



THUNDER ABOVE

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It all began on a routine commercial flight over the Berlin Corridor. Captain Kyle was checking out a new pilot when two Red jets appeared, one at either wingtip, and put a burst of gunfire over the nose of the DC-4. The jets led Kyle down to an airfield outside the Corridor—inside the Russian Zone.

The pilots were questioned, threatened, and imprisoned. Finally the American authorities arranged for their release, but Kyle was worried about two others who had been on the plane—Zimmerman, the famous scientist, and the stewardess, Karin, an East German escapee and the girl he loved.

Kyle was determined to rescue Karin, but he found every official channel closed. Through the Underground he managed to re-enter the Russian Zone. In Leipzig he found where Karin was being held, and providentially, the June Revolt created the cover he needed to free her and to begin a dash for the border.

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Then, set against the ruins of postwar Germany, followed one of the most hair-raising chases in recent fiction. One moment Kyle and Karin were a jump ahead of the police, the next moment they were staring down the muzzles of their pursuers' guns. They fled on foot and by motorcycle, smuggled from one point to the next by farmers and factory hands, until finally they caught a freight bound for Berlin—*East* Berlin. It is in East Berlin, as they key their flagging resources to a last effort to reach the Western Sector, that this headlong novel moves into its breathless climax.

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