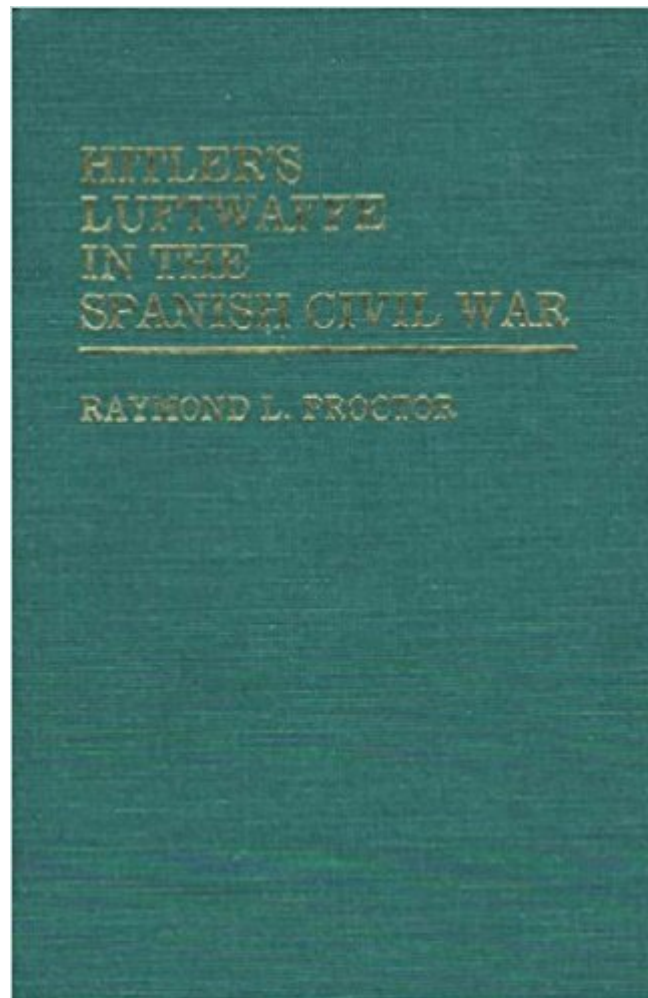


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The author scholarly discipline arranges the complex range of events , based on authors interviews of participants, as well as the authors meticulous study of avail documentation, orders, letters, and records, into a highly organized academic presentation that grafts all the conflicting , confusing information , into an uncanny comportment where the information of events proceeds in the manner and order that each happened in real time procession. The astonishing aspect , of this gritty work is the complete dysfunction of the command elements of both sides, that is just one of the many

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If you are a student of the Spanish Civil war, what I consider to be THE watershed moment of the 20th century, and you get into the details and beyond the usual dates and places, then this book is a must. I am glad in the days of "digital" and the demise of the academic book, to see and read a book like this.

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