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The Radio Operator: Robert Ford's Last Stand In The Fight To Save Tibet (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

The riveting true tale of Englishman Robert Ford heroic efforts to remain by Tibet's last existing radio link to the outside world when China conquered the mountainous nation in 1950, from acclaimed biographer James McGrath Morris, author of the New York Times bestseller *Eye on the Struggle*. Hired by the Tibetan government, Royal Air Force veteran Robert W. Ford put together a radio communications network for a nation that had up to this time relied on messages carried by foot over the highest mountains on the globe. More important, his radio connected the secluded nation to the outside world. When in October 1950 the Communist Chinese army began its march to subjugate Tibet, Ford risked his life by staying behind to send out reports over his radio to let the world know of the attack. *The Radio Operator* is an overdue and gripping recounting of Ford's valiant effort to save Tibet from Chinese domination and his subsequent capture and imprisonment. James McGrath Morris is the author of the New York Times bestselling *Eye on the Struggle* as well as two other acclaimed biographies. His previous Kindle Single, *Revolution by Murder*, was selected as one of the Best Kindle Singles of 2014. His next book, *The Ambulance Drivers*, will be published in 2017. Cover design by Kerry Ellis.

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In the spirit of the classic THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO, James McGrath Morris recounts the courage and ingenuity of Robert Ford, an Englishman who is suddenly trapped in Tibet by Chinese forces surging into the country. His small collection of radio broadcast equipment represents one of the last communication links with the Free World, but will he survive to tell what's happening, or will he be betrayed? Tune in! Read "The Radio Operator."

Morris brings to life one man's moment in history in a compelling narrative that adroitly portrays the radio operator and his participation in the last days of a free Tibet. At the same time, he provides a geopolitical context that helps understand the forces at work when China re-established control over the mountain region.

Excellent. Very exciting true story, well told.

The short history is well written. Sympathetic to the loss of freedom and one man's commitment to a free people, brings a tear to the eye.

Told me a story that I didn't know about. I have been interested in the Dali Lama and Tibet for years.

An interesting story about a place and time I knew very little about.

I love Kindle Singles, and I especially love this book by James McGrath Morris, one of our best contemporary historians. (I'm always fascinated to see who he picks to write about.) This time it's Robert Ford, an English World War II veteran who helped the lovely, innocent country of Tibet monitor their Chinese aggressors via several radio stations. It's a gripping story, and fascinating to read the earlier chapter of a brutal struggle that's still going on.

More like a snapshot -- or single broadcast, than a book.

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