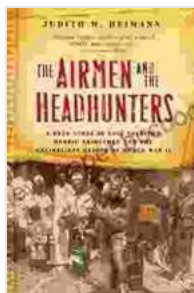


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However, one of the airmen, a young man named John R. Galvin, had a remarkable ability to communicate with the tribesmen. He learned their language and customs and gradually gained their trust. Through Galvin's diplomacy and the airmen's unwavering courage, they were able to convince the tribesmen to spare their lives.

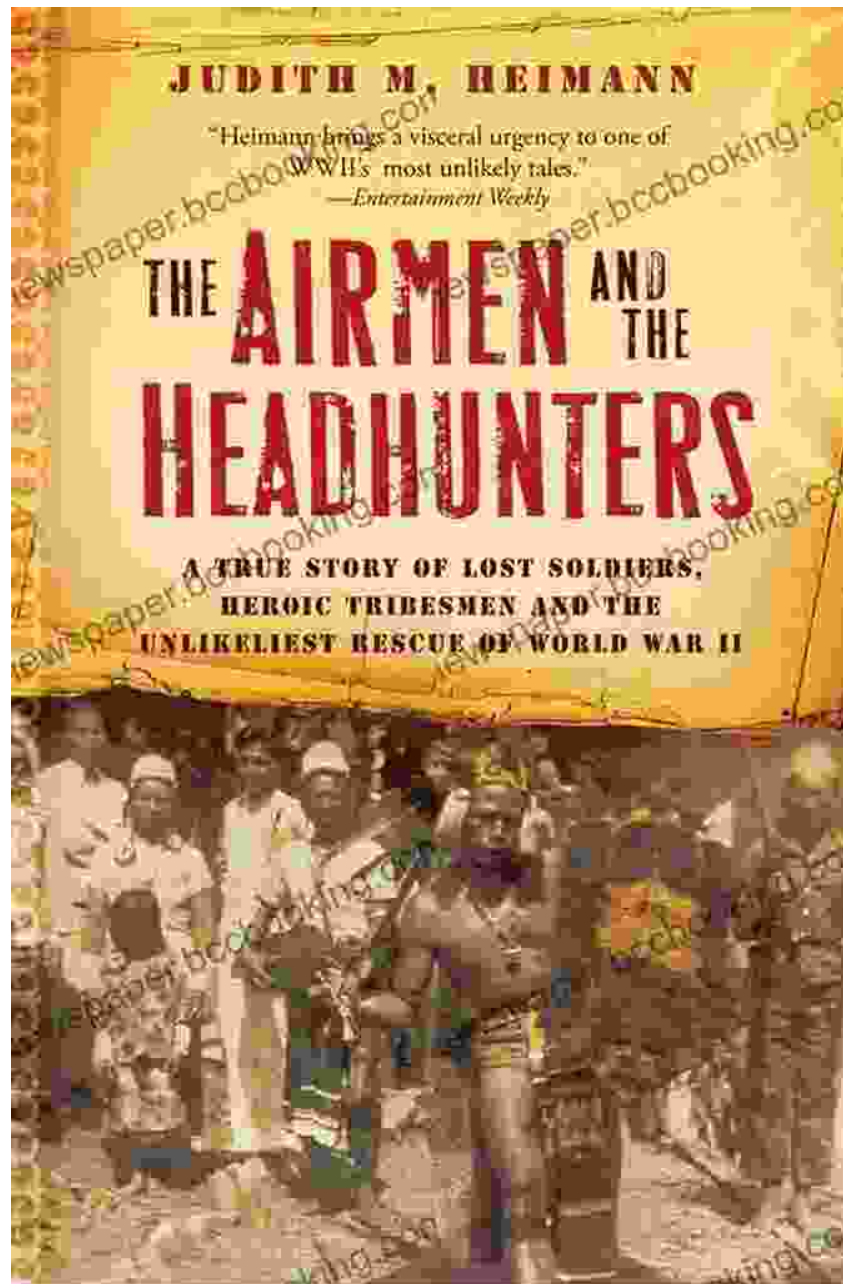
For the next several months, the airmen lived with the headhunters, learning their ways and adapting to their harsh environment. They shared their knowledge of medicine and technology with the tribesmen, who in turn taught them about the jungle and its dangers.

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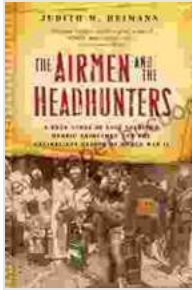
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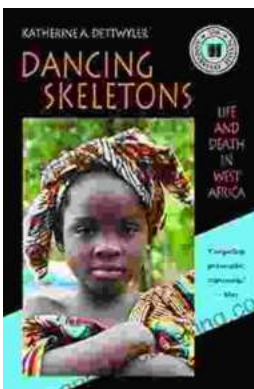


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