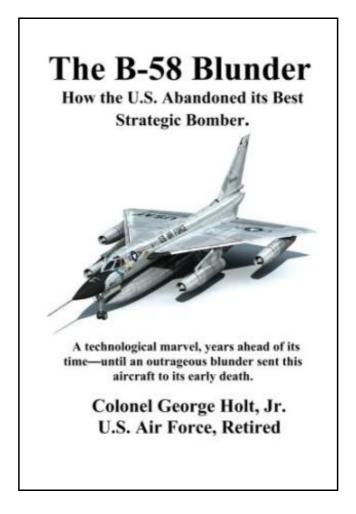# The B-58 Blunder: How the U.S. Abandoned Its Best Strategic Bomber. (Paperback)



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