

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4th Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

May's Topic: The Battle of Britain

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 28th at 6:30pm [will be meeting online]

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by emailing sjenger@greenwoodlibrary.us.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the Battle of Britain. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, attend the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:

Due to the library closure, we plan to meet online until further notice. Find several eBooks on

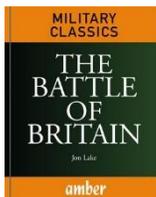
<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/9104> including:



[The Battle of Britain](https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/9104) by Richard Hough & Denis Richards – hoopla eBook

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13094128>*

This well-rounded book covers the contributions of three Fighter Commands Groups (10, 11 and 12) as well as the key roles played by RAF and WAAF ground staff.



[The Battle of Britain](https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/9104) by Jon Lake – hoopla eBook:

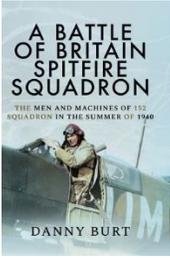
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In the summer of 1940, the most important battle in the history of air warfare was fought between the British Royal Air Force and the German Luftwaffe in the skies over southern Britain. Only after a tightly-fought series of aerial battles did the RAF secure a narrow victory – or did it? Although glamorized by the press and cinema alike over the past 60 years, the battle was an intense war of attrition in which luck, skill, judgement, and bravery all played a role.



[Battle of Britain Broadcaster: Charles Gardner, Radio Pioneer and WWII Pilot](https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/9104) by Charles Gardner – hoopla eBook: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12559147>*

In 1936 Charles Gardner joined the BBC as a sub-editor in its news department. Shortly afterwards, he was joined by Richard Dimbleby and together they became the very first BBC news correspondents. They covered everything from shipwrecks to fires, floods to air raid precautions and, in Gardner's case, new aircraft. Their exploits became legendary and they laid down the first principles of news broadcasting – of integrity and impartiality – still followed today.



[A Battle of Britain Spitfire Squadron](#) by Danny Burt – hoopla eBook:

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Throughout the Battle of Britain, the men and machines of 152 Squadron, call sign Maida, defended the Warmwell sector, which included the vital Royal Navy base at Portland, as part of 10 Group. It is the period from 12 July to 28 November 1940 that the author examines in great depth and detail in this definitive account. This, then, is the story of one squadrons' part in the struggle to defend Britain during those dark days in the summer of 1940.



[Fighter Aces of the RAF in the Battle of Britain](#) by Philip Kaplan – hoopla eBook:

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This book examines the reality behind the myths of the legendary RAF fighter aces during the Battle of Britain. The accounts of the experiences of fighter pilots are based on archival research, diaries, letters, published and unpublished memoirs, and personal interviews with veterans.



[The Four Geniuses of the Battle of Britain](#) by David Coles – hoopla eBook:

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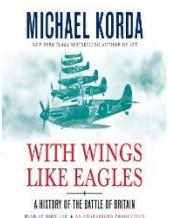
Had it not been for the vital contributions of the four men and their inventions described in this book the Battle of Britain could not have been won by the Royal Air Force. Each of these brilliant men contributed enormously to the aircraft and equipment upon which the gallant RAF fighter pilots depended to take on and defeat the hitherto overpowering Luftwaffe during Hitler's European onslaught.



[When Britain Saved the West](#) by Robin Prior – hoopla eAudio:

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11373915>*

From the comfortable distance of seven decades, it is quite easy to view the victory of the Allies over Hitler's Germany as inevitable. But in 1940 Great Britain's defeat loomed perilously close, and no other nation stepped up to confront the Nazi threat.



[With Wings Like Eagles: A History of the Battle of Britain](#) by Michael Korda – 940.54

KOR; ebook & eAudio on [eIndiana](#)*

Michael Korda's brilliant work of history takes the reader back to the summer of 1940, when fewer than three thousand young fighter pilots of the Royal Air Force—often no more than nine hundred on any given day—stood between Hitler and the victory that seemed almost within his grasp.

Videos:



[The Battle of Britain](#) by NYX Channel – on Kanopy:

<https://greenwoodlibrary.kanopy.com/video/4-battle-britain>*

The official World War II US Government account of Great Britain's stand against the Nazi war machine after the Dunkirk evacuation. *Might need to log into Kanopy first before clicking link.*

Podcasts:



[Battle of Britain](#) by Witness History - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p008z6s4>

In the summer of 1940, the Royal Air Force faced a desperate fight to stop a German invasion of Britain. Despite being less experienced and vastly outnumbered, the RAF learned quickly enough to defeat the Luftwaffe. An RAF pilot remembers his part in the battle and says it was good organization that ultimately stopped the Nazis.

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