



Wings on My Sleeve: The World's Greatest Test Pilot Tells His Story

By Eric Brown

Orion Publishing Co. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Wings on My Sleeve: The World's Greatest Test Pilot Tells His Story, Eric Brown, The autobiography of one of the greatest pilots in history. Eric Brown was on a University of Edinburgh exchange course in Germany in 1939, and the first he knew of the war was when the Gestapo came to arrest him. They released him, not realising he was a pilot in the RAF volunteer reserve: and the rest is history. Eric Brown joined the Fleet Air Arm and went on to be the greatest test pilot in history, flying more different aircraft types than anyone else. He is the only man alive who has flown every major (and most minor) combat aircraft of the Second World War as well as all the early jets. Speaking perfect German, he went to Germany in 1945 to test the Nazi jets, interviewing (among others) Hermann Goering and Hanna Reitsch. He flew the suicidally dangerous Me 163 rocket plane, and tested the first British jets. He would have been the first man to break the sound barrier, except that the British government cancelled the programme and gave the technology to America. His...



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