



Two Flights to Victory: From the Doolittle Raid to the Enola Gay

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The History Press Ltd. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Two Flights to Victory: From the Doolittle Raid to the Enola Gay, David G. Styles, During the Second World War, the United States launched two air attacks that would secure victory and peace, but at a terrible cost. Developed in total secrecy, they were the only such attacks on Japan that were not part of any other battle plan. The first took place on 18 April 1942, and became known as the Doolittle Raid, named for its leader, Lieutenant-Colonel James H. Doolittle. Sixteen B-25 bombers - the first twin-engined bombers ever to take off from an aircraft carrier - struck at Tokyo and neighbouring cities, forcing the withdrawal of Japanese troops from the Pacific islands and assuring that the Allies never lost another battle all the way to Japan. During the development of the B-29 Superfortress - the aircraft that would eventually carry the atom bombs to Hiroshima and Nagasaki - General Henry Arnold asked Doolittle for his 'best damned bomber pilot' to take over the B-29 flight test programme. Doolittle recommended his 12th Air Force bomb leader Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Tibbets, who went on to command the 509th Composite Group,...



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