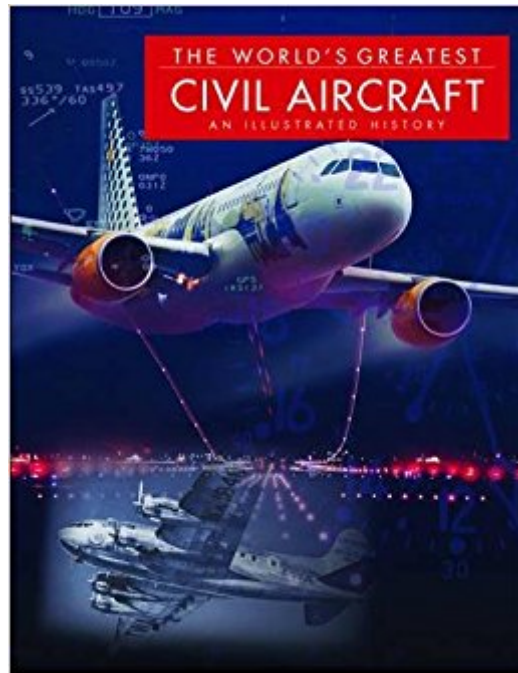




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Commercial air travel began just over a century ago. In that time, there have been groundbreaking civilian aircraft, such as flying boats, the first pressurized cabin aircraft, jet and supersonic aircraft, as well as immense changes in the capacity of aircraft – in the 1920s aircraft could carry 20 passengers, today it can be up to 800 passengers. The World's Greatest Civil Aircraft features 52 of the greatest civilian aircraft, from the 1920s Dornier Do J flying boat to Concorde and the Boeing 747, from narrow-bodied to wide-bodied, propeller to jet, from small Jetstreams to Ilyushin Il-62, once the world's largest earlier, to today's double-decker Airbus 380. Each entry includes a brief description of the aircraft's development and history, a color profile artwork, key features and specifications. Packed with more than 200 artworks and photographs, The World's Greatest Civil Aircraft is a colorful guide for the aviation and transport enthusiast.

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Nephew & future pilot loves this book!

Lacked a small bit in coverage but a great new encyclopedia to have in collection

All perfect.

Many identification guides have been written concerning commercial aircraft, but this field guide is the latest in my memory that features the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and the new Bombardier CSeries regional jet. I like how the writer provided concise specifications and 3-view illustrations of each aircraft.

This book is nicely laid out with photos and drawings, but as an historic review of the world's major commercial airliners, it neglects to include the Consolidated Convair series of airliners (240/340/440). This significant airliner basically replaced the DC-3 for short haul work and was purchased and used extensively by virtually every major US airline and most of the major European carriers. A book of this type cannot fail to include this important airliner in the history of commercial aviation. In addition, the authors include the Russian supersonic airliner, which hardly flew and never made a mark on civil aviation history.

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