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WW1 Captain Biggles is ordered to Calcutta India with squad of eight, including pal Algy. On run to China but not return, pilots lose radio contact, show signs of trouble, go down over sea or impenetrable enemy territory. Safe see no danger. Only two pilots survive out of many lost. Can Biggles stop the Jap secret weapon?

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From Reader Review Biggles in the Orient for online ebook

Ashkhan says

Easy to read adventures of the famous pilot.

Apryl Anderson says

Joinks! Its Nancy Drew with an attitde. Granted, this was propaganda for children of the brave fighting forces for king and country, so the racist slurs were doled out with the best intentions. Ouch, though, really.

I have to wonder, having brought this home from Emmaus near Marseille (a local type Goodwill shop), who owned this book, and who read it?

russell barnes says

Palate cleansed... with slightly unsavoury 'of it's time' low-level racism. It's not one of the best Biggles books to be fair, published in 1944 (and mine is a first edition doncha know) Johns was clearly writing to a fairly jingoistic audience primed to defeat the Hun, the Japs and if WE had his way, the Frogs, it's a fairly by-the-numbers read.

Sem says

If Biggles had listened to me the mystery would have been solved at the outset rather than half way through the book but then we'd have missed the naked, oiled dhobi-wallah.

bobo the baboon (harry makinson) says

This book is about an extraordinary pilot in the air force called Biggles written w.e johns. the book set around Burma in WWII. Biggles goes to Dum Dum aerodrome on a secret mission because planes flying in the area are mysteriously crashing because of some unseen force. Biggles must find out whats causing the planes to crash and stop it before its to late.

the book is a very good book if you enjoy action and murder mystery books or if you have enjoyed other books in the series. I would rate this book 4.5/5 as it has been written very well and keeps you guessing till the end.

Leaflet says

I had this figured out pretty early in the game, but still a fun read.

Edwin says

Aardig verhaal.

Op onverklaarbare wijze verdwijnen steeds meer vliegtuigen en piloten in India. Niemand weet waarom. Tot Biggles op komt dagen. Samen met zijn team lost hij het probleem op.

David Sarkies says

More planes are disappearing

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Once again the allies are losing planes, however this time it is the route between India and China and this is causing problems for the Chinese attempting to hold off the Japanese invasion. As can be expected, when the RAF has a problem there is only one person that they can call in to help: Biggles. Oh, and also his squadron, which usually consists of Algy and Ginger (and a couple of others though they don't tend to be as regular as Biggles's two friends, though I don't remember Ginger in any of the World War I stories that I read).

So, when I discovered that the mission involved disappearing planes, and that they all thought it was some secret weapon all I could think was 'here we go again'. The previous Biggles story that I read, Biggles Sweeps the Desert, also involved disappearing planes which was thanks to some Nazi secret weapon, so I was starting to wonder whether Captain Johns was being a little lazy with some of his plots. Mind you, I certainly haven't been reading these books in any sort of order, and due to the number of them that were published (and the price tag as well – you could be paying anywhere up to \$300 Australian dollars for an early edition with the dust jacket) I am simply going to read them piece meal in whatever order I manage to get them (and even then I'll only be reading the ones on my Dad's bookshelf).

So, we have disappearing planes and quite possibly another secret weapon (this time invented by the Japanese) so Biggles puts on his Sherlock Holmes cap, grabs his magnifying glass (well, metaphorically speaking that is) and tries to unravel the mystery. As it turns out there is a nice little twist and suddenly we discover that they are up against Japanese spies and a secret organisation whose goal is to shut down the air routes from India to China. As such we have a good old spy adventure where Bigglesworth is not just donning his Sherlock Holmes attire, but also grabbing his Walther PPK and his vodka-martini, shaken not stirred, and going out to put an end to this nefarious plot.

Okay, I may be sounding a bit clichéd here, though from my experience many of the earlier James Bond stories were more mystery thrillers as opposed to action adventures, and in a way so is this story. Sure, we have a couple of dog fights, but then a Biggles war story wouldn't be a Biggles war story without him jumping into a Spitfire and shooting some Japanese (or Germans) out of the sky. Anyway, I really don't want to say all that much more because I will end up completely ruining the plot, particularly for those of you who may actually go out and get their hands on a Biggles book. Sure, I could tell you what happens in this book because, well, there are over a hundred other Biggles books out there for you to read, however it may simply turn out that the one I spoil is the one that you may have found the best.

Oh, here is a picture of a Japanese Zero (can't have a Biggles review without a picture of an aeroplane):

Mark Barnes says

7/10

An Odd1 says

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Daniel Bratell says

This is one of the better Biggles adventure/mystery novels I've read. As all the books it is short and easy to read. There are some issues with stereotypical descriptions and attitudes towards foreigners that I treat more as a sign of the time this was written than malice. There is also the ineptitude and stupidity of other people that makes it necessary to call in Biggles. If someone had had half a brain cell they would have figured it out and there wouldn't have been a book.

Vickie Middleton says

A really good read. Action packed and engaging.
