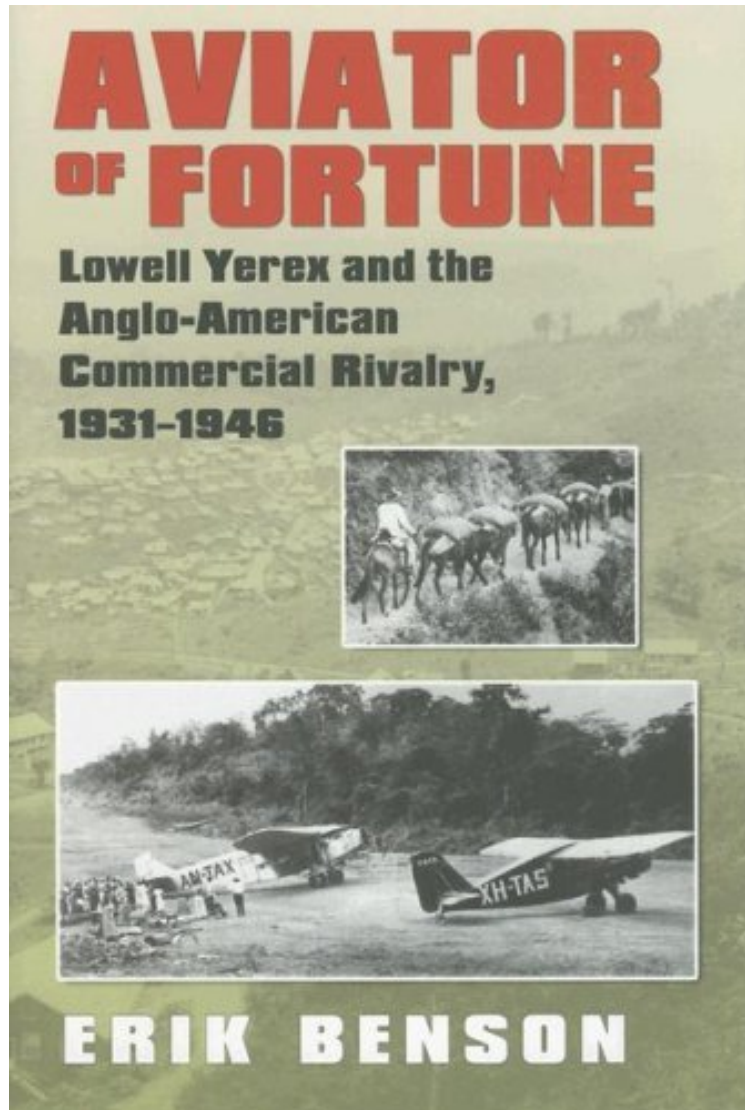


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Aviator of Fortune: Lowell Yerex and the Anglo-American Commercial Rivalry, 1931-1946:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thourough, but not what I was looking for.By RPThis rating is probably unfair, as this author has obviously done a huge amount or research into the meetings and correspondence between Yerex and the various government agencies involved....and for those interested in the early years of TACA, the endless politics involved, this book seemingly covers it all.What I was hoping for though, was a more in-depth

perspective from a pilot's operational point of view, as this would certainly be entertaining to experience what these mavericks had to contend with in fairly uncharted territory. The book does get across the message that TACA was a really unique airline in Latin America. I hope to run across a book some day describing the pilot's experience on this airline.

A man without a country—a flyer with no place to land. At a time when the Anglo-American relationship was riddled with suspicion and competition, Lowell Yerex, a British subject who lived in America, had the misfortune of becoming entangled in it as he attempted to create a commercial airline empire in Central America. His experience—rife with adventure, romance, and intrigue—made him a legend in air history and now provides a dramatic chapter in U.S.–British relations, as well as the history of Central America. To understand Yerex's remarkable career, Erik Benson focuses on the uniqueness of the entrepreneur's background, one that enabled him to empathize with both Great Britain and the United States and to foster working relationships with these rivals. Yerex's dealings with the two countries shed new light on the development of aviation in the 1930s and 1940s, at a time when Pan American ruled the skies of the western hemisphere, when revolutions and coups rocked governments, and when fortunes waited to be made and lost. *Aviator of Fortune* offers a detailed look at the life of Lowell Yerex: his successes and failures. Benson shows him as a tragic hero, influenced by fate and by his own ambitious desires. Today, his remains an important story, one that offers worthwhile reading for historians, aviation enthusiasts, and adventure seekers.

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