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Having at the age of 86 successfully published his first autobiographical volume, *On and Off the Flight Deck*, Hank wanted to fill in the gaps of before and after his five years of wartime experiences as a Fighter Pilot in the Fleet Air Arm.

His boyhood years in the 1930s were far from dull – sharing his home with his Mother's forty Bull Terriers, driving his father around France at 14 with his own driving licence. Hank's decision to leave the Royal Navy after the war led him to take a difficult path through life, as he had gained no qualifications other than for flying – which meant a traumatic time for his wife and young family while he worked his way up during the post-war economic depression, from lavatory cleaner, door-to-door salesman, factory shop floor, back to flying as a test pilot and manager of a Flying Club, and eventually reaching director-level in industry. The last twelve years of his professional career were the happiest and most interesting of all as the Bursar of Clifton College, a large independent school in Bristol, Hank's home city.

Hank is a natural storyteller and readers of his earlier book will enjoy the sequel. For new readers he provides a thoughtful and revealing social commentary on periods of the last century that are relatively unrecorded today.



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