

60-second introduction

Our guest today is Steve Snyder, author of *SHOT DOWN: The True Story of Pilot Howard Snyder and the Crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth*, an Amazon number-one bestseller and recipient of more than 25 national book awards.

On February 8, 1944, Steve's father, Howard Snyder, was piloting a B-17 Flying Fortress over occupied Europe when German fighters shot down his aircraft near the French-Belgian border.

The ten crewmen faced very different fates. Some lost their lives, others became prisoners of war, and still others evaded capture with the help of courageous Belgian civilians who risked their own lives to protect them.

Drawing on personal letters, military documents, firsthand accounts, and interviews—including one with the German pilot who shot down his father's aircraft—Steve reconstructed these extraordinary stories in his book.

His work reminds us that behind every wartime mission were real people whose courage and sacrifices deserve to be remembered.

Please welcome Steve Snyder!

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