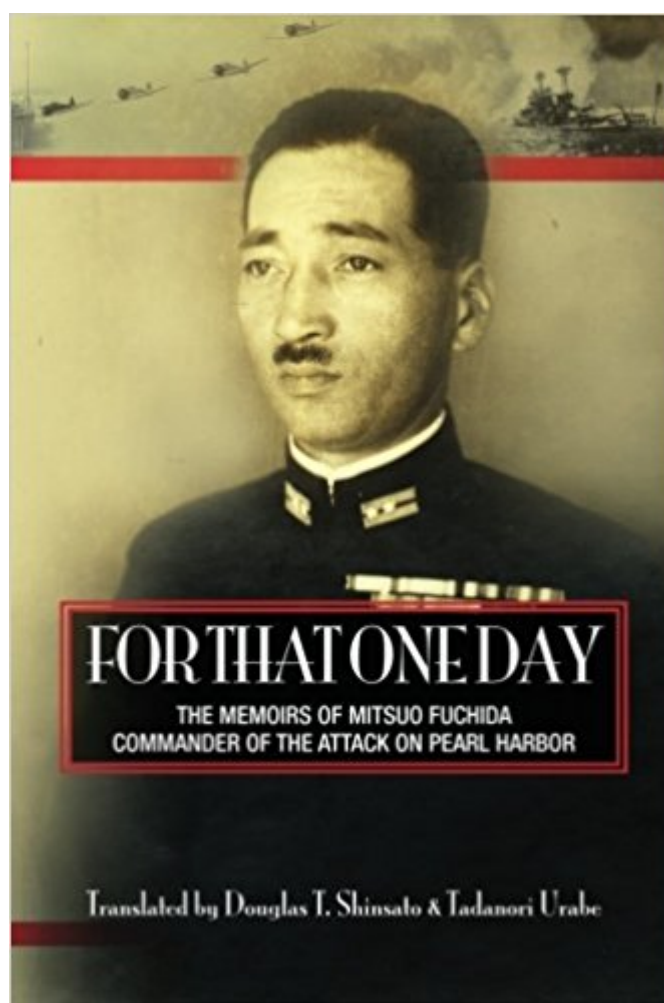


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# For That One Day: The Memoirs Of Mitsuo Fuchida, The Commander Of The Attack On Pearl Harbor



## Synopsis

On December 7, 1941, Commander Mitsuo Fuchida plunged Japan into war with the United States when he led the attack on Pearl Harbor. His autobiography was "discovered" in 2007 in his son's basement library in New Jersey, nearly 66 years after the event that changed the world. This Imperial Japanese Navy officer was also at the Battle of Midway and the Battle of Leyte Gulf and in Hiroshima the day before and the day after the atomic bomb was dropped. Through a chance encounter in Tokyo, he converted to Christianity, and his first testimony in the US was with Billy Graham. During his travels through the US, he met ex-President Truman, President Eisenhower, and many of his former military foes--Nimitz, Halsey, Doolittle, Spruance. He tells a fascinating story of his life in war, peace and religious transformation. Daniel Martinez, Chief Historian at the Pearl Harbor National Monument, states that, "Mitsuo Fuchida is a remarkable man." Among Pacific War enthusiasts, it is well known that there are a number of "disagreements" and "disputes" surrounding what actually happened at Pearl Harbor and Midway and, in Japan, in the days leading up to the surrender ceremony on the USS Missouri. In his autobiography, Japan's top aviator gives his perspective as an enemy and how, after total defeat and occupation of his country, he embraced America as a friend. MITSUO FUCHIDA INTERVIEW WITH MERV GRIFFIN (1965)--Watch@ [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMe3r7bM9js](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMe3r7bM9js)

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## Customer Reviews

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Finally an AUTOBIOGRAPHY and more of one of the most important and almost forgotten Japanese Christians, who probably had a far greater impact on Americans than the Japanese. [I heard him speak at my Presbyterian church in West Seattle and got his autograph, which included 1 Corinthians 15:58b in both Japanese and English.] The book gives helpful insights on how he was used and misused by some well-meaning (I'm sure in their own eyes) American evangelicals. His positive receptions (in his estimation) by American political and military leaders during and after the war. BE SURE TO READ "God's Samurai: Lead Pilot at Pearl Harbor" by Donald Goldstein as a companion book. I hope both books will be reprinted, available, and highlighted during the centennial of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Great story of how hatred of enemies in war was transcended by love and forgiveness. A great story that parallels in several ways, Zamperini's "Unbroken" story, but from the Japanese point of view. The result is Forgiveness of enemies. The influence of American Prisoner of War, Doolittle Raider Jacob DeShazer, and a nurse, Margaret Covell, who compassionately treated Japanese POWs in America was instrumental in changing his thinking and ultimately led to his conversion to Christ. It is a fascinating story of a warrior who preached in Japan and the United States! In the years after World War II, he met with many American military leaders Nimitz, MacArthur, Spruance, and Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, and Vice President Nixon. He commented that the old saying, "Today's enemies become tomorrow's friends" had certainly become true for him.

Great read! As a retired Soldier (using my wife's account) I very much appreciate the detail of Fuchida's planning and execution of his mission. While the attack on Pearl Harbor was a dirty sneak operation, Fuchida was a Soldier carrying out an order he believed to be in the best interest of his country. Fuchida's life after service should be an example to us all. I'd recommend his book *From*

Pearl Harbor to Calvary, another worthwhile read.

I began reading this book with great anticipation. I knew that Mitsuo Fuchida was the man who led the Pearl Harbor attack; most people don't even know that much. I did not know anything else about him-did he survive the war? What did he do after Pearl Harbor? This autobiography answers those questions and much more giving different insight and perspective on what we think we all know about Pearl Harbor and WWII. Without giving too much away, he survived the war, became a farmer, converted to Christianity, and at one time or another met MacArthur, Truman, Eisenhower, Nimitz, Dolittle, and other former enemies. He traveled to the US numerous times as part of his missionary work and his son and daughter moved to the US. There are many parts of his life story that made me think beyond the content I was reading. I highly recommend this book to anyone who likes to read autobiographies and biographies, particularly those interested in WWII.

This is a fascinating portrait of the man who led the air strike at Pearl Harbor, a look into the Japanese military from the standpoint of a participant, and his conversion to Christianity after the war. As an unembellished autobiography, it is as close to hearing one individual's story as you can hope for. I was disappointed that there was not more discussion about his life and activities after the war and after becoming a Christian, but it is still a very inspirational book.

These memoirs are a very interesting. The author describes his childhood dream to be an officer in the Japanese Navy, how he was tapped to train and lead the team who attacked Pearl Harbor on that infamous day, then how he became a Christian evangelist. The only shortcoming is that the translation is a little too stiff and direct at times, and too loose and colloquial at other times. It was evident that the translator(s) was not a professional translator of books. (I read and write Japanese but read English better, but I went back to the Japanese version at times to see what the author was really saying, which most readers would not be able to do.)

Great story by Mitsuo Fuchida. His relationship with Rev. Jacob DeShazer is the most inspirational tale I've ever read.

Remarkable account of Capt. Fuchida's memoirs. The details of his involvement with the planning & execution of the attack were laid out clearly. Historical information provided in the early chapters, gave me a new perspective as to what lead up to the attack in the first place. The book documents

Capt. Fuchida's activities throughout WWII and after the war until his death. After the war, Capt. Fuchida became a Christian. As a result, he traveled the United States quite a bit. In 1967 I met Capt. Fuchida in San Diego. I was 12 years old. (1967) I remember him as a man devoted to Jesus Christ and a champion of peace. Read this book as a lesson in history, or the study of a man's remarkable life. Either way, you won't be disappointed.

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