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Three of the chief's men built a fire in the hearth in front of the airmen.

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Language barriers and cultural differences aside, these soldiers soon realized that without the This was an incredible story of World War II.

Wild Adventure

The book gives great insight into the Lun Dayeh, a thriving culture that uses few tools and almost no knowledge of modern machinery, best known for their practice of headhunting. I think this is a great book, a really unusual story and a really nice change from my usual military history tomes.

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Japan hoped its new empire—which it called the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere—would make it self-sufficient in the oil, tin and rubber needed for its growing industrial economy. Along the way, she makes us-like the airmen-rethink our definitions of civilized and savage. So Makahanap helped deceive the Japanese about the location of the American flyers, then helped eliminate the Japanese patrols threatening them.

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Then a group of loincloth-wearing natives silently materialized out of the jungle.

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It's a good addition to any world war 2 library and is a quick read thoroughly documented and researched. The characters are remarkable, the airman who survive the wilds of Borneo in the 1940's during WW II, and the wonderful natives who took care of them and joined the war.

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In that case, his primary job was to figure out how to stay alive and take care of what were now his men. The uneven jungle floor was broken into narrow ridges and knife-edge crests that made it hard to stride ahead. Dan Illerich landed some seventy-five feet away from Phil.

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The title is not pejorative: the Dayaks were indeed headhunters, though their humanity and compassion was evident in the way that the separated airmen were all taken in, fed, and protected by different tribes. Judith Heimann is known to most of us from her earlier work on the life of Tom Harrisson.

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