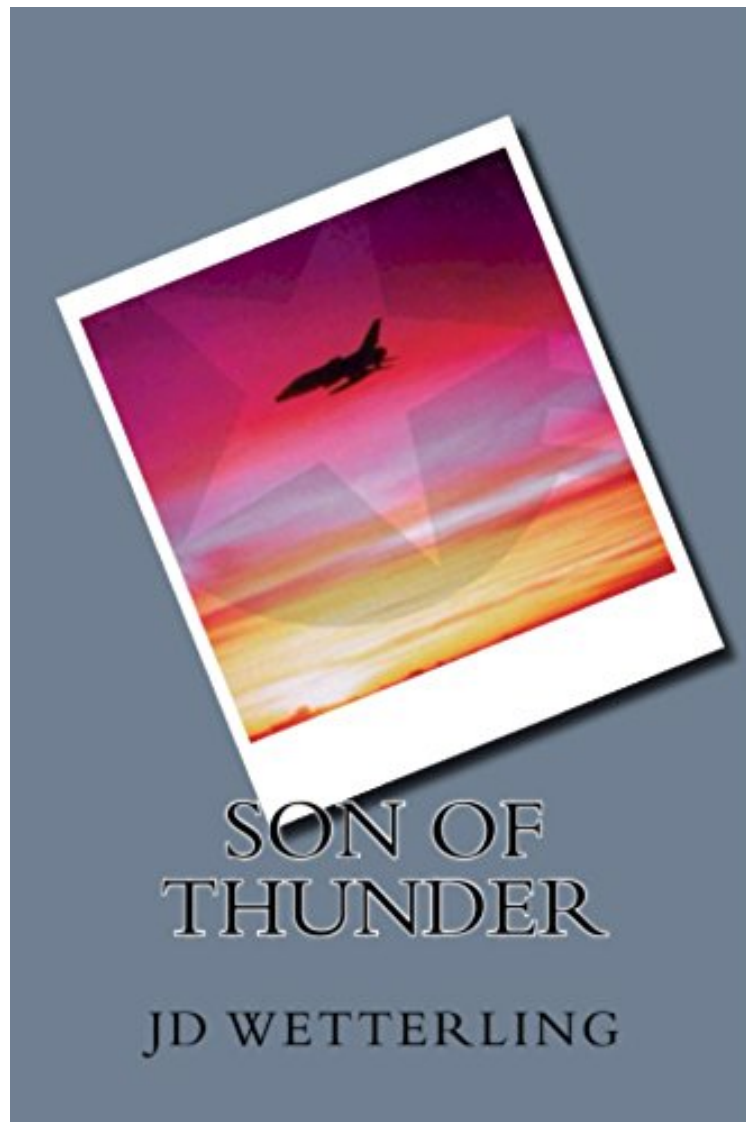


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**Von JD Wetterling : Son of Thunder (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Son of Thunder (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It tears you heart out. You become a FIGHTER PILOTVon srg4444@primenet.comI was having a cup of coffee the other morning when I began to read the first few pages of Son of Thunder. My wife entered the kitchen and asked what I was reading. I looked up at her; I could not speak; the chills were running up and down my arms and spine; my throat

was in spasms; my eyes were tearing; I could not talk; she has never seen me in such a condition. Son of Thunder is so very, very special; it is the catharsis for the Vietnam fighter pilot-the modern day Red Badge of Courage. This story is the equivalent base for a sequel like Herman Wouk's W.W.II story of the United States Navy, War Remembrance and Winds of War, but of the era of Vietnam= I am astonished; J. D. Wetterling has captured on paper the sentiment, interaction, norms more exacting than if one were actually serving a tour and flying each mission. If you ever flew missions like the F-100 pilots {and others} did, in order to function, you had to suppress the human emotional content so deeply that it may never resurface again in one lifetime-that is, until you experience JD's vivid story, Son of Thunder. This is a Steven Spielberg, Ken Burns, Oliver Stone level undertaking; I wonder who will obtain the movie rights? Stewart R. Gable Colonel USAF [Ret'd] csrgable1@uswest.net srg4444@primenet.com0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very exciting reading experience!Von Ein KundeSon of Thunder is a very exciting reading experience. Before reading this novel, I knew nothing more about fighter pilots than what you can grasp from "Top Gun" and look-alike movies, which do not seem to capture reality accurately enough and come with a strong bias. At some point, I thought the romance and intrigue would become too predictable to remain interesting but even this abruptly changed.Globally, I was really fascinated by the military thing and the real courage that underlies the whole story. It is difficult to say whether the simplistic considerations about coward politicians and the absurd negotiations carried out by "Henry the K" and Duc Van Tho reflect the author's views, or simply his character's. At least what is striking for a non American reader is the sharp contradiction between the so-called "balanced strikes", barring for example any bombing of North Vietnamese cities or military camps in Laos, and the heavy use of napalm,exfoliating liquids and devices like "the Hammer". The obsession of any army in campaign has always been to be "stabbed in the back". The Vietnam war was no exception for that. But, certainly for the first time in history, reporters were able to take pictures of virtually anything they wanted (a mistake the Pentagon did not make twice when the US sent troops in the Gulf in 1990, as evidenced by the coverage of Desert Storm). The complex interactions between the power of destruction that the US deployed in Vietnam and the mixed aspirations this in turn generated in the American public are vividly described in "Son of Thunder". Because this is a subtle message and it comes from a real-life experience, I think this is a great achievement of the book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fiction? Hard to believe!Von Jack L DrainJD, or should I say "John Ellsworth", I just finished your story! I liked all of it (except the put down remarks about all us F-4 Jocks)and will highly recommend it to my 200 Email friends, many of whom are Retired Air Force Pilots. The exquisite details lead one to believe that the preponderance of the material was not fiction at all. Having been there and done many of the same things, thought the same thoughts, felt the same fears and exhilaration's, and arrived at many of the identical conclusions, is overwhelming evidence of the books veracity and power. At least as far as I am concerned. God left you and I, and others like us, alive for purposes still being defined to us. We lost many friends and comrades. For them not to have a messenger and spokesman would have meant that they truly died in vain. Thank you for understanding that calling and answering it with such depth and dimension!

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