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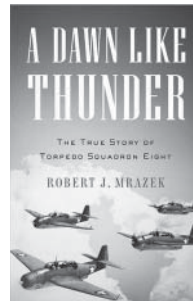
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A Dawn Like Thunder

By Robert J. Mrazek

Little, Brown, \$27.99, 544 pages

Torpedo Squadron Eight was the most decorated naval air squadron in World War II and, probably not coincidentally, also suffered the greatest losses. *A Dawn Like Thunder* is their history, from the dramatic battle of Midway where, while flying outdated aircraft, they forced the Japanese fighters to chase them so low to the sea that the U.S. dive bombers were able to attack the Japanese aircraft carriers almost unopposed, sinking four. Torpedo Squadron Eight lost most of their pilots that day, but their heroic efforts allowed the American fleet to win against an overwhelming Japanese force. After that, they were



assigned to the aircraft carrier USS *Saratoga*, and after the *Saratoga* was damaged, moved to the air base on Guadalcanal. The battle of Midway was the turning point against the Japanese in the Pacific campaign, and these pilots were critical to that end. Their performance in the Battle of Guadalcanal was also influential, and Mrazek tells their story with passion, and provides a follow up to the lives of the survivors, whose many interviews helped tell this story.