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# Aircraft: The Definitive Visual History



## Synopsis

From the first prototypes of flying machines to today's supersonic jets, the history and roles of aircraft are explored in this beautifully illustrated guide. Aviation enthusiasts of all stripes and ages will welcome learning more about key brands and big players from yesterday and today – whether it's the marvels of hot air balloons or the fantastic engines of Boeing, Lockheed, and more. Planes are divided equally between military and commercial aircraft, and iconic aircraft of each era, such as the Supermarine Spitfire and Concorde, are showcased in beautifully photographed spreads with "virtual tours" that reveal the anatomy of these legendary planes. Produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution.

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The Smithsonian does a great job putting the content together. Love the very well researched book. Book itself is very well printed, definitely a worthy title to collect!!!!

This book is fantastic. The illustrations are beautiful. It's easy to just sit down for 5 or 10 minutes, read a few pages, then set the book down. If you are casually interested in airplanes I think you'll like this book.

No info for transportation but ok

This is a very well done biography of aviation. The Smithsonian always takes that one step more to produce informative material. The photography is so clear and concise. This was a gift to my brother, who also shares a love for aviation.

superb book!

I purchased this book as a gift for a family member, they really love the book and the pictures within it. Great gift for my brother in law.

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