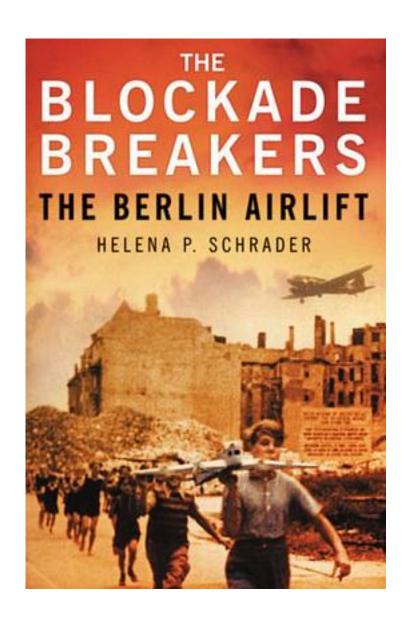
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In June 2008, the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Blockade and Airlift will be celebrated. The Berlin Airlift represents one of the most dramatic humanitarian efforts of the postwar era and was a strikingly successful example of British and American co-operation. Furthermore, it was an event which made a major contribution towards turning a wartime enemy into a Cold-War ally. As an American historian who has lived in Berlin for the last twenty years, Helena Schrader commemorates the 'Blockade Breakers' of the Berlin Airlift and the impact they had on Allied-German relations. The book recreates the excitement and tension of the period by reminding the reader that the success of the Airlift was by no means a foregone conclusion. At the core of the book are two themes: the enormous logistical challenges posed by the Airlift and the complicated relationship between Berliners and the Western Allies. It is published to coincide with the 60th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift (24 June 1948). It offers a compelling account of the Allied air bridge to supply beleaguered Berlin. It focuses on the human, political, economic and technological perspectives. It includes a wealth of first-hand accounts from British. American, German and Russian sources.

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