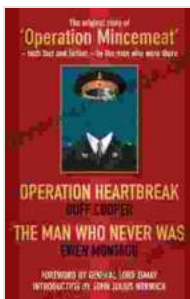


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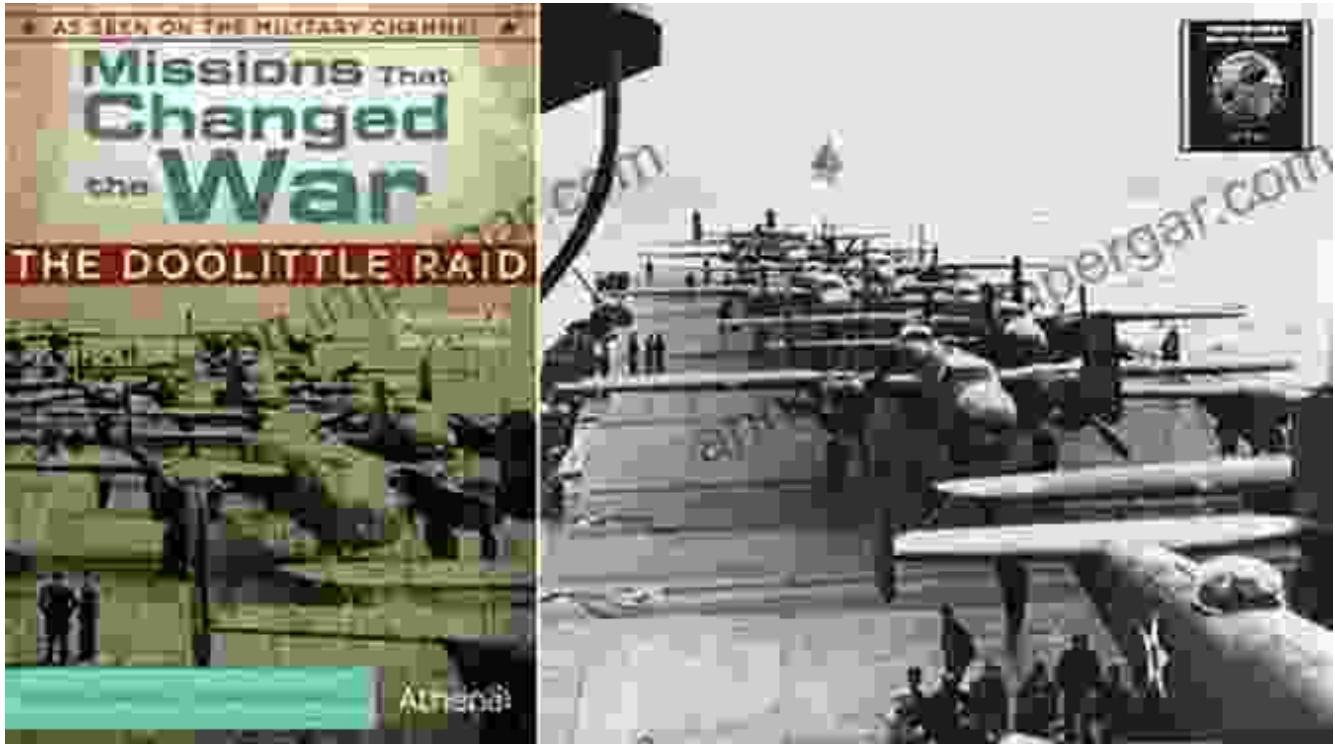


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The deception was so successful that the Germans redeployed troops and resources to the Calais area, leaving the Normandy beaches relatively undefended. This gave the Allies a significant advantage on D-Day, and it is widely believed that *Operation Heartbreak* played a major role in the Allies' victory in the war.

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Author Biography

Ben Macintyre is a British author, journalist, and historian. He is the author of several bestselling books, including *A Spy Among Friends*, *The Englishman Who Loved China*, and *Operation Mincemeat*. Macintyre's books have been translated into more than 30 languages and have won

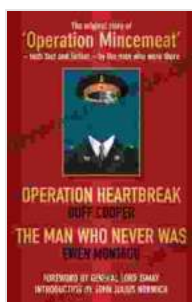
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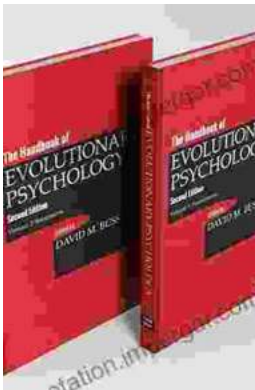
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