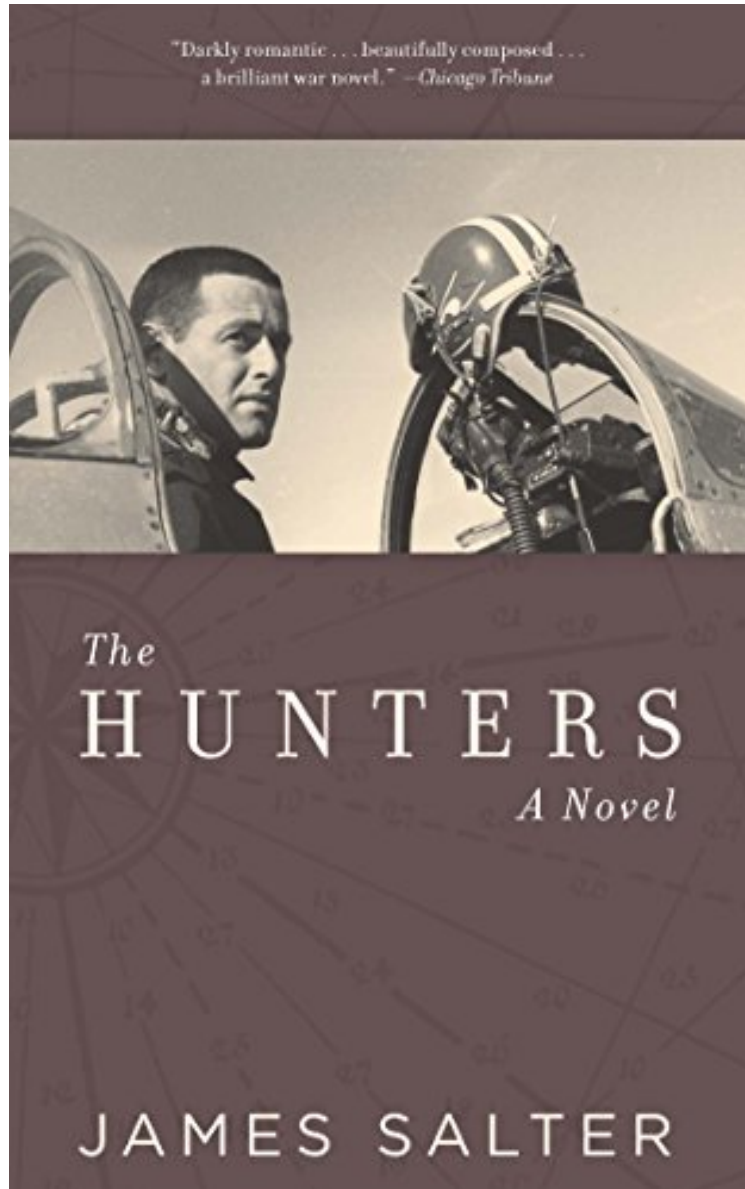


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. OutstandingVon Ein KundeOne of the best books by one of the century's best writers (wish he were more prolific). Veterans (I am one, though not a pilot) will understand it better than others, but you don't need to be a vet to love this

book. Subtle and well written. His Burning the Days is great too1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Much More Than a War StoryVon Ein Kunde"The Hunters" is a story set in wartime, but it is much more than a war story. It is about success and recognition. It is about injustice and magnanimity. It is about being unappreciated in a large, and political, organization.The theme of this book is not war. War is the setting. Readers who are not interested in war stories will still enjoy this book. Company workers and team-sports players will recognize the themes. Therefore, to classify this as a war story does it a disservice--it has a much wider scope.(The movie tells another story; don't be misled.)0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Called a classic and deservedly soVon Ein KundeGrowing up in the 1950's and fascinated by the military, particularly fighter pilots, I naturally sought out books on the topic. I first read a paperback edition of "The Hunters" around 1958 and even as a kid I knew I had a treasure. Since that first reading, I have re-read it at least a dozen times. Over my own military career and in my travels I prowled bookshops hoping to find a hardbound copy of the book while continuing to purchase any of the paperback versions of it I could find (class that as "never having too much of a good thing!"). When the book was reissued, I eagerly purchased it. Too my surprise, it had been altered! Not the least of these alterations was the renaming of main character, Cleve Saville (in the original) to Cleve Connell. Why this was done completely escapes me and seems unnecessary as it does nothing to enhance the story. All that I can figure is that it was done as some sort of back-hand compliment to Captain Joe McConnell, the Korean War's top jet ace. I'm sure the author must have had a reason of his own, but altering this novel was, to me, tampering with a masterpiece.This is unquestionably the finest novel of combat aviators written to date. "The Hunters", like the contemporaneous "Bridges at Toko-Ri", was such a perfect evocation of time and place that nothing else has come close. The last lines of "The Hunters" haunt me still. The book deserves the widest of readership and should probably be required reading in the service academies, dealing as it does with the themes of loyalty, courage, honor, and the brotherhood of warriors. "The Hunters" is a fitting and lasting tribute to those who served so well in the "Forgotten War."

KurzbeschreibungCaptain Cleve Connell has already made a name for himself among pilots when he arrives in Korea during the war there to fly the newly operational F-86 fighters against the Soviet MIGs. His goal, like that of every fighter pilot, is to chalk up enough kills to become an ace.But things do not turn out as expected. Mission after mission proves fruitless, and Connell finds his ability and his stomach for combat questioned by his fellow airmen: the brash wing commander, Imil; Captain Robey, an ace whose record is suspect; and finally, Lieutenant Pell, a cocky young pilot with an uncanny amount of skill and luck.Disappointment and fear gradually erode Connell's faith in himself, and his dream of making ace seems to slip out of reach. Then suddenly, one dramatic mission above the Yalu River reveals the depth of his courage and honor.Originally published in 1956, The Hunters was James Salter's first novel. Based on his own experiences as a fighter pilot in the Korean War, it is a classic of wartime fiction. Now revised by the author and back in print on the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Air Force, the story of Cleve Connell's war flies straight into the heart of men's rivalries and fears.