

# Young Australian Pilot Baptism Of Fire In The Jet Fighter Age

Flight Lieutenant Bob Gibson was just 22 years old when he was shot down over North Korea in 1951. He spent the next three years as a prisoner of war, but he eventually managed to escape and return to Australia. Gibson's story is a fascinating and inspiring one, and it provides a unique insight into the Korean War.

Gibson was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1929. He joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1948, and he quickly rose through the ranks. In 1950, he was posted to Korea as a fighter pilot. Gibson flew a number of missions over North Korea, and he quickly became one of the most successful pilots in his squadron.



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On October 25, 1951, Gibson was shot down over North Korea. He ejected from his plane and landed safely, but he was quickly captured by North Korean soldiers. Gibson was taken to a POW camp, where he was subjected to harsh treatment. He was beaten, starved, and interrogated. But Gibson refused to give up hope. He knew that he would eventually escape.

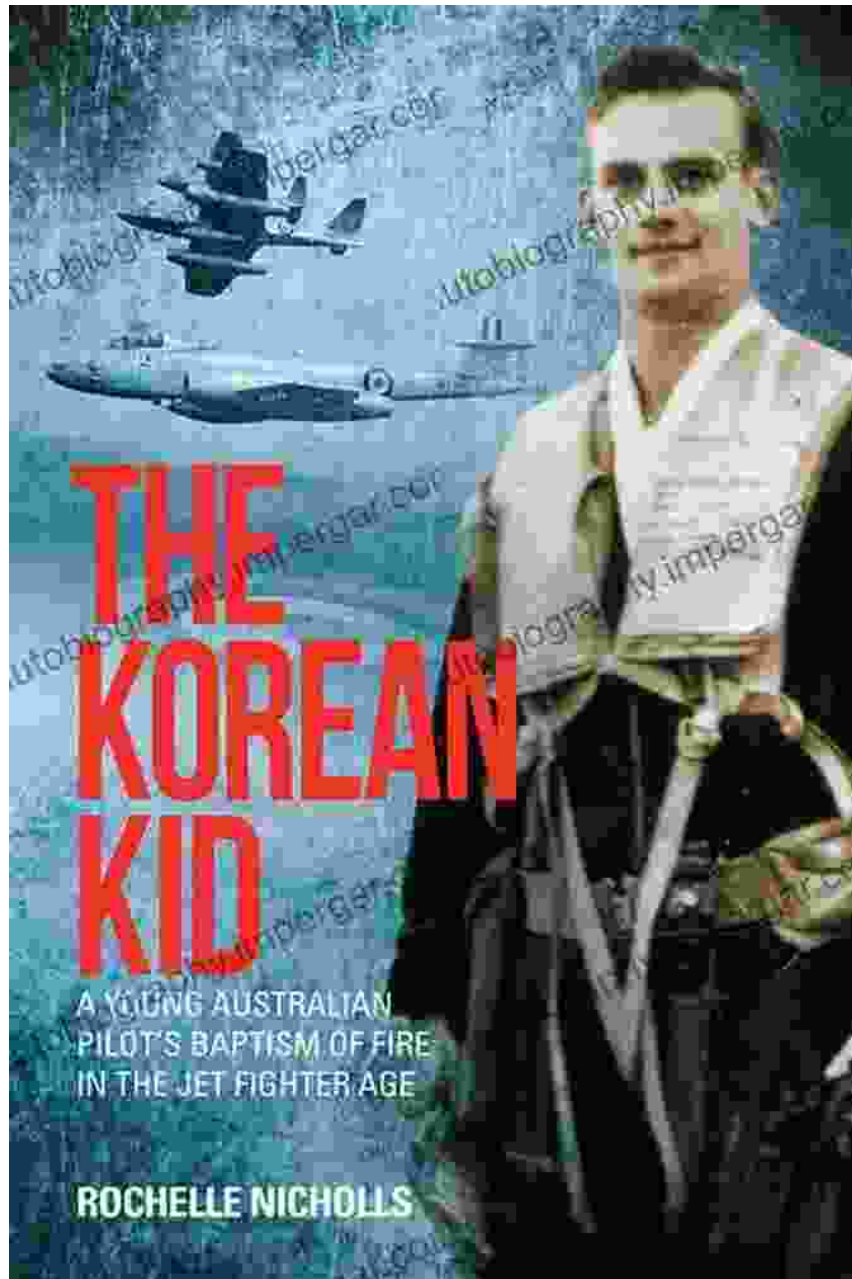
In 1954, Gibson and a group of other POWs escaped from the camp. They made their way to the coast, where they were rescued by a US Navy ship. Gibson was returned to Australia, where he was hailed as a hero. Gibson's story is a testament to the human spirit. He faced unimaginable hardship, but he never gave up hope. He is an inspiration to us all.

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