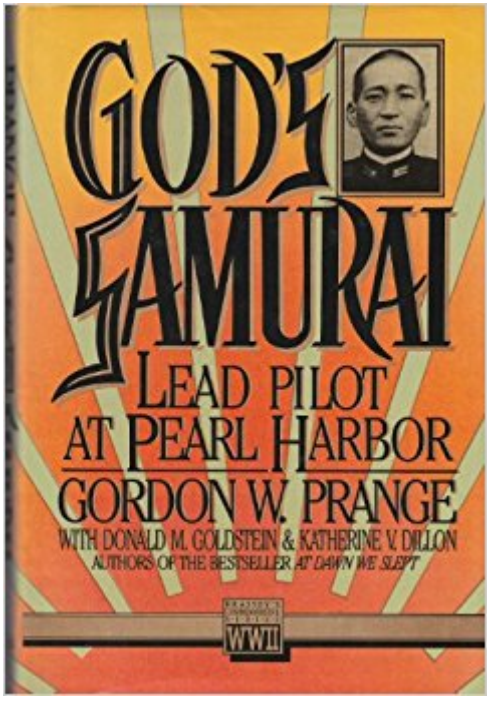
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Synopsis

God’s Samurai is the unusual story of Mitsuo Fuchida, the career aviator who led the attack on Pearl Harbor and participated in most of the fiercest battles of the Pacific war. A valuable record of major events, it is also the personal story of a man swept along by his times. Reared in the vanished culture of early twentieth-century Japan, war hero Fuchida returned home to become a simple farmer. After a scandalous love affair came his remarkable conversion to Christianity and years of touring the world as an evangelist. His tale is an informative, personal look at the war "from the other side." --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Mitsuo Fuchida led the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and served as air operations officer in subsequent Pacific campaigns. Based on interviews that began soon after the war and continued until Fuchida’s death in 1976, this biography covers Fuchida’s dazzling wartime exploits and provides insight into Japanese naval air tactics. The account of his comedown from war hero to obscure dirt farmer is poignant. The authors compare him to an unattached samurai during this period, searching for "a liege lord to receive his ardent allegiance." Fuchida found a banner for his sword when he converted to Christianity and became a nondenominational evangelist, campaigning in the U.S. and Europe as well as in Japan. The story of his military career, his conversion, his first fumbling efforts as a preacher and his success as an international evangelist make for a story that is alternately exciting, moving and spiritually rewarding. Prange, with Goldstein and Dillon, wrote At

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Commander Mutso Fuchida led a dramatic and historically interesting life. After Pearl Harbor he fought (and survived) the entire naval air war, missed Hiroshima by a single day, and witnessed the surrender ceremonies. He ended his life as a farmer and Christian missionary. This title is another in the saga which sprang from the vast wartime archive compiled by the late Prange. The biography is a joint effort which fails only stylistically, being wooden in tone and occasionally tedious. Fuchida was a good choice for serious study, though, and the work makes a useful part of the series which began with At Dawn We Slept (LJ 11/1/81) . -- Raymond L. Puffer, U.S. Air Force History Prog., Los AngelesCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

In the annals of history of the Pacific War, Commander Mitsuo Fuchida stands out as an honorable warrior, who, like many of his generation got caught up in the fanaticism of Japanese imperialism of the time. Later, he had an epiphany and changed his life 180 degrees. His biography is very interesting.

God’s Samurai: Lead Pilot at Pearl Harbor by Gordon W. Prange is an outstanding piece of historical work documenting the mindset of the Japanese military during the major naval battles in the Pacific w/American forces. The author’s employment of a biographical style regarding the main character serves to make that man more sympathetic to the Western reader than would otherwise have been possible. As a former U.S. History teacher and a Vietnam vet (USMC), I readily ascribe to the theory that one must know the enemy.Karl Reger

I highly recommend this book A+++++ I myself have been fascinated with Fuchida’s life for many years and have hoped to find a book worth reading on him. This book is it! The research is impeccable. The book begins with his childhood and then takes off on his military career bringing the reader front and center into the war and the Japanese mindset. Then Fuchida’s life takes a surprising turn! You won’t want to miss this one. Well worth the read!!!

Got the book for my son, who is a ministerial student seriously considering a call to Japan as a missionary. The book gave him insight into the perception Japanese have of Christianity and the spiritual process one Japanese man, Mitsuo Fuchida, a distinguished wartime navy pilot, went

through after the war in seeking the truth about Christianity which led him to salvation in Jesus Christ. Formerly he led bombers attacking American ships at Pearl Harbor; later he preached the gospel in Japan and the U.S. and became a naturalized U.S. citizen. Some have expressed disappointment that the book didn't give as much detail about Captain Fuchida's World War II, but that was not it's purpose; other books and articles contain those accounts by him. It was written to show how his life was transformed by the gospel. I ordered the book On Line and had it mailed directly to my son at his college. Some of his school friends saw it and have expressed and interest in reading it as well.

Mitsuo Fuchida was the lead pilot and commander of the Japanese air strike on Pearl Harbor. He rose to the rank of Captain in the Japanese Navy and served throughout the war. Following the war, he became a Christian through the witness of Jacob DeShazer, former American POW in Japan. Fuchido became an evangelist throughout Japan and in the US. In this book, the authors masterfully tell his amazing life story, covering both the Pearl Harbor attack, the rest of the War in the Pacific, and his work as a Christian evangelist. This book is excellent in its telling of history as well as in its biography. Also fascinating is the Japanese perspective of the War in the Pacific. This was a great read.

A very well-written chronology of one man's experience as a Japanese naval aviator from his leading the air attack at Pearl Harbor to his life after the war ended. Spell bounding account and a book that cannot be put down. I highly recommend for anyone interested in the PacificTheatre from the view of a Japanese military officer.

I found this to be a great history of the Japanese Naval Aviation history and how one comes to Christ outside the normal Christian Movement. Mitsuo Fuchida's conversion happens through a series of events showing forgiveness and his personal belief before becoming a Christian of Divine Providence in his own survival of the war. It is a great way to look into our own adventure into belief.

Bought as a gift for a military history buff. He was happy and said the book gave him some interesting information plus a different viewpoint. Neither one of us are military historians so our critique is one of a general audience.

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