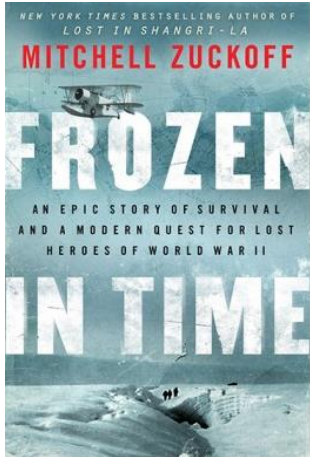


Book Review – *Frozen In Time* – An epic story of survival and modern quest for lost heroes of World War II
by Mitchell Zuckoff

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So, I can picture you reading this review in front of a warm fireplace, with your favorite beverage at hand. And you are looking at the snow outside and wondering if you should go out and shovel, or maybe wait until tomorrow. Or maybe you live in one of those parts of the country where you never worry about snow.

For those pilots who flew into, out of, and across Greenland during World War II, snow was always on the mind. Mitchell Zuckoff has woven several stories of Greenland flying into this book, because none of these stories can be told without the others. Some of the stories are short, because the Greenland climate is unforgiving. Some take longer to tell, because the pilots eventually won, not Greenland.

The first story is that of a crew of a cargo plane, a C-53 Skytrooper, whose plane is lost on the ice in early November, 1942. The reason for the forced landing was never determined, but its loss triggered the second story, that of the crew sent to find it, a B-17 crew which also landed on the ice. This story is longer, because some of the crew lived to tell of their life on the ice. The third story is that of the crew of “the Duck”, an ungainly Grumman bi-plane used for search and rescue, which also ended up somewhere on, or in, the ice while looking for the first two planes. And the fourth story is that of the author and a most unusual group of men, who are attempting to find “the Duck” and the remains of the men who have been held by Greenland’s glaciers for sixty years.

The research of the 1940’s stories is phenomenal. The stories of the survivors is told in their own words, gathered from official documents of the time or from newspaper articles, or, in some cases, from the survivors themselves. The return to Greenland in the last few years to attempt, once again, to locate the Grumman Duck and return the remains of the crew is fascinating, both in the challenges of the Greenland weather, and in the challenges of the military bureaucracy.

Mitchell Zuckoff is a reporter for the Boston Globe, and his ability to relate the facts reflects that background. But he has also written a number of books, and he displays an ability to weave straight-forward facts into an edge-of-your-seat suspense story. This book is worth your time.



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