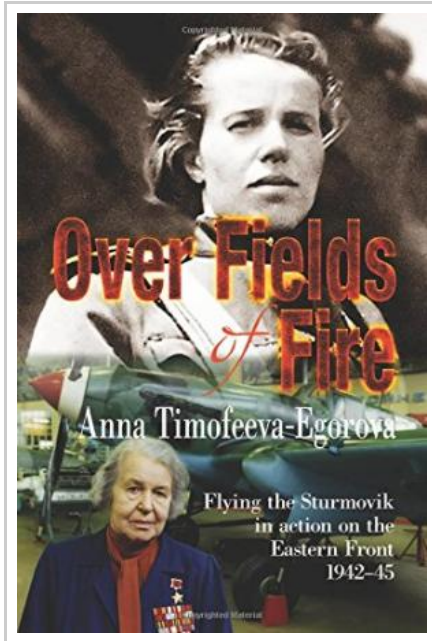




Over Fields of Fire: Flying the Sturmovik in Action on the Eastern Front 1942-45

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