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From the early pioneers to the latest spaceflight technology, this groundbreaking book charts the inspirational story behind humankind's conquest of the skies. In the 100 years since the Wright brothers' first powered flight, aviation has witnessed many memorable events. From record-breaking flights and aerial warfare, to advances in aircraft design and the race for space, Flight covers the most memorable moments in the history of aviation. Describing the feats of the brave men and women who piloted the early flying machines, to the pioneers of long-distance flight and the test pilots who ushered in the jet age, Flight is a gripping narrative of humankind's quest to conquer the skies and explore space. Loaded with spectacular full-color photographs, dramatic first-hand accounts, and fact-filled profiles on a huge range of aircraft, this is an enthralling account of a century of innovation and adventure.

#### Flight: 100 Years of Aviation Details

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#### **David Kerrigan says**

Spoiler Alert: The plane can fly.

#### Patricrk patrick says

don't read this as a e-book adobe edition on a netbook. It has three columns and my set-up only allows me to see about half a column at a size that is readable. Which means I was scrolling up and down each page about five times to read it. Good book with lots of information. Takes the air out of "USA stuff is always best" balloon.

#### Casey says

An excellent book following and succinctly explaining the most important and history-making aircraft and events in the development of aviation over the past 100 years. The book flows both through time period and category of aircraft, making the information easy to comprehend even for those who don't have a background in aviation. A great reference book.

#### **David says**

A huge book with great info and images. The layout and design of the book really suited the amount of information. Lots of little details not in normal general aviation book, but like any book there where areas I would of liked a bit more info on specific aircraft or decades.

#### **Evenumbers says**

This is a very good reference for the history of flight. There is a lot of interesting information throughout the book, which makes it very fun to read. The organization, with sidebars and many illustrating photographs, helps to give variety in an interesting way.

Unlike some books that only focus on different types of airplanes, *Flight* is good in that it elaborates on the specific usage of human flying machines at various points in the last century, tying them into political and economical developments along the way.

I especially appreciate the section in which it discusses the early history of human flight in the beginning of the 1900s. Besides the Wright brothers, there are many others who are often less recognized.

My biggest complaint is that the sidebar placement makes it difficult to read them along with the text if

reading through smoothly, forcing the reader to stop in the middle of a page, read a sidebar, and then continue.

Furthermore, it would be nice if the book's title was more clear that the book discusses human flight.

Anybody who thinks they might enjoy a specific look at this history or likes to read about transportation should consider this book as a read.

#### Helen says

An awesome book. Informative, great pictures and just brilliant for anyone interested in aviation -- sits lovely next to "Human" and "Animal"

#### Dana says

I own this book and it is full of airplanes from the past and present. I have read mostly all of it and i still go back to read. This book is one of my absolute favorites.

#### Sara says

Read this years ago and loved it! DK books are just the best! Great info combined with stunning visuals!

#### FranklinTV says

One of those "looks good shelf sitting books with lots of nice picture but I will never get arund to actually reading it" type books.

#### **Shawn Strope says**

This is a good book if you are looking to write a research paper or do a project over the airplane. this book mainly covers the wide variety of different airplanes and how they have been getting better and more advance over the years.

#### Michael S. says

This is an amazing great big book. There are hundreds of big glossy books of planes and aviation history in bookstores, and with the 100 years of powered controlled flight anniversary, there will no doubt be a few more bowing the shelves. But if you want to buy just one, say for a present, then this is the one to buy. It is

balanced, it is complete, it has pictures and text in harmony -- and it is not slapped together like some other slightly embarrassing flying tomes.

Over 400 pages perfect for a youngster, yet written well enough for any adult. Is it perfect? No. But 400 pages of perfection would be hard. I would have put in RJ's rather than the F-28 in the current small airliner section, but complaining about a couple of details should not hide the fact that this is one big cool book. Whatever more detailed specialized books about flying you get later, you will not need to get a great big glossy exciting celebration of flight book again. You'll already have one of the best.