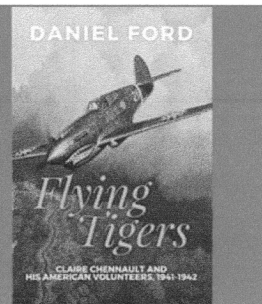


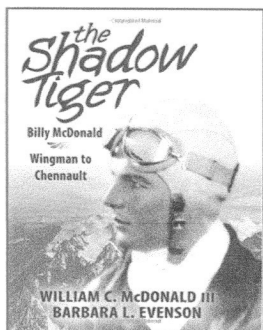
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WHAT I LEARNED LAST MONTH



Billy McDonald Jr. was one of Chennault's wingmen in the Flying Trapeze, the U.S. Army's first aerobatic team and forerunner of today's Blue Angels. In *The Shadow Tiger*, William McDonald III has assembled a scrapbook of his father's letters, flying logs, newspaper clippings, and photograph to illustrate his life from his childhood to his children, unto the third generation. When the

younger McDonald first talked to me about his project, I doubted he would ever carry it off. But he has, with the help of Barbara Evenson. I only wish she had edited with a heavier hand: the book is still a scrapbook, with stuff that should have been scrutinized more closely. (That's certainly not a photo of Ernest Hemingway on page 195! And Soong Mei-ling -- Madame Chiang Kai-shek -- is described as "the beautiful and intelligent 24-year old" who captivated Claire Chennault when he reached China in 1937. She was actually 40 that August.) Even so, it's a goldmine for Flying Tiger buffs.