

My Favourite Book

Good morning Principal, Vice Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates. I am Samson from 6A. Today, I would like to tell you about my favourite book – A Higher Call by Adams Makos.

The story is about an aerial encounter in World War II between American bomber pilot Charlie Brown and German fighter pilot Franz Stigler.

In 1943, after Charlie and his squadron successfully carried out a bombing mission over Germany, Charlie and his squadron return to their in England. On the way, Charlie's bomber was severely damaged by German anti-air guns and was struggling to fly back to his base in England. That's when he flew over the German pilot, Franz, in his fighter. At this point, Franz could have shot down Charlie and easily won a medal but he decided that there is no honour in shooting someone that couldn't fight back, so he decided not to pull the trigger. He actually went further to save Charlie and his crew by flying on the wingtip of the bomber so that the anti-air gun wouldn't shoot the bomber and risk of one of their own fighters. In the end, Charlie made it back to England safe and sound. Then, 40 years after the incident, they finally met at a pilot reunion and they became the best of friends.

What I like about this book is that unlike most WWII books or movies, they didn't portray the Germans as villains, they were just ordinary people forced into that situation, having no choice but to follow orders and fight people that had never personally done anything to them.

That's the end of my sharing. Thank you.