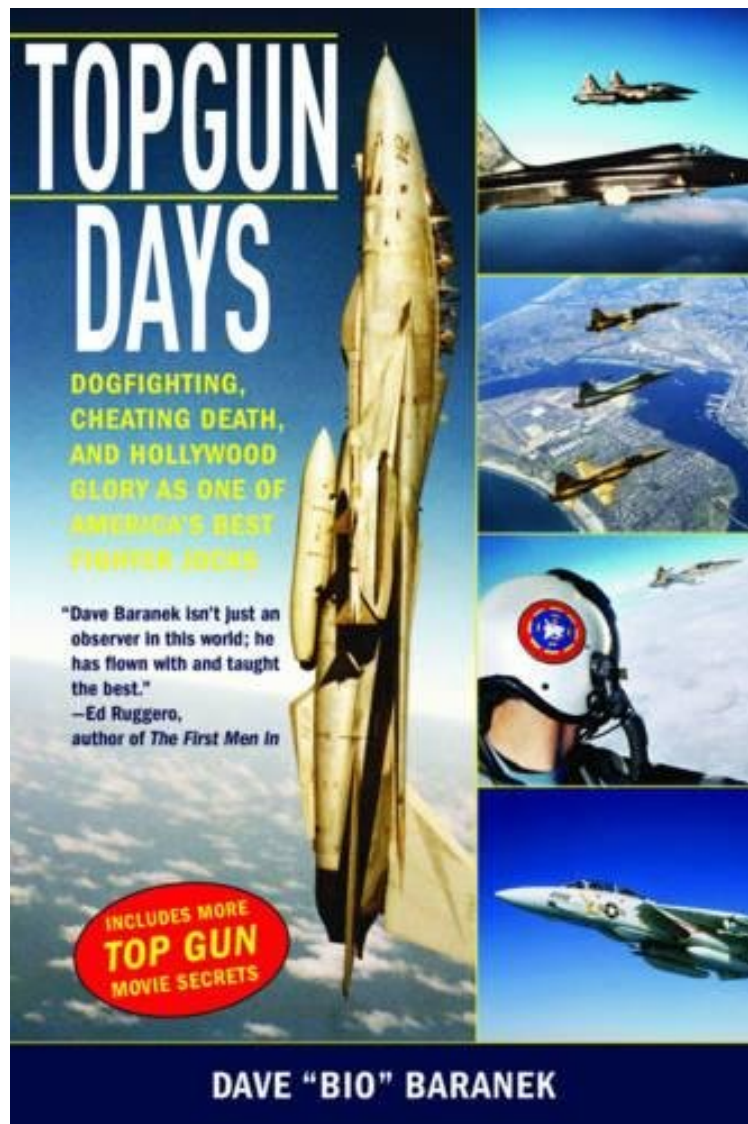


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Very Detailed! By Rick Spell If you want to know every detail of

being a Top Gun pilot this is the book for you. Dave "Bio" Baranek describes in detail what it is like to be a rear seat radar officer in an F14 and other planes. But rather than just describe life as a pilot he also backs it up with a crash that is downplayed as both pilots survive when the ending could have been much different, his experience as a Top Gun student and instructor and also what it was like during the filming of Top Gun the movie on which he had significant technical and flying involvement. The book specializes in highlighting the redundancy that is required for safety. And probably its highest point is describing in detail the technical nature of the task of a Top Gun instructor and student. But this book is not for everyone and frankly, I'm not sure I would have kept reading if one of his fellow instructors wasn't also a close friend of mine. That's not meant as a negative. I read for entertainment. This book is about detail and those really wanting to know about flying high performance planes for the Navy and it does an exceptional job of this. Just make sure you are ready for a technical book of mundane tasks involved like passing your "murder boards" to be able to instruct your first class and the time necessary to write an upgrade of a class. These guys are real heroes and incredibly talented and this book demonstrates the talent and commitment necessary to be a top pilot. But it doesn't read as a fast action book but rather a summation of the job of the pilot/instructor.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. At least 4 out of 5 stars By SRGI thought it was a great read. The use of analogy really separated the protagonist from the antagonist. It kept you riveted from start to finish to see the plot develop until it hit the crescendo in Chapter 320 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent but will be less entertaining to non-pilots

By T. J. KELLEY Excellent but will be less entertaining to non-pilots, especially non-military pilots. As a retired USAF pilot, this day to day narrative of Topgun and Naval aviation inside operations made many instances of compare and contrast never lost its appeal. Still, the connection to the Top Gun movie was fascinating. I would have appreciated an addendum of how the author's Naval career finished would have been welcomed. Maybe that will be the subject of a sequel.

Dave Baranek (callsign "Bio") was one of 451 young men to receive his Wings of Gold in 1980 as a naval flight officer. Four years later, seasoned by intense training and deployments in the tense confrontations of the cold war, he became the only one of that initial group to rise to become an instructor at the navy's elite Fighter Weapons School. As a Topgun instructor, Bio was responsible for teaching the best fighter pilots of the Navy and Marine Corps how to be even better. He schooled them in the classroom and then went head-to-head with them in the skies. Then, in August 1985, Bio was assigned to combine his day-to-day flight duties with participation in a Pentagon-blessed project to film action footage for a major Hollywood movie focusing on the lives, loves, heartbreaks, and triumphs of young fighter pilots: Top Gun. Bio soon found himself riding in limousines to attend gala premieres, and being singled out by giggling teenagers and awed schoolboys who recognized the name "Topgun" on his T-shirts. The book ends with his reflections on his career as a skilled naval aviator and his enduring love of flight. The paperback and Kindle editions include more than 50 rare full color photographs of fighter jets in action. The fascinating history of one man's rise from naval flight officer to Hollywood hero.

From Booklist The author is a retired Naval flight officer, who made several cruises aboard various carriers as the radar operator in the back seat of an F-14. One of those cruises included an ejection when the ship's arresting gear failed to arrest the F-14 before it went overboard. Even more challenging were his two assignments to the Topgun program, the Navy's elite fighter-training school, first as a student, then in the coveted position of an instructor. During that second assignment, he also helped with the Navy's support and the flying sequences of the classic movie Top Gun. (See above for the correct spelling.) The author is a straightforward, even plain writer, but he also has an eye for detail, and gives those details in full measure about experiences for which there is an abiding, even devouring, curiosity among aviation buffs. They will enjoy. --Roland Green "Dave Baranek isn't just an observer in this world; he has flown with and taught the best." (Ed Ruggero, author of *The First Men In*) "An engagingly written retrospective." (Barrett Tillman, author of *Victory and Clash of the Carriers*)

About the Author Dave "Bio" Baranek enjoyed a successful and satisfying twenty-year career in the United States Navy, starting with assignments to F-14 Tomcat squadrons and later assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Baranek retired from the Navy in 1999 and now works as a defense contractor in the Washington, D.C. area. He lives in Burke, Virginia.