



## Nine Yanks and a Jerk: The Incredible Saga of One of the Most Legendary Planes in the U.S. 8th Air Force Flown by Major James M. Stewart and the Aircrews Under His Command

By SCOTT E CULVER

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