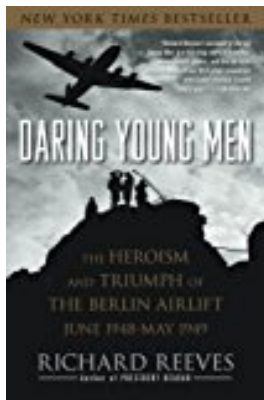


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**From** Richard Reeves's journalistic instincts shine in the hundreds of interviews he conducted with key players in the Berlin Airlift, as well as in his extensive digging in Allied and Russian archives to uncover previously unpublished documents. The author's goal in *Daring Young Men* is to highlight the sacrifices and courage of a country already stretched to the breaking point by World War II and to bring back into our history the effort's potent (and ironic) humanitarian message: "This time [the soldiers] were supposed to free the people they had been trying to kill, and who had been trying to kill them, only three years earlier." If Reeves focuses more on the individual stories than the larger political and historical context, he nonetheless succeeds admirably, relating important history well and with passion. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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