## MEET AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: M.G. CRISCI



Learn how his collaboration with two passionate Russian women created the definitive book about the gallant teenager, Lilia Litvyak, the world's first and most successful female fighter pilot, who disappeared over the Eastern Ukraine 60 years ago.

#### The Mystery of Lilia.

Learn why it took Russian-born Valentina Vaschenko 48 years to find Lilia's plane and remains, and have her exploits officially recognized by President Mikhail Gorbachev.

### The Story Behind the Story.

Learn how an American with no Russian ancestry convinced a skeptical but passionate Russian Museum Curator and her colleague, a Ukrainian history teacher, to collaborate from 6,000 miles away.

#### Making of the Story.

Obtain unfiltered cultural insights from Mr. Crisci's extensive research, interviews and travels; view never before-seen pictures and posters from Russian artifacts.

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