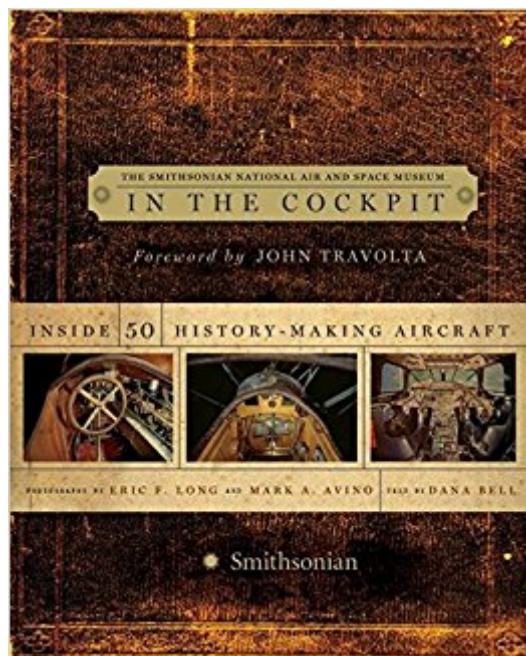


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# In The Cockpit: Inside 50 History-Making Aircraft



## Synopsis

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum holds the country's premier collection of historic aircrafts, but visitors must view these impressive structures at a distance. In the Cockpit captures the feeling of helming these historic craft with big, gorgeous four-color photographs that will give flight enthusiasts a true pilot's eye view of many of history's most important domestic and military airplanes, jets, and helicopters. Each entry includes archival images of the craft and authoritative text that places each one in the context of the development of aviation technology and world history.

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## Customer Reviews

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My father was absolutely delighted with this book! He's a Navy veteran and worked at airports for many years. He loves it. Update to previous review: I bought this for my dad 9 months ago and just got notified today that someone said this review helped them, which was remarkably timely. I'm adding this update to my previous post to say that, only a few days ago, he told me he came across an old film from the 40s on Turner Classic Movies that featured an account of the real inaugural flight of one of the planes in this book. He was so excited and overwhelmed with emotion by the film (he's 82 and getting very sentimental about those early years in his life; he watches TV all day but

never talks about being so moved by anything). Then, he told me he went looking in this book for that plane and found it. He got tearful and emotional just telling me about how much joy and pleasure he got from that. My dad has anything he wants, so it's hard to find things that are meaningful to him. Finding this book to give him has been a wonderful experience for both of us. It's such a beautiful and informative book. If you or whom you're buying it for care about this topic, I can't recommend it more highly.

I purchased this book for my husband for Christmas and he has thoroughly enjoyed the book. He is a former pilot (retired) so he had a "built-in" interest. There were so many cockpits he had not seen and he enjoyed seeing and reading about each. I highly recommend this book for anyone with a pilot in their family.

I ordered this right before the Prime Shipping holiday cut off time on 12/21 for guaranteed Christmas delivery. It arrived mid-day on 12/23. I bought this for my step-dad for Christmas. When he opened it he immediately took off the protective shrink wrap and wouldn't put it down. We were not done opening presents yet and family members were trying to hand him other presents to open but he was so into this book that he just set the presents aside for awhile. lol Then later while we were eating he brought his book to the table and was showing us pictures from it. Needless to say my step-dad LOVED his present!

This book is unique in that it covers just about the history of cockpit design and function. The amazing part is that for any one born in 1903 with a life expectancy of 75 years or so he or she was a witness to the marvelous achievement as to aviation and space travels. In 66 years we went from the fragile machine of the Wright brothers to men on the moon with almost routine space flights.

Got for a retiring SWA #1 senior pilot as one of his gifts. He LUVed it!

The book looks really great. It is hardcover with a sort of pillow protection. You can squeeze on it and it slightly squeezes back. The book comes wrapped so, you cannot open it to see the contents inside. I bought this as a gift for my husband who is a Pilot and he loves the illustrations and descriptions of the planes. It is a beautiful and unique piece for any aviation fan.

My son is an airplane mechanic and this was a wonderful gift, beautiful book in great condition.

Bought as a gift and they loved it!

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