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AUTHORHOUSE, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. This is the true story of three B-26 Marauder men and their rugged triple-threat airplane World War II warbird carrying bombs, torpedoes, and a team of deadly gunners. Its true that for each Marauder shot down, eight Japanese Zeros paid the price. We follow the adventures of Captain Frank Allen, army air corps pilot; Mr. Torpedo, a handyman; First Lt. James Muri, Barnstorming Battle of Midway, a Marauder pilot daring to buzz the deck of Japanese carrier Akagi; and First Lt. Merrill Dawan, a never lost navigator finding targets on the nose and colorfully chronicling aviators Australian outback life. Its a mini history of the Twenty-Second Bombardment Group (M) on how they mobilized a mass transcontinental flight from Langley Field, Virginia, to the West Coast within hours after the Pearl Harbor attack, flying Pacific coast patrols for the navy and then by ship to Hawaii, reassembling their planes and island hopping, with a Kon-Tiki spirit, across the Pacific (thats a lot of ocean!) to Brisbane, Australia. Theyre the first organized group of bombers to challenge the enemy. They flew shuttle missions from Townsville, Australia, across the Coral Sea, stopping for gas on primitive airfields at Port Moresby, New Guinea, enduring mosquitoes and daily air raids, proceeding to bomb the Japanese stronghold at Rabaul, New Britain Island, and then backtracking home to Townsville. On the lighter side, we meet the airmen who christened their flying machines with pet names, usually the girl they left behind Susie Q, Blue Grass Bettye, Goosie Lucy (we hear the pilot of that plane never sent a picture of it to his girlfriend, Lucy). Slogans like Calamity Charlie and Little Brown Jug were popular, also Milk Run Special with a buxom...



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