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### *Not Just Another WAR STORY*

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It is the spring of 1942 and as Steve Carmichael celebrates graduating from the University of Florida, it is clear to every young man in America that a war is on. Six months have passed since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and ordinary citizens stand united, ready to fight against the tyranny of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

Steve, who grew up on a cattle ranch in Kissimmee, Florida, has two passions in life: baseball and flying. At the age of 11, his father, Ray, purchased an old mail-route biplane, and within a year Steve was soaring with the birds. It was an easy decision for Steve to join the Army Air Corps and pursue his desire to pilot the B-17 Flying Fortress. In flight school, Steve meets his future copilot and best friend, Howie Van Dyke. Stationed overseas in Chelveston, England, with the 8th Air Force, they form the tight-knit crew of Pappy's Pack in the 305<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. Action-packed air battles ensue as they fight deadly flak and German Luftwaffe in the skies of occupied Europe. They must complete 30 combat missions, however, that uncertainty because of heavy losses, brings the business of war into realistic focus. Romance also captures Steve's heart when he meets a young British nurse. It's hard not to fall in love with Maggie.

**Taking nearly a decade of research and writing**, *Not Just Another War Story* is a glowing tribute to the young airmen of World War II. MacDowell writes a powerful story of the hopes, dreams, and loves of the B-17 crew who risked their lives at 25,000 feet in the air.



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wayne G. MacDowell was born in Woodbury, New Jersey and was raised in the greater Philadelphia area. He has enjoyed a long and successful career in sales and marketing in the tea and coffee industry. This is Wayne's second novel, to which he has devoted nine years of research. Wayne is currently retired and resides in St Pete Beach, Florida, where he is a member of the Florida Writers Association and makes time for the pleasures of boating, volunteer work, and family and friends.

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