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Stephen E. Ambrose : The Wild Blue : The Men and Boys Who Flew the B-24s Over Germany before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wild Blue : The Men and Boys Who Flew the B-24s Over Germany:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lightweight wartime bio of George McGovernBy CustomerThis sketchy bio of the early life and war experiences of George McGovern, the very prominent American politician, does not give much insight into anything. The author, who has had much success elsewhere, seems unable to make up his mind exactly what he wants this book to be - a bio, a wartime tale of a bomber pilot, or a close look at the B-24. Consequently it is just a bit of each.It is well edited, without the abysmal grammar found in many other Kindle editions. and so can be read quite quickly. We are left knowing that McGovern was a very brave and skilful pilot, the B-24 was a lumbering but effective pig of a plane, and the Germans were at that time still quite formidable.However I was not left thinking this was one of the great WWII novels, and maybe it was never meant to be.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Who knew George McGovern was a B-24 pilot?By Alphachief...for that matter, Who is George McGovern? In 1972 he was the Democrat presidential candidate, but he lost to Richard Nixon. McGovern was anti-Vietnam War and anti-bombing North Vietnam.Before he was a politician he was a decorated officer and pilot of a B-24 Liberator who completed dozens of bombing missions during WWII. The Wild Blue by Stephen Ambrose is primarily about McGovern, his crew and Eleanor, the B-24 they flew.I picked this book to expose myself to the writing of Stephen Ambrose. Also, I wanted to learn more details about our nation's WWII bombing campaign in

Europe. By reading this book, I accomplished both. I will be back for more from the author and I gained an amazed appreciation about (so called) precision daylight bombing in Europe amidst enemy fighter aircraft and intense anti-aircraft fire. If I knew then in 1972 what I know now; I would have voted for Lieutenant McGovern. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful book, great story By Warren Olfert This is a fabulous story. I've always loved Stephen Ambrose's writing and while I'd heard about George McGovern's flying in World War II, I had not read the story. Frankly, I was almost completely unaware of the B-24's role in the war, so this book was a completely new insight for me into the conflict. Ambrose has a way with not only educating us but also keeping our attention through great storytelling. He does this by focusing less on the historical aspects and more on the people, all of who have something to add. The result is a book I can't recommend more highly.

Bombs that ended the biggest war ,,a great read for history buffs and debaters