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And win A Buck Danny album

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If the names of Buck, Sonny, Tumbler or Lady X don't mean a thing to you, chances are that you're totally unaware of one of the most famous Belgian comic book series: Buck Danny. Here's the scoop. Buck Danny was a fighter pilot character when Jean-Michel Charlier, Victor Hubinon and Georges Troisfontaine created the series in 1947, with a first album, "Japs Attack". It was an instant and huge success, due to the stories of course, but also to the minute precision of the artwork - kids loved the fighter aircraft. Charlier and Hubinon, at a time, were so well informed that their renderings of some classified parts of the Grumman F9-F targeting systems during the Korean War were nearly so spot on that U.S. military intelligence were concerned about revealing secrets. Now, twenty million copies and 50 albums later (all from the Dupuis stable), Danny ranks as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, has some grey hair, but retains the classic male stalwartness of Tom Cruise in Top Gun. The guy doesn't know fear. His creators may have passed on a few years ago, but Buck is still the same under the alert pencil of Francis Bergèse, a cartoon artist fascinated by the series - and by aviation - since his early years. His drawings have the same extraordinary technical precision and, with him, the 51st album in the series, "Mystery in the Antarctic", is also published in English. It is a good yarn. Heroic fighter pilots and villain ex-Nazis meet somewhere in the frozen expanses of the South Pole. Now at least, you'll know what it

means when you read phrases such as "Zombie Yellow two, this is step mom... Head back zero-four-two. We will call for help to yellow one".

SPECIAL OFFER

To help you make further acquaintance with Buck Danny and his friends, Connect will be happy to offer 75 copies of "Mystery in the Antarctic" (25 in English, 25 in Dutch, 25 in French, one copy per person of course) to the first readers who can answer this simple question: what is the christian name of Buck Danny's friend pilot and comic character in the series, Tuckson? Your answer by e-mail, please, before June 24, 2005, to: Connect@Rossel.be. Please mention your name, postal address and the language (English, Dutch, or French) in which you would like to receive a copy of "Mystery in the Antarctic" (published in English by Air Comics, and in French and Dutch by Editions Dupuis. S.P.

