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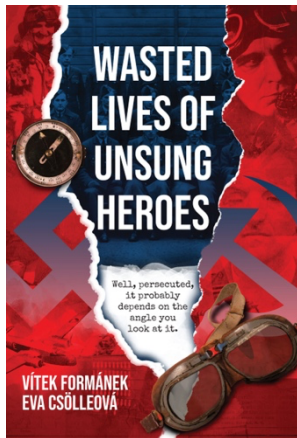
**Sastrugi Press Announces the Release of *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes***

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Unveiling *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes: Czechoslovakian Pilots of World War II*

**Experience the gripping stories of Czechoslovakian pilots who helped to defeat Nazi Germany in World War II only to be persecuted by Communist Czechoslovakia and Stalinist Russia.**



Sastrugi Press is excited to announce *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes*, a gripping exploration of overlooked Czechoslovakian pilots in World War II by Vitek Formánek and Eva Csölleová. This captivating book not only honors their heroism against Nazi Germany but delves into their post-war persecution under communist Czechoslovakia and triumphant freedom with the fall of the Soviet empire.

In *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes*, Formánek, a seasoned historian, and Csölleová, a skilled historical biographer, collaborate to provide an emotionally resonant account of the pilots' experiences. The book intricately weaves together the untold stories of these war heroes, emphasizing the courage and sacrifice that defined their existence.

Initially celebrated for their contributions to the war effort, the surviving pilots faced persecution as the communist regime in Czechoslovakia took hold. Navigating through the complexities of their lives, the book reveals the challenges they encountered. It brings to light the sacrifices they made and their resilience that carried them through tumultuous times.

These pilots, initially hailed as national heroes, found themselves at odds with a totalitarian regime. *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes* offers a fresh perspective on their struggles. It invites readers to contemplate the profound impact of political ideologies on those who fought for freedom.

Sastrugi Press is thrilled to publish *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes*. This book celebrates the resilience of the human spirit. It is a timely addition that enriches our understanding of countless individuals whose stories deserve recognition.



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### About the Authors

Vítek Formánek lives in East Bohemia, Czech Republic. He has a deep interest in the Royal Air Force (RAF) since 1988. He befriended dozens and dozens of English ex-Guinea Pigs and POWs and has written 11 books about them. He also has written books about punk rock, speedway, film, autograph collecting, homelessness, and handicapped people, with 23 titles so far. He works as a social worker. Formánek has had over 1,500 articles published in the Czech and English media.

Eva Csölleová (1964) lives in Eastern Bohemia, Czech Republic. Along with Formánek, she has co-written 13 books about punk rock, film, the Royal Air Force (RAF), autograph collecting, handicapped people, and homelessness. She is a photographer and many of her photos have been used in her books and publications.

### *Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes*

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*Wasted Lives of Unsung Heroes* with high-resolution cover images are available on the Sastrugi Press website:

<https://www.sastrugipress.com/books/wasted-lives-of-unsung-heroes/>

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