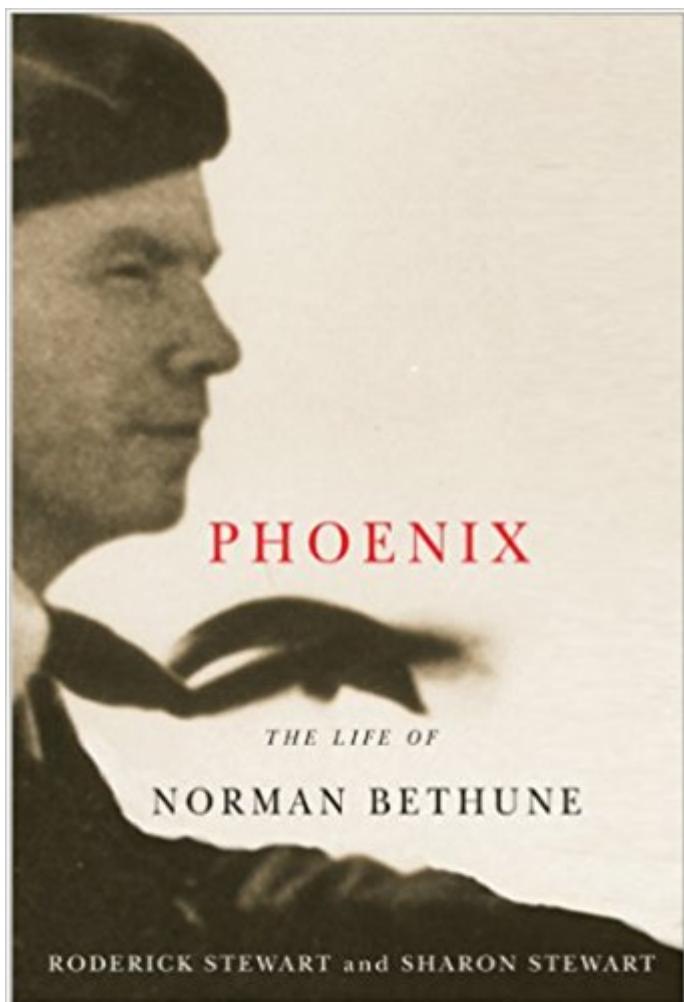


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For anyone interested in the life of Dr. Norman Bethune, Canadian thoracic surgeon, artist and poet, who organized battle front blood transfusion services for the Spanish Republic, 1936-37, and then set up, and operated in, field hospitals for Mao Tse Tung's Eighth Route army in its fight against the Japanese, 1938-39, this is the definitive work. It is heavily annotated and even-handed in its description of Bethune who died in China of septicemia after operating without gloves in 1939. Bethune's wild personal life is also meticulously described.

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