and his brashness placed him at odds with superior officers, wreaking havoc on his career. What wealth he gained he squandered, and his numerous public affairs destroyed his relationships with his wife and child. Backed by meticulous research, *Double Ace* brings Scott's uniquely American character to life and captures his fascinating exploits as a national hero alongside his frustrating foibles.

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In his almost 100-year lifetime, Robert L. Scott, Jr. was many things: an Eagle Scout, a West Point

grad, an acclaimed national hero, a WWII fighter ace and leader, a best-selling author, noted speaker and the spark plug that helped create Georgia's Museum of Aviation. And, according to Robert Coram's illuminating and absolutely fascinating biography, Scott also flunked out of high school and was a shameless self-promoter and teller of tall tales who never let the truth get in the way of a good story, a serial womanizer and an absentee husband and father not to mention the fact that, though he made general, he played fast and loose with USAF rules and regs and had financial troubles throughout his life. Scott's complicated and complex life is brought to vivid life in *DOUBLE ACE, THE LIFE OF ROBERT LEE SCOTT JR.* a 2016 St. Martin's Press release. Scott's troubles originated with his mother, who lived out her frustrated dreams through her first born. If Ola Burckhalter Scott couldn't achieve greatness, her favorite child, the center of her world, could - and would - under her endless poking and prodding. It was 'Mama' who set her first born on his life's course. After witnessing a demonstration flight by Eugene Ely on 19 October 1911 - a flight that ended in Ely's death! - Scott's mother told Robert Lee was going to grow up to be not just an aviator but an aviator as famous as Ely. The die was cast and after barely eking through West Point - he was 262nd in a class of 262 - he embarked on an Army Air Corps career Scott was determined to become a fighter pilot but he spent his early days flying the U.S. Mail before being assigned to the Panama Canal Zone flying Boeing P-12s.

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