

The Gestapos Most Improbable Hostage

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Discover the astonishing true story behind the Gestapo's most improbable hostage, an individual whose capture defied all expectations. This fascinating account delves into an unlikely WWII abduction, revealing a unique perspective on survival and historical intrigue during a tumultuous era.

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I remember very clearly the day on which I was supposed to die So starts the story of Squadron Leader Hugh Mallory Falconer, British Special Operations Executive agent and prisoner of the Nazis for over two and a half grueling years. When he was caught out of uniform by the Gestapo in Tunisia not long after the culmination of Operation Torch in 1942, he had no right to expect anything but the worst. Quite miraculously however, his papers vanished whilst he was being sent to Gestapo HQ in Berlin and, as a result, no-one could make out who he was. This, coupled with his quick-thinking and cunning whilst under interrogation, led to the Nazis including him in a group of high-profile hostages, holding him alongside such notable figures as the former French Minister Leon Blum. The group was intended to save the Nazi leaders' necks as the War ground down to its inevitable end. Offered a certain amount of protection on account of their special status in the eyes of their captors, they experienced the war from a unique vantage point. Held at a variety of infamous camps, including Sachsenhausen, Dachau and Buchenwald, Squadron Leader Mallory was taken on a virtual grand tour of the Third Reich, witnessing the full extent of its horrors. Then in 1945, he was forced to new heights of cunning when the Nazis began exterminating their captives. His daughter, who has painstakingly transcribed the only copy of her fathers memoirs, describes this book, published here for the first time, as a personal manual on keeping your sanity when your weight has dropped to that of a small German Shepherd dog, you are covered in vermin, you are alone and you have everything to fear. It makes for vital and compelling reading.

The Extraordinary Life of Mike Cumberlege SOE

This first-ever biography of Lt. Cdr. Mike Cumberlege DSO & Bar, Greek Medal of Honour, murdered in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp in Feb/March 1945, recalls a man who was 'truly Elizabethan in character-a combination of gaiety and solidity and sensitiveness and poetry with daring and adventurousness-and great courage.' Cumberlege came from a maverick sea-going family. He was highly resourceful and lived by his wits, skippering ocean-going yachts for wealthy Americans before the war. In 1936 he married Nancy; their relationship was close and, with the sea, forms a thread in the book. From 1940 Cumberlege and served in undercover roles in the Royal Navy in Marseilles and Cape Verde and was on the staff of General de Gaulle in London. Posted to Egypt in 1941 in the SOE, he formed a para-naval force of fishing vessels, took part in fighting in Greece, attacked the Corinth Canal, escaped from Crete, was wounded and returned three times to Crete clandestinely. On a second operation to destroy the Corinth Canal in 1943 he was captured. Tortured in Mauthausen concentration camp, he was transferred to Sachsenhausen and spent 21 months in solitary confinement. The book

contains unique material gathered from the family and from well-wishers in places as far apart as Ukraine, Australia and the USA.

Hitler's Last Plot

Revealed for the first time: how the SS rounded up the Nazis' most prominent prisoners to serve as human shields for Hitler in the last days of World War II. In April 1945, as Germany faced defeat, Hitler planned to round up the Third Reich's most valuable prisoners and send them to his "Alpine Fortress," where he and the SS would keep the hostages as they made a last stand against the Allies. The prisoners included European presidents, prime ministers, generals, British secret agents, and German anti-Nazi clerics, celebrities, and officers who had aided the July 1944 bomb plot against Hitler--and the prisoners' families. Orders were given to the SS: if the German military situation deteriorated, the prisoners were to be executed--all 139 of them. So began a tense, deadly drama. As some prisoners plotted escape, others prepared for the inevitable, and their SS guards grew increasingly volatile, drunk, and trigger-happy as defeat loomed. As a dramatic confrontation between the SS and the Wehrmacht threatened the hostages caught in the middle, the US Army launched a frantic rescue bid to save the hostages before the axe fell. Drawing on previously unpublished and overlooked sources, *Hitler's Last Plot* is the first full account of this astounding and shocking story, from the original round-up order to the prisoners' terrifying ordeal and ultimate rescue. Told in a thrilling, page-turning narrative, this is one of World War II's most fascinating episodes.

Fey's War

****Formerly published as *The Lost Boys***** 'As thrilling as any novel. Bailey has an extraordinary talent for bringing history to life' Kate Atkinson 'Remarkable. A powerful, engrossing story of a journey into the heart of darkness and final escape from it' Sunday Times

In September, 1944, the SS march into a remote Italian castle, arrest a mother and seize her two sons, aged just two and three. If Hitler has his way she will never see them again. For Fey Pirzio-Biroli is the daughter of Ulrich von Hassell, executed days before after the failed assassination of the Fuhrer. Mercilessly cast into the Nazi death machine, Fey must cling to the hope that one day she will escape and rescue her lost children . . . An extraordinary story of resistance at the heart of the Second World War, *Fey's War* is an illuminating and devastating true account of great personal sacrifice, of loss and, above all, of defiance.

'Riveting, important, reads like a terrifying thriller' Daily Telegraph 'Heartbreaking. It started with a plot to kill Hitler. It ended in one of the most astonishing and moving stories of the war' Daily Mail 'Extraordinary. A rich, deep, gripping read' Guardian 'As thrilling as any novel. Bailey has an extraordinary talent for bringing history to life' Kate Atkinson

The Flame of Resistance

'I have always been fascinated by that charismatic hero of the Resistance, Josephine Baker, but it turns out I didn't know the half of it. Lewis' story-telling blew my mind. Again.' - Dan Snow 'A story of incredible bravery in the face of tyrants who invaded a free and democratic nation, this will have powerful resonance today.' - Tim Spicer During WW2, Josephine Baker, the world's richest and most glamorous entertainer, was an Allied spy in Occupied France. This is the story of her heroic personal resistance to Nazi Germany. Prior to World War II, Josephine Baker was a music hall diva renowned for her singing and exotic dancing, her beauty and sexuality; she was the most highly-paid female performer in Europe. When the Nazis seized her adopted city, Paris, she was banned from the stage, along with all 'negroes and Jews'. Yet, instead of returning to America, she vowed to stay and to fight the Nazi evil. Overnight she went from performer to Resistance spy. In *The Flame of Resistance* best-selling author Damien Lewis uncovers this little known history of the famous singer's life. During the years of the war, as a member of the French Nurse paratroopers - a cover for her spying work-- she participated in numerous clandestine activities and emerged as formidable spy. In turn, she was a hero of the three countries in whose name she served: the US, the nation of her birth; France, the land that embraced her during her adult career; and Britain, the country from which she took her orders, as one of London's most closely-guarded special agents. Baker's secret war embodies a tale of unbounded courage, passion, devotion and sacrifice, and of deep and bitter tragedy, fueled by her own desire to combat the rise of Nazism, and to fight for all that is good and right in the world. Drawing on a plethora of new historical material and rigorous research, including previously undisclosed letters and journals, Lewis upends the

conventional story of Josephine Baker, revealing that her mark on history went far beyond the confines of the stage. 'An eye-opening, pulse-quickenning history. Josephine Baker led a wartime double life of extraordinary jeopardy and Damien Lewis's needle-sharp narrative is jagged with suspense. Yet he also writes with great warmth and sensitivity, creating a powerfully moving portrait of a woman who fought prejudice and hate in all its forms.' - Sinclair McKay 'A gripping true story of a remarkable heroine. The details of Josephine Baker's espionage for the Deuxieme Bureau, the French military intelligence agency during the war, make for a fascinating read in Damien Lewis's meticulously researched account' - Deborah Cadbury

The Gestapo

The word 'Gestapo' has become synonymous with the terrible brutality and terror of the Nazi regime in World War II. The Gestapo came into existence in 1933 as Department 1A of the Prussian State Police. Under the SS, the Gestapo grew in power, and was given the job of investigating and combatting 'all tendencies dangerous to the state'. Schutzhaft (protective custody) gave the Gestapo the power to imprison without judicial proceedings, often in concentration camps. It was also responsible for destroying opposition to Hitler. By early 1942, as the Nazi regime became increasingly unpopular in Germany, a number of protests took place. The Gestapo's response was brutal. Thousands were arrested and executed, and all dissent was crushed. The History of the Gestapo provides an authoritative overview of this sinister instrument of repression. Never before had an organisation attained such complexity, been vested with such power, or reached such a pitch of 'perfection' in efficiency and horror.

Himmler's Hostages

The notorious Nazi leader's attempt to take war prisoners hostage at the end of WWII is revealed in this lively and expertly researched history. During the final weeks of the Second World War, Heinrich Himmler assembled the most famous and noteworthy SS prisoners be taken hostage. Himmler's plan was to use these individuals as bargaining chips to save the Reich—or, failing that, himself. Known as the Prominenten, this group included European politicians and former heads of state, five British survivors of the 'Great Escape,' two MI5 agents, and Irish born POWs. This meticulously researched study sheds new light on how the British prisoners came to be integrated with a multinational group of VIPs in Dachau concentration camp, including German family groups of men, women and children; relatives of those implicated in plot to kill Hitler. The lively narrative describes kidnapping, escape attempts, interpersonal conflict, betrayal and comradeship. It also reveals intrigues and love affairs among the prisoners, culminating in their dramatic attempt to free themselves from the SS.

Among Unknown Hostages

AMONG UNKNOWN HOSTAGES relates the experiences of American civilians who were rounded up by the Nazis and held in Internment Camps once the U.S. entered WWII. Among these thousands of men, women, and children, gentiles and Jews, whose stories have not yet been told was John Tomczyk, whose unusual adventures before and during internment provide a look into an American's life in occupied Poland. Photos are included which demonstrate the unconquerable spirit of American patriots while inside a Nazi prison. Accounts of John's relatives escaping a partitioned Poland, tragic stories of immigrant life in his native Chicago, and the hard fate dealt him after repatriation will show the reader a family's journey spanning a very turbulent century.

The Unbelievable Gustavo Adolfo Rol

In the twentieth century in Italy, there was a man who during his lifetime (1903-1994) became a legend for those who did not know him, and a great spiritual Teacher for those who were lucky enough to meet him. His name was Gustavo Rol, and he was an upper class gentleman who dressed elegantly, possessed an encyclopedic body of knowledge, the soul of an artist and the spirit of a mystic. As a young man, like Prince Siddhartha, he obtained enlightenment, even though he never declared as much openly. One of the consequences was that he began to manifest an impressive range of "possibilities" that are generally referred to as "paranormal": clairvoyance, telepathy, precognition, bilocation, levitation, telekinesis and many more. This anthology collects all of the anecdotes recounted over more than 60 years from numerous witnesses, including famous personalities from the Italian and international cultural scene. According to Rol, in the future science will be capable of explaining these phenomena...

Crianças Perdidas

Em setembro de 1944, a Gestapo invade um palazzo rural italiano, prende uma mulher e leva os filhos dela, de dois e três anos. A mulher é Fey Pirzio-Biroli, filha de Ulrich von Hassell - diplomata alemão e importante elemento da Resistência alemã, executado dias depois da tentativa falhada de assassinato do Führer. Agora, Hitler está a levar a cabo a mais cruel das vinganças, atacando, separando e destruindo as famílias de todos aqueles que conspiraram contra ele. Levada de campo de concentração em campo de concentração, Fey vai conhecer a verdadeira dimensão e os horrores do Holocausto. Sem notícias das crianças, resta-lhe a esperança de um dia escapar às garras da máquina nazi e reunir a sua família. Mas o destino dos seus filhos é uma incógnita. Mesmo que estejam vivos, poderão ser encontrados e identificados na vastidão de uma Europa destruída? Usando a voz da própria Fey - através de cartas, entradas de diário e recordações - Catherine Bailey conta-nos uma história esmagadora de sacrifício e, acima de tudo, resistência...

I bambini sopravvissuti

La storia vera di una famiglia braccata dai nazisti «Questa scrittrice ha un dono: sa dare vita a personaggi meravigliosi. Un libro affascinante.» The Times Berlino, settembre 1944. Ulrich von Hassell, ex ambasciatore tedesco in Italia e membro della resistenza contro il regime nazista, viene condannato a morte per aver partecipato a una congiura contro Hitler. Per punire i dissidenti Himmler ordina l'arresto delle famiglie di tutti i sospettati. Nella speranza di sfuggire alle rappresaglie dei nazisti Fey, la figlia di von Hassell, si nasconde nella campagna italiana. Ma quando le SS irrompono nell'antico palazzo in cui si è rifugiata, strappandole i due figli, il suo destino è segnato. Per lei ha inizio un terrificante viaggio attraverso l'Europa massacrata dalla guerra, alla ricerca dei suoi bambini. Da un palazzo nel cuore della campagna italiana agli orrori del campo di concentramento di Buchenwald, Catherine Bailey racconta una straordinaria storia di resistenza durante la seconda guerra mondiale, in cui il sacrificio estremo è sempre compiuto con coraggio e speranza. Un uomo accusato di complotto contro il regime nazista. Una famiglia perseguitata. Un viaggio tra Italia e Germania per salvare due bambini. «Un romanzo potente, di grande ispirazione. Un viaggio nell'oscurità più buia dalla quale la protagonista cerca disperatamente di sottrarsi.» Sunday Times «Questa scrittrice ha un dono: sa dare vita a personaggi meravigliosi. Un libro affascinante.» The Times «Catherine Bailey ha uno straordinario talento.» Daily Mail Catherine Bailey È una scrittrice di successo. Prima di intraprendere questa strada, ha prodotto una serie di film e documentari acclamati dalla critica. The Lie of the Land, un documentario sui meccanismi dell'industria del cibo e le loro ripercussioni sulle condizioni dei coltivatori inglesi, ha vinto il BAFTA per il miglior documentario nel 2008. Vive a Londra.

Conditions in Occupied Territories

A group of twenty-six Czechoslovakian citizens are jailed until a 50,000 crown reward by the Gestapo uncovers the supposed killer of a Nazi officer whom virtually everyone suspects committed suicide. The hostages include the leader of the underground resistance movement (as played by William Bendix), whose cover is that of a washroom attendant in the nightclub where the "victim" was last seen alive. Will the hostages be released in dangerous world of bribery, deception and corruption that characterized invading armies during World War Two?

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The Nuremberg trials were a series of military tribunals held after World War II by the Allied forces under international law and the laws of war. The trials were most notable for the prosecution of prominent members of the political, military, judicial, and economic leadership of Nazi Germany, who planned, carried out, or otherwise participated in the Holocaust and other war crimes. The trials were held in Nuremberg, Germany. This volume contains trial proceedings from 5 February 1946 to 19 February 1946.

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English Texts & Contexts 2

Recipient of the Florida Writers Association Royal Palm Literary Award When Paris Was Dark The story of a young French boy during the WWII German occupation. When five-year-old Alain, a little boy living in Paris, is strafed by German planes at the onset of the German invasion in 1940, his world is instantly turned on its head. During the next four years, like the children who fight to survive today's many conflicts around the world, he grows up fast and must be mentally strong and alert to stay safe. With limited parental support, Alain and his young friends face increasing deprivation, devastating hunger, and constant fear of the occupying Germans soldiers, with their intimidating rules and random street blockades and checkpoints. He also dreads the Allies' air raids, although he knows the bombers are on his side. After being silent for four years, one day all the churches of Paris ring their bells to celebrate the end of the occupation, and Alain welcomes the American GIs who fought bravely to liberate him. His story—of fear and courage, despair and determination—is laced with the realism only an author who lived through the occupation himself can provide, bringing this bittersweet, beautifully rendered novel to vivid life.

Netherlands News Digest

In the 1930s and '40s, LA became a cultural sanctuary for a distinguished group of German artists and intellectuals - including Thomas Mann, Theodor W. Adorno, Bertolt Brecht, Fritz Lang, and Arnold Schoenberg - who were fleeing Nazi Germany. This book is the first to examine their work and lives.

Hostages

LIFE Magazine is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th Century. It now lives on at LIFE.com, the largest, most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet. Users can browse, search and view photos of today's people and events. They have free access to share, print and post images for personal use.

The Nuremberg Trials: Complete Tribunal Proceedings (V. 7)

'No dry history, Mosquito reads like a thriller... this outstanding book is hard to put down... Unreservedly recommended' Aviation Historian 'White immerses the reader in the action from the first page. A must read choice for total aviation people everywhere' Flight International 'A captivating history... Rowland White uses the history of these operations to weave stories of courage and fortitude into the story of a great machine' Daily Telegraph _____ Built of lightweight wood, powered by two growling Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, impossibly aerodynamic, headspinningly fast and armed to the teeth, the de Havilland Mosquito was the war-winning wonder that should never have existed: the aircraft the RAF didn't think it wanted then couldn't do without. Flying on operations barely eighteen months after a single prototype was ordered off the drawing board, it was the answer to its pilots' prayers: a stunningly versatile warplane capable of leaving the Luftwaffe in its wake to attack when and where the enemy was least expecting it. Excelling as a spyplane, night-fighter and pathfinder for Bomber Command's heavies the Mossie's reputation was cemented by a series of daredevil bombing raids across occupied Europe, including on Berlin itself, where only surprise, speed and precision could ensure success. So when Churchill's top secret Special Operations Executive needed to destroy the Gestapo HQ in the centre of downtown Copenhagen to prevent a devastating Nazi last stand that might prolong the war for many months, there was only one machine for the job - the Mosquito. This is the story of that legendary aircraft told through that one impossible mission. Like Rowland White's previous books, Mosquito is an unputdownable mix of utterly compelling storytelling, incredible human stories and fascinating technological detail, which sheds never-before-told light on a pivotal mission that helped bring the war to its bloody and brutal close. _____ Praise for Mosquito 'Wonderful detail, intricate research and most importantly, powerful & moving human testimony, ensure the reader is gripped from the first page to the last by this incredible story' John

Nichol 'Stunning... This is history as it should be written: adrenaline-charged, exciting, impeccably and painstakingly researched with a cast of vividly-drawn characters. Riding through it is among the greatest, most extraordinarily brilliant aircraft of them all: the Mosquito. One of the most gripping works of history I've ever read' James Holland 'Weaving together the story of its evolution with vivid accounts of the crews that flew it and the Special Operations Executive on the ground, Mosquito is both a tribute to the finest aircraft Britain produced during the war and a page-turning thriller about its use as the world's first precision aerial weapon' Tom Petch, author of *Speed Aggression Surprise: The Secret Origins of the SAS*

The Nuremberg Trials (Vol.7)

Like many heroes, the narrator of this remarkable story, his own, was a reluctant and even unwilling one. It happened when he was confronted with a moral dilemma and something within him made the right choice, to the surprise and even the disapproval of the rest of him that much wanted to protect his young family. He too was young. The time was early 1945, when savage World War II was coming to an end in Europe. Alfred Wallner, a doctor serving in the lower Austrian alps as the Allied armies closed in on Germany's appalling Third Reich that Austria had joined in 1938, detested the Nazis but not enough to risk virtually certain death if he'd be caught helping Americans. But he did help a team of them and was quickly caught, after which he was taken to a Gestapo prison where the people he met, from his cellmates to the warders, were not merely a fascinating cast of characters but also a fair sample of the types one encounters in any country under stress. In that way and others, Dr. Wallner's story is a cautionary as well as a gripping tale, and it contains a great surprise.

Voluntary Hostages of the S.S.

Around 1785, a woman was taken from her home in Senegambia and sent to Saint-Domingue in the Caribbean. Those who enslaved her there named her Rosalie. Her later efforts to escape slavery were the beginning of a family's quest, across five generations and three continents, for lives of dignity and equality. *Freedom Papers* sets the saga of Rosalie and her descendants against the background of three great antiracist struggles of the nineteenth century: the Haitian Revolution, the French Revolution of 1848, and the Civil War and Reconstruction in the United States. Freed during the Haitian Revolution, Rosalie and her daughter Elisabeth fled to Cuba in 1803. A few years later, Elisabeth departed for New Orleans, where she married a carpenter, Jacques Tinchant. In the 1830's, with tension rising against free persons of color, they left for France. Subsequent generations of Tinchants fought in the Union Army, argued for equal rights at Louisiana's state constitutional convention, and created a transatlantic tobacco network that turned their Creole past into a commercial asset. Yet the fragility of freedom and security became clear when, a century later, Rosalie's great-great-granddaughter Marie-José was arrested by Nazi forces occupying Belgium. *Freedom Papers* follows the Tinchants as each generation tries to use the power and legitimacy of documents to help secure freedom and respect. The strategies they used to overcome the constraints of slavery, war, and colonialism suggest the contours of the lives of people of color across the Atlantic world during this turbulent epoch.

When Paris Was Dark: A Sliver of WWII History

Boys' Life is the official youth magazine for the Boy Scouts of America. Published since 1911, it contains a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting.

Weimar on the Pacific

This book exposes the causes of the greatest tragedy that ever befell the Jewish people. The Holocaust is a challenge not only for the immediate heirs of those directly involved in it, the Germans and the Jews. It forces us to redefine the fundamentals of Christian and Jewish morality. Christianity must return to the teachings of Jesus.

LIFE

'Highly readable' Ben Macintyre 'Pacy, original and frequently chilling' Henry Hemming June 1940. Britain is Europe's final bastion of freedom - and Hitler's next target. But not everyone fears a Nazi invasion. In factories, offices and suburban homes are men and women determined to do all they can to hasten it. Throughout the Second World War, Britain's defence against the enemy within was Eric Roberts, a former bank clerk from Epsom. Equipped with an extraordinary ability to make people trust

him, he was recruited into the shadowy world of espionage by the great spymaster Maxwell Knight. Roberts penetrated first the Communist Party and then the British Union of Fascists, before playing his greatest role for MI5 - as Hitler's man in London. Codenamed Jack King, he single-handedly built a network of hundreds of British Nazi sympathisers, with many passing secrets to him in the mistaken belief that he was a Gestapo officer. Operation Fifth Column, run by a brilliant woman scientist and a Jewish aristocrat with a sideline in bomb disposal, was kept so secret it was omitted from the reports MI5 sent to Winston Churchill. In a narrative that grips like a thriller, Robert Hutton tells the fascinating story of an operation whose existence has only recently come to light. Drawing on newly declassified documents and private family archives, Agent Jack shatters the comfortable notion that Britain could never have succumbed to fascism, and celebrates - at last - the courage of individuals who protected the country they loved at great personal risk.

Investigation of Un-American Propaganda Activities in the United States

The first English-language edition of H. G. Adler's acclaimed account of the Jewish ghetto in the Czech city of Terezin.

The Atlantic Monthly

THE SUNDAY TIMES NON FICTION BESTSELLER WHSmith NON-FICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR 2018 'The best book you will ever read about Britain's greatest warplane' Patrick Bishop, bestselling author of *Fighter Boys* 'A rich and heartfelt tribute to this most iconic British machine' Rowland White, bestselling author of *Vulcan 607* 'As the RAF marks its centenary, Nichol has created a thrilling and often moving tribute to some of its greatest heroes' Mail on Sunday magazine The iconic Spitfire found fame during the darkest early days of World War II. But what happened to the redoubtable fighter and its crews beyond the Battle of Britain, and why is it still so loved today? In late spring 1940, Nazi Germany's domination of Europe had looked unstoppable. With the British Isles in easy reach since the fall of France, Adolf Hitler was convinced that Great Britain would be defeated in the skies over her southern coast, confident his Messerschmitts and Heinkels would outclass anything the Royal Air Force threw at them. What Hitler hadn't planned for was the agility and resilience of a marvel of British engineering that would quickly pass into legend – the Spitfire. Bestselling author John Nichol's passionate portrait of this magnificent fighter aircraft, its many innovations and updates, and the people who flew and loved them, carries the reader beyond the dogfights over Kent and Sussex. Spanning the full global reach of the Spitfire's deployment during WWII, from Malta to North Africa and the Far East, then over the D-Day beaches, it is always accessible, effortlessly entertaining and full of extraordinary spirit. Here are edge-of-the-seat stories and heart-stopping first-hand accounts of battling pilots forced to bail out over occupied territory; of sacrifice and wartime love; of aristocratic female flyers, and of the mechanics who braved the Nazi onslaught to keep the aircraft in battle-ready condition. Nichol takes the reader on a hair-raising, nail-biting and moving wartime history of the iconic Spitfire populated by a cast of redoubtable, heroic characters that make you want to stand up and cheer.

The Atlantic

Mosquito