



## American Hero: The True Story of Tommy Hitchcock Sports Star, War Hero, and Champion of the War-Winning P-51 Mustang (Hardback)

By Nelson W Aldrich

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