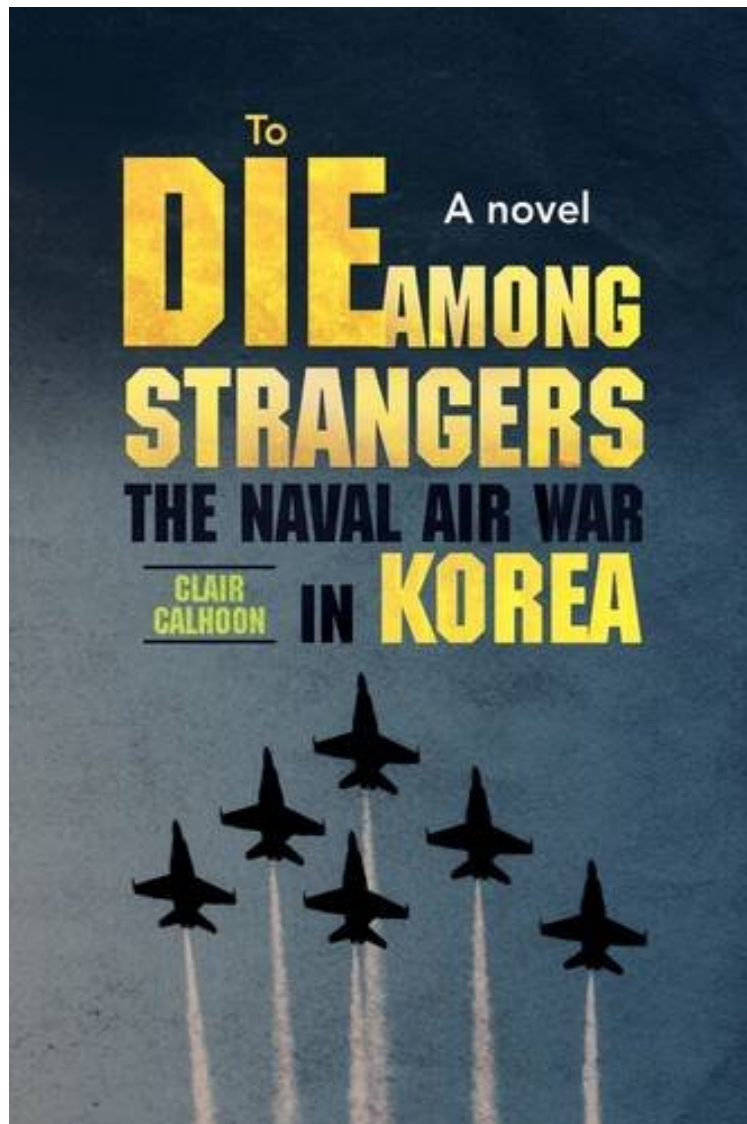


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**Clair Calhoon : To Die Among Strangers** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised To Die Among Strangers:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not really about the naval air war in Korea By Customer There is quite a bit not like about this book. So, I'll start with the cover. The cover states the book is a novel about the naval air war in Korea. However, instead of the F-9 Panthers flown off carriers during the Korean War, the cover shows a flight of F-16s - probably the Thunderbirds at an airshow since they have visible exhaust. The novel itself has only a couple

of incidents of combat flight, or any flight for that matter. The incidents are brief and non-technical in flight details. Nor does the novel give much of a description of any technical aspect of the planes, carriers, or naval operations. In fact, there is little atmosphere or description of surroundings and setting. Rather, the novel is a thin shell for the couple of main characters discuss how bad the navy was regarding racism and homosexuality, whether it is right or proper to bomb or shoot civilians, and how a nuclear first-strike by the USA against Russia and China would kill off everybody on the planet. While I don't disagree with any of the main characters' views, this is not what I am seeking in a novel about the naval air war in Korea. Bottom line is that the novel is not about carrier pilots and air combat in the Korean War. Consequently, I can't recommend it to anyone interested in such.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is Rubbish  
By [steve jamison](#)  
This book is probably one of the worst novels I have ever read. It is obviously written by someone who has no understanding of Navy and probably of American politics too. don't waste your money on it.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Scenes from the Korea War that are Relevant Today  
By [Richard Sterling](#)  
North Korea is in the news again which is another reason to read this book. The author is a Korea War navy vet and some of the stories are based on his actual experience aboard ship where he acted as defense counsel in 35 different cases. It's amazing that many of the issues raised in the book - such as racism, homosexuality and extensive killing of civilians - are completely relevant today. Most Americans have no clue about the Korea War that ended in a standoff. The romance in the book seems a bit far-fetched but the description of military trials is well written and engaging. "To Die Among Strangers" shows an example of a soldier risking his career and freedom by putting ethics and international law ahead of "just following orders". The book describes a person with similarities to Chelsea Manning, another vet who followed his conscience. At a time when there is widespread acceptance if not glorification of war and the military, and so little presentation of the horrible reality, this book is well worth reading. It could make a great movie.

To die Among Strangers is a love story set against the background of the Korean War, which lasted from June 1950 until July 1953. Robert Bruce piloted an F9F Panther Jet, and saw action from the war's beginning until its end. Court martialled for refusing to obey orders from his squadron commander placed his freedom, indeed his very life, in danger.

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