The Diving Bell and the Butterfly - Jean-Dominique Bauby 2008-03-06 A celebration of the liberating power of consciousness—a triumphant book that lets us witness an indelible spirit and learn in the pure joy of the one surviving. In 1995, Jean-Dominique Bauby was the editor-in-chief of French Elle, the father of two young children, a 44-year-old man known and loved for his wit, his style, and his impassioned approach to life. By the end of the year he was also the victim of a rare kind of stroke to the brainstem. After 20 days in a coma, Bauby awoke into a body which had all but stopped working: only his left eye functioned, allowing him to see and, by blinking to select each letter as the alphabet was recited to him slowly, over and over again. In the same way, he was able eventually to compose this extraordinary book. By turns wistful, mischievous, angry, and witty, Bauby bears witness to his determination to live as fully in his mind as he had been able to do in his body. He explains the joy, and deep sadness, of seeing his children and of hearing his aged father’s voice on the phone. In magical sequences, he imagines traveling to other places and times and to the sea and the snow. He returns to an “inexhaustible reservoir of sensations,” keeping in touch with himself and the life around him. Jean-Dominique Bauby died two days after the French publication of The Diving Bell and the Butterfly. This book is a lasting testament to his life.

Thunderbird: The Extraordinary Story of a World War II Ace by Robert S. Johnson 2017-08-23 Thunderbird! The Extraordinary Story of a World War II Ace is the incredible true story of Thunderbird, the first World War II ace and legendary pilot from the United States who launched the Thunderbird program, the famed aerobatic team that flew Boeing B-17s in World War II. After World War II, Thunderbird went on to become a Hollywood director, producer, and writer. This is the first book to tell the story of Thunderbird, the pilot who was the inspiration for the iconic Thunderbirds of the Thunderbird program.

Thunderbird was born in 1920 in New Mexico, and was recruited into the U.S. Army Air Force in 1939 at the age of 20. Thunderbird was known for his aggressive and daring flying style, and was credited with 10 confirmed enemy aircraft shot down. After World War II, Thunderbird went on to become a Hollywood director, producer, and writer, and was known for his work on films such as "Thunderbird," "Rogue's Gallery," and "Thunderbird: The Extraordinary Story of a World War II Ace." Thunderbird's story is a tale of courage and heroism, and a testament to the enduring legacy of the Thunderbird program.