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Synopsis

With tensions rising in post-war Europe, the Soviet Union closed the air corridors to Berlin, the former German capital, in a bid to starve the population into submission. The western allies responded by mounting the largest air supply operation the world had ever seen which would become known as the 'Berlin Airlift'. Step forward into the 1980s with the Cold War at its height. A NATO reinforcement exercise held at a British airbase in West Germany, brings British, American and French fighter crews together to practice the air corridor policing mission. When a Pembroke transport aircraft engaged in a covert reconnaissance mission is intercepted by a Mig fighter and forced to land in East Germany, events escalate. Will the crew become a pawn in the relentless confrontation as the Soviets increase the rhetoric? Have western military plans been compromised by the unexpected aggression? Provocation is a fast moving thriller that replays the tensions of the Cold War and its dark undertones. As with his other novels, David Gledhill takes you into the cockpit of the Phantom fighter jet to experience the action first hand.

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This is another great novel by Dave Gledhill, an ex-Royal Air Force navigator who has served in Germany and the Falklands on Phantoms and Tornado fighter aircraft. His knowledge of air operations and daily routines make, as always, for a nice and credible reading, even if the events are fictional. But the Cold War could have turned hot indeed... Thoroughly recommended!

Most individuals today have no personal experience concerning Berlin as a divided city covering the 40 plus years after WWII ended, nor the extraordinary tension between the USSR and the western allies. The expression "Loose lips sink ships," took on a whole new meaning during the "Cold War era." The men and women of the military forces were constantly under surveillance by the eastern block of the USSR. Thanks for another great read and enlightenment about the lives of those affected by those times.

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