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Description:

From Publishers Weekly "Steel Tiger" was U.S. Air Force code for the northern panhandle of Laos, a crucial sector of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. This sequel to Rolling Thunder focuses on the efforts of the Air Force in the summer and fall of 1967 to cut the vital supply line. Berent's indictment of the Johnson administration's micro-management of the air war over North Vietnam is well meant but stolidly written; the novel takes fire when he switches from political commentary to military action. The story is told through characters introduced in the earlier novel: fighter pilot Court Bannister, forward air controller Toby Parker and special forces lieutenant colonel Wolf Lochert. Fast-paced accounts of strike missions and fighter combat are juxtaposed with an effective subplot describing North Vietnam's air defenses through the eyes of a Soviet pilot. Berent keeps readers in the cockpit until the final pages, notwithstanding such incongruities as "Thor's balls!" used as a Russian expletive.

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From Library Journal Berent's (Storm Flight, LJ 9/15/93) latest popular novel is a heroic tale featuring U.S. fighter pilots during the Vietnam War. The text is conveniently spliced with hard rock music and accompanied by sounds of guns and aircraft. The characters have dual conflicts, e.g., Major Court Bannister's brother is a traitor, Captain Toby Parker battles alcoholism, and Lieutenant Colonel Wolf Lochert fights corruption. The vignettes are uneven as is Paul Ikena's narrative performance. Nonetheless, the work will appeal to the action-oriented crowd. For large collections. *James Dudley, Copiague, N.Y.*

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