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Flight: 100 Greatest Aircraft



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A comprehensive look at the world's great aircraft from the experts at Flying magazine, featuring spectacular full-color photographs, fascinating and informative text, and detailed specifications that will delight die-hard data fans. Of all humanity's dazzling innovations, perhaps none capture our imaginations or fuel our inventive spirits as much as flight. In our quest to soar higher, faster, and farther, we've dreamed up airborne wonders that are a sight to behold—like the supersonic F-22 Raptor, stealthily soaring above the clouds, or the Boeing-Stearman PT-17 Biplane, the beautiful starter model that helped a generation earn their wings. That's not even to mention the deluxe Concorde—the first passenger jet to cruise at the speed of sound. These iconic aircraft—and 97 more stunning feats of aeronautical engineering—make up the world's most groundbreaking contributions to flight, all curated and collected here by the experts at Flying magazine. In *Flight: 100 Greatest Aircraft*, there's something for every aviation aficionado—from brazen stunt planes to far-from-pedestrian commercial jets, from military marvels to spacecraft that reached dazzling new heights. With its spectacular full-color photographs, fascinating and informative text, and detailed specifications section that will delight die-hard data fans, *Flight* is the essential book for pilots and plane-lovers everywhere.

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Customer Reviews

Mark Phelps traces his passion for aviation back to age eight, when he'd fill up on stories

of flight—our heroes, past and present, at the local library. After learning to fly after college, he landed a job as an editor at Flying, where he still contributes stories today. With 1,800 hours logged in the air, Mark is an active instrument pilot. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and twin sons. Robert Goyer has been with Flying since 1994 and has been editor-in-chief since 2010. During his time there, he has written and photographed hundreds of stories. His monthly opinion piece is one of the most popular columns in aviation, and he is the recipient of the NBAA's Dave Ewald Platinum Wing Award for excellence in journalism. A land and seaplane pilot with thousands of hours in his logbook, Robert has flown more than 200 types of aircraft. He lives in Austin, Texas, with his family. Inspired by the transatlantic flight of Charles Lindbergh, the Flying brand took off in 1927 as the ultimate aviation magazine for flight enthusiasts, exclusively written from a pilot's perspective. More than 85 years later, that formula hasn't changed: Flying still brings its readers comprehensive coverage of personal aviation, including first-person flight reports, industry news, technology trends, and safety guidance, along with award-winning illustration and eye-catching photography.

The owner of the Lockheed Electra Jr. featured on the cover had contacted me for more information about the picture, and at the time I didn't even know it had been licensed for use in the book. I'm a aviation buff, and love photographing aircraft whenever I get the chance. This book a great addition to any coffee table and I agree with most of their selections. There is some really great photography in this book and nice writeups for each one, even though in some cases the information can seem a bit brief, especially for iconic aircraft like the P-51 Mustang. Overall it's well worth the money and would make a great gift to any aviation lover.

Like every airplane ever made this is a lovely, lovely tribute. One may disagree with some of the choices but not with the exquisite way the choices are presented. My only quibble is that this otherwise superb book lacks a data page stating basic things like date and place of publication and most important to me, a collector, whether it is a first edition. This may mean nothing to most folks, like to magazine readers, and the editors of this book work for Flying Magazine. But it is important to me. As much as I love airplanes, I also love books. I am surprised Flying's editors, apparently do not share that love. That is my quibble. I would love to have a discussion with them about their choices. There are a number of important aircraft missing from this list. But the book is a thing of beauty. I am so glad to have it in my library.

Great book for my son who loves learning about airplanes right now. However, no love for the F-16???

This is a gift for my 8 year old nephew who is obsessed with airplanes. It is a beautifully illustrated book. He'll spend many, many hours looking at it.

Bought this for a friend as a gift who was a commercial pilot and now flies his own aircraft. He was thrilled and said he cleaned his glass table and displayed it right after receiving it. Since then he has read the book and loves it.

I'm an avid airplanes fan, and this book has beautiful pictures I have never seen before. You are asking for trouble when you decide to make a top list about anything, but in my opinion these people did an excellent job in their selection.

I give books to my family as a Christmas tradition. This was for my son in law who loves planes and is in air traffic management of the FAA. He loved this book. Great gift or for the coffee table.

This book is one of my favorites. It's not long to read, even though this is a big book. The pictures mostly take up the space. If you're interested in jets and airplanes like I am this book will only take you deeper in the subject. I recommend this book to anyone interested in air travel. It's well worth the price. Even if you don't read a word the photography is priceless.

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