



Alexander P. de Seversky and the Quest for Air Power (Hardback)

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Potomac Books Inc, United States, 2013. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Today, air power is a vital component of the U.S. armed forces. James Libbey, in *Alexander P. de Seversky and the Quest for Air Power*, highlights the contributions of an aviation pioneer who made much of it possible. Graduating from the Imperial Russian Naval Academy at the start of World War I, de Seversky lost a leg in his first combat mission. He still shot down thirteen German planes and became the empire's most decorated combat naval pilot. De Seversky elected to escape Soviet Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution. He served as a naval attache in the United States in 1918 and offered his services as a pilot and consulting engineer to the U.S. War Department. He proved inventive both in the technology of advanced military aircraft and in the strategy of exercising air power. He worked for famed aviation advocate Gen. William Billy Mitchell, who encouraged the naturalized citizen to patent his inventions, such as an in-flight refueling system and a gyroscopically synchronized bombsight. His creative spirit then spurred him to design and manufacture advanced military aircraft. When World War II broke out...

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