

The Best Books on Flying

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Introduction – about “Best Books on Flying”

This eGuide is intended to save student pilots time. It took EFFORT to compile - including many hours consulting with flying schools and aviation enthusiasts.

BUT, such a listing is NEVER complete. We will have made some mistakes. In addition, new books are added to the bookstore shelves every month.

We invite suggestions – as to books that should be added to, or excluded from, future editions. Please email your suggestions (together with your reasons) to info@flight-schools.net. Your suggestions will be most welcome.

Each of the books listed has a link to the relevant page on the Amazon web site. Just click on a link! We are certain that using this eGuide to “Best Books on Flying” will save you a LOT OF TIME and could shorten your study period and costs.

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Read the manuals BEFORE you start your flying lessons

One of the most consistent feedbacks we receive from students relates to reading the manuals before starting flying lessons. The members of one group are glad that they read the manuals first. The others are sorry that they didn't!

You will not understand or remember everything you read by doing such homework. But doing so will place you at a big advantage. You will find that everything slips into place a lot quicker.

This advice applies particularly to students who choose to study abroad. In South Africa, for example, you will find that you want to enjoy the beaches and the warm sea. You will almost certainly want to have fun after hours and at weekends. Or spend a weekend or two in great game parks viewing elephants, lions and rhinos. Doing such things is so much more possible if you have done your homework first.

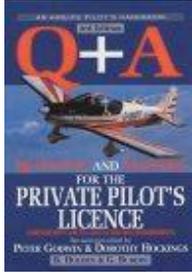
About the books chosen

Most of the books chosen relate to studying for private and commercial pilots licences – PPL and CPL – fixed-wing as well as helicopters. We have also included shorter sections on studying for exams, gliding, parachuting, microlighting, paragliding, paramotoring, meteorology (weather) and even a bit of humour.

Preparing for exams

Questions and Answers for the Private Pilot's Licence

Brett Holden, Graham Buddin,
Peter Godwin (Editor),
Dorothy Hockings (Editor) - <https://amzn.to/2OGEjFq>



List Price: \$63.00

There are used paperback copies available from as little as \$7.00

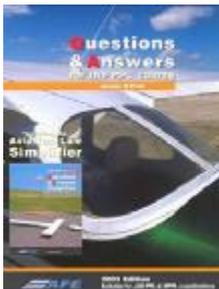
Synopsis

These practice examination papers have been prepared for students studying for the Private Pilots Licence (A) and (H) and the IMC Rating, and are based on the style and content found in those set by the Civil Aviation Authority. There is a comprehensive answer and reference section.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2OGEjFq>

Private Pilots Licence Course Questions and Answers for the PPL Course

Jim Stevens, Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/2UBvKzy>



List Price: \$4.28

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2UBvKzy>

Fixed-Wing Training

Air Pilot's Manual Vol. 1

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/38aw7F4>



List Price: \$894.00

Used paperback copies are available from \$10.00

Synopsis

One of seven volumes on flight and ground training. The manuals are designed to meet the needs of those studying for the Private Pilot Licence. This volume looks at flying training.

Reviews

Not as good as the AFE Jeremy Pratt books, 11

January, 2002 Reviewer: A reader from Durham, UK

I was quite keen on the Thom series till I got the AFE ones! I think my interest in flying overcame the rather dry style of the Thom publications: this volume and the others.

This book is competent, but pedestrian and dull. And to make a book about flying dull is quite an achievement!

The best book for the PPL, 1 July, 2001

Reviewer: A reader from Sevenoaks, Kent, England

I have used this book and the AFE version, this book is not nearly as complicated as the AFE, if you are learning to fly then I would suggest this as opposed to any other, as it is full of diagrams and explanations, many aren't!!!

The foremost set of manuals for your PPL, 24 February, 2001

Reviewer: Ross Miles (Ross@MilesNI.freereserve.co.uk) from York, England.

Whilst studying for my PPL a friend suggested this series of books. It was well worth the investment, every diagram, every move explained with perfect clarity. Ideal for those who are either taking the PPL or already have and want it as a stand-by reference. I come back to it time and time again.

Great introduction to flying, 5 January, 2001

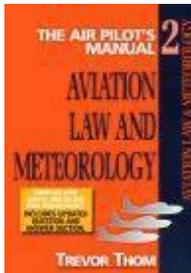
Reviewer: A reader from Worksop, Notts, England

If you are either starting, or thinking of starting to learn to fly, this is a very useful book to teach you the basics of flying. It is laid out in logical steps and is fairly easy to understand. The other books in the series will go into the steps in more detail, only if you are very serious about taking your PPL

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/38aw7F4>

The Air Pilot's Manual Vol. 2: Aviation Law and Meteorology

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/2UGcOiY>



List Price: from \$3.00 for used paperbacks

Customer review

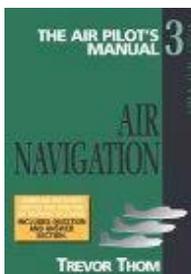
Excellent book, well presented, 25
February, 2001 Reviewer: A reader from
London, UK

Thom's series of books are an essential part of any UK PPL's library. Air Law and Meteorology are very important, and Thom makes a good presentation of both up to the level required for PPL.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2UGcOiY>

The Air Pilot's Manual Vol. 3: Air Navigation

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/37n3uDz>



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Customer reviews

Pure excellence! 1 April, 2001

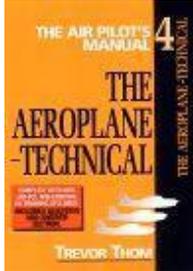
Reviewer: A reader from UK

This is one book in a series of seven from Trevor Thom and like it's predecessors it is marvelous. If you are taking a PPL, this book is an absolute must as it contains most of the syllabus and is a great guide into navigation.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/37n3uDz>

Air Pilot's Manual Vol. 4: The Aeroplane: Technical

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/2w6m6dZ>



List Price: \$ 65.00 in paperback

Customer Reviews

Tech made easy., April, 2003

Reviewer: A reader from Bracknell, Berkshire, UK

It just makes you wondering why you did not choose to be an aeronautical engineer.

Enlightening and incredibly clear.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2w6m6dZ>

The Air Pilot's Manual 5: Radio Navigation Instrument Flying

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/2OLKWpV>

List Price: \$20.00

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Synopsis

One of seven updated volumes which deal with modern flight and ground training. The manuals - all JAR/FCL compliant - are designed to meet the needs of those studying for the Private Pilot Licence. This volume looks at radio navigation instrument flying.

Customer Reviews

Over-complicated and unclear, 11

January, 2002 Reviewer: A reader from Durham, UK

I have struggled to find a good book on IMC flying, and this is not it either! I found myself doing cartwheels in my head trying to understand Thom's stuff on ADF tracking, hold entries and so on.

Ultimately there's no substitute for getting in a plane and flying, but personally I found Richard Collin's book on instrument flying much easier to get a grasp of what I was supposed to be doing. The Thom one is more analytical, more of a straight textbook, and the Collins one is American oriented.

For me the bottom line is that while Thom may be the only book which deals directly with the IMC course, it's not particularly well written, and at times makes the whole thing more complicated than it actually is.

A must for the IMC rating or just improving your navigation, 24 October, 2001

Reviewer: A reader from Chester, UK

As usual Trevor Thom has put together a definitive and concise volume for anyone contemplating doing an IMC or Night rating. The text covers all the relevant aspects of these in a clear and logical way. The section on instrument navigation is very good but does not delve too deeply in to GPS and RNAV systems. It is based mainly on the requirements for the IMC rating but also includes a section on night flying. Overall a must for the IMC rating or just improving your radio navigation skills.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2OLKWpV>

Human Factors and Pilot Performance (Air Pilot's Manual 6)

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/2PtKvr6>

List Price: \$952.95

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Customer Reviews

Easy to understand, 14 December, 2001

Reviewer: A reader from uk

Intended for private, light aircraft pilots, flying clubs and flying schools, this book provides an introduction to all aspects of basic light aircraft control, both practical and theoretical. Designed primarily for student pilots as they progress through the training for their Private Pilot's Licence, it describes a typical light aeroplane, its engine, airframe, systems and controls, and its handling on the ground and in the air. The author explains the complex environment in which the private pilot must operate, and covers the procedures and regulations governing flight operations. Intended for private, light aircraft pilots, flying clubs and flying schools, this book provides an introduction to all aspects of basic light aircraft control, both practical and theoretical. Designed primarily for student pilots as they progress through the training for their Private Pilot's Licence, it describes a typical light aeroplane, its engine, airframe, systems and controls, and its handling on the ground and in the air. The author explains the complex environment in which the private pilot must operate, and covers the procedures and regulations governing flight operations.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2PtKvr6>

The Air Pilot's Manual Vol. 7: Radiotelephony

Trevor Thom - <https://amzn.to/2UL706m>

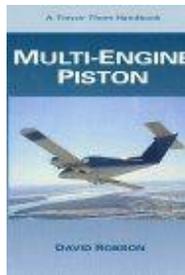
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Multi-Engine Piston

Trevor Thom Handbook - <https://amzn.to/2SNMyk6>



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Synopsis

This manual deals with the multi-engine piston and is aimed at those embarking on their first Type Endorsement on a multi-engined aircraft.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2SNMyk6>

The Private Pilot's Licence Course Book 1: Flying Training

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/38rR6n3>

List Price: \$989.90 Paperback
6 used: \$605.71
1 new: \$989.90

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Customer reviews

Reviewer: A reader from Plymouth UK

This is a well written step by step guide introducing the basics of a PPL flying course and does it in a programmed logical way, which the instructors at my flying school follow as a guideline. It allows you to read up on a subject before you try it out for real. A book well worth investing in.

Reviewer: (mike@mdredwood.freereserve.co.uk) from Cambridge, UK

Jeremy Pratt writes well, and clearly illustrates his explanations with liberal drawings and photographs. He also includes humour to help what could be dry and dusty topic come alive (and to aid memory). I found it extremely helpful while doing my PPL course.

Reviewer: A reader from England

A very well laid out book. Easy to follow lesson exercises and an informative approach make this book a must for all budding PPL students.

Reviewer: (anu@clara.net) from London, UK

A very useful reference with clear steps on progressing through to the PPL.

A must have for all novices and an essential reference for others

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/38rR6n3>

The Private Pilot's Licence Course Book 2: Air Law and RT

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/2OR5MUM>

List Price: \$6.24 Paperback

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Customer review

Reviewer: Jonathan Hooper (jhair@talk21.com) from Newport, United Kingdom This Book is the second in the best PPL training Guide series. In this edition you will learn about the Laws of the air and the weather

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2OR5MUM>

The Private Pilot's Licence Course Book 3: Navigation, Meteorology and Flight Planning

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/2Sr6qe0>

List Price: \$4.80 Paperback

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Customer review

Air Law!!! A pain but you gotta do it..., 31 July, 2002 Reviewer: jhairways121 from Cardiff United Kingdom

If you are learning to fly and applying for a PPL you will need to read this book, It leads you step by step what you need to know.

The book is split in to 2 sections: AIR LAW and RT

It also has a revision section at the end of each section which gives you real exam questions...

A must for any training pilot

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2Sr6qe0>

The Private Pilot's Licence Course Book 4: Technical

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/2HjwSQu>

Our Price: \$2.96

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The Private Pilot's Licence Course Book 5: Human Factors and Flight Safety

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/323QnpT>

List Price: \$22.70 Paperback

17 used: \$3.67

9 new: \$18.72

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PPL JAR Supplement

Jeremy M Pratt - <https://amzn.to/38s3ByP>

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Customer Reviews

The new JAR Private Pilot's License course, 12 May, 2001 Reviewer: (rob747@btinternet.com) from London, England

If any of you are planning on becoming a private pilot, you may already know about the new European harmonisation that has now come into effect for pilot training. Basically, with the new European license, you will be able to fly into European countries and also be trained anywhere in Europe (in theory). This

book tells you the entire course structure to the new Private Pilot's License course, ranging from the theory tests that need to be passed to the practical aspects of the course. It also includes the new aspects of the course that have now come in to effect due to the new European harmonisation. If you would like a bit of head start before embarking on the pilot training, this book will tell you exactly what is required from you, what you will be tested on, and what you will be taught for the pilot's license. I am hoping to start training as a private pilot soon, and this book has told me everything I need to know about the course.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/38s3ByP>

Learning to Fly in 21 Days

Phil Stone - <https://amzn.to/37puW3A>

Kindle Price: \$8.04
List Price: \$20.07 Paperback
7 used: \$6.07
3 new: \$20.07

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Customer reviews

Reviewer: from London, England

You want to fly with a pilot who passed a crash course?

Reviewer: A reader from London, UK

A rather skinny book, but worth reading for the detail on how to squeeze a PPL into 21 days. Notice that there is no mention of fun or about the fact that many British flying clubs regard graduates of such 'quickie courses' as something of a hazard that need some further training before they are let loose in British skies. Also no mention of Florida hurricanes that could wreck havoc on a 21 day schedule.

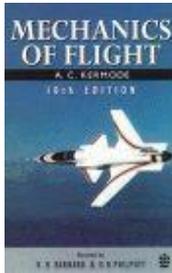
Would you want to fly with a pilot (even yourself) who had passed a crash course? Reviewer: (rob747@btinternet.com) from London, England

If any of you are planning on embarking on this new way of getting your Private Pilot's License (PPL) - the 3-week intensive course - this book is a great way of seeing an example of how the course is taught, what problems you are bound to face on your way and also the elation of achieving various goals along the way. But I must stress though, that this book is not intended to teach you about the various technical aspects of flying, although it does contain a few tips on what to do if you decide to book yourself onto a flying course, such as what flying equipment to purchase and navigational tips. Each of the 21 days of the course are described in detail, and the book is written almost like a day-by-day diary by the author, up until the final day where he passed his final flying exam. As an aspiring private pilot, I have found this book to be very helpful, and it has given me an idea as to what to expect when I decide to do the course myself.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/37puW3A>

Mechanics of Flight

A.C. Kermode, R.H. Barnard (Editor),
D.R. Philpott (Editor) - <https://amzn.to/2vtZm7o>



List Price: \$75.85 Paperback
3 used: \$68.07
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Aerospace

"This tenth edition is a welcome addition to the book-shelf. . . a very readable book introducing the complexities of flight mechanics which whets the reader's interest and so forms a good stepping stone to textbooks containing more detailed analyses. Recommended!"

Book Description

An ideal introduction to the principles of the mechanics of flight. Beginning with a summary of the mechanics of flight, it goes on to cover various aspects such as air and airflow, aerofoils, thrust, level flight, gliding, landing, performance, manoeuvres and stability and control.

Customer reviews

Mechanics of Flight, 5 August, 2002

Reviewer: Pete Snipe from Swindon, Wiltshire United Kingdom
My first exposure was as a 'recommended text' during an RAF airframe engineering course. I have lived with and revisited Kermodes' Mechanics of Flight since the 1975 edition. This is a 'must have' text book, that offers access to aerodynamics without the barrier of mathematics.

This book offers firm foundations that are of equal use to engineers, pilots and aspiring graduates. This title continues to be on the top shelf of my book case.

Everything you ever wanted to know about flight, simply put., 28

May, 2002 Reviewer: inflateable from UK

If you just want to know how aircraft work, but are put off by the endless equations that seem to go with an understanding, this is the book for you. A straightforward, extremely readable book that tells you, almost conversationally, how it all happens. For anyone with a serious interest in aviation, this is a definite must-read.

A good introduction the physics behind flight, 1 February, 2001

Reviewer: Richard Parker rich_j_parker@bigfoot.com from Southampton, England This is more than a textbook, since it has had no trouble keeping my attention whilst I've been reading it. It makes the concepts and principles behind flight accessible and interesting to read. Enjoy!

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2vtZm7o>

Aircraft Performance Theory for Pilots

P.J. Swatton - <https://amzn.to/37u6GNA>

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1 new: \$952.95

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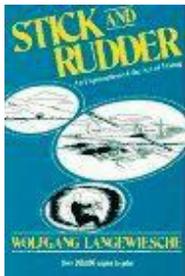
Synopsis

The new European Joint Aviation Requirements (JARs) lay down safety rules for every public transport flight on matters concerning weight, altitude and temperature; takeoff and landing distance; cruise flight level and speed; descent angle and rate. These topics are examined as "Aircraft Performance" and are an important part of all Flight Crew Licensing examinations for commercial and airline transport pilots licences. This new textbook provides a clear, simple guide to what many find a difficult subject.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/37u6GNA>

Stick and Rudder: An Explanation of the Art of Flying

Langewiesche - <https://amzn.to/39D2nAT>



List Price: \$14.49 Hardcover
68 used: \$11.53
24 new: \$14.49

Customer Reviews

The best for the basics, 19 April, 1998

Reviewer: Scott Dritz(tdritz@ix.netcom.com) from Los Angeles, CA

"Stick and Rudder" is the quintessential book about basic flying. It is a must-read for every pilot or aspiring pilot. The lessons included are truly timeless as indicated by it's original publish date. My CFI recommended it to me years ago and now I'm recommending it to you. It is required reading for mastering fixed wing aircraft and should be required reading by the FAA.

An outstanding easy to read introduction to flying planes, 3

June, 1997 Reviewer: A reader

Written many years ago with a style that really shows a unique understanding of how to convey complex information in a simple manner. If you are just starting off flying small planes this is the text for you because you will gain a real understanding of how things work. As a 150 hour PPL(A) this has been a unique book I'll use on many occasions. Read it

Makes flying much clearer for students. 5
August, 2001 Reviewer: A reader from Oxford,
England

This book helped rid me of the feeling in my first few hours of flying that I was not let in on what everyone else knew. It really clarifies those hazy edges when you're trying to take on such foreign skills. Someone should have told him that women have been known to fly too, though!

THE pilot's Bible! 6 July, 1999

Reviewer: Robert.gary@osi.com from California, US

Without a doubt the best book on piloting I've read. Reminds us of the importance of old fashion flying techniques that our young flight instructors never learned.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/39D2nAT>

Helicopter Training

Helicopter Pilot's Manual Vol. 1: Principles of Flight, Basic Handling and Advanced Techniques

Norman Bailey - <https://amzn.to/2uV3hdu>

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10 New: \$22.72 Paperback
25 Used: \$3.49
1 Collectable: \$47.25

Synopsis

This volume focuses on the needs of the pilot wishing to complete the PPL(H) - Private Pilot Licence (Helicopter). It contains an introduction to the principles of helicopter flight and explains in detail all the flying exercises required by the PPL(H) syllabus. It is a general resource for all civil training helicopters and complements other specialist manuals such as those for specific helicopters and the manufacturers' own manuals.

The best book to have when doing a PPL(H), 7 June, 2001

Reviewer: (paul_thomason20@hotmail.com) from Shetland, Scotland

This book is a must have for any PPL(H) student, and along with volume two it makes up the best set of helicopter books for a student.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2uV3hdu>

The Helicopter Pilot's Manual Vol. 2: Powerplants, Instruments and Hydraulics

Norman Bailey - <https://amzn.to/2PjNMD5>

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9 New: \$19.73

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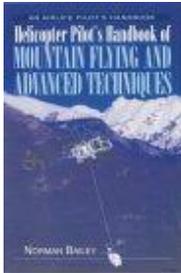
Synopsis

This is the second volume in a series of training manuals for those wishing to obtain a private pilot's licence for helicopters (PPL[H]). It examines the helicopter engine, airworthiness, flight instruments and hydraulics. The book is written by a helicopter instructor.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2PjNMD5>

Helicopter Pilot's Handbook of Mountain Flying and Advanced Techniques

Norman Bailey - <https://amzn.to/2V12diT>



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1 New: \$109.54

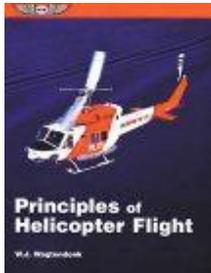
Synopsis

In this handbook, safe mountain flying techniques are explained in simple, non-technical language, as well as advanced techniques suitable for pilots already holding their helicopter Licence.

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Principles of Helicopter Flight/ 1749T

W. J. Wagtendonk - <https://amzn.to/39DII9w>



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Shawn Corwyn Coyle - <https://amzn.to/2V2cn2A>

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Synopsis

Training a helicopter pilot is lengthy and intense, since flying helicopters is notoriously difficult, even for experienced fixed-wing pilots. This book comprehensively covers the subject from the pilot's perspective, and is arranged in two parts. The first part is devoted to basic helicopter theory and practice, and includes numerous examples of how the different fundamentals interact as seen from the cockpit. The section on auto-rotations, in particular, is fully comprehensive. The second part of the book, called the Advanced Helicopter Pilot's Manual, covers more advanced theory, of interest to the commercial or military pilot or to helicopter flight instructors. The author adopts a simple, humorous, although thorough approach, and the book should satisfy the technical requirements of any college course on rotor-wing aircraft, and should also be of interest to amateurs and enthusiasts, particularly radio control helicopter pilots.

Customer reviews

Very informative and thorough, but great fun to read too! 2
August, 2001 Reviewer: A reader from East Sussex, UK

If you already are studying for your Private Pilot Licence or if you are still thinking about going for a trial lesson or if you are simply a helicopter fanatic, this book is a great read. Even difficult technical issues are explained very clearly - with many excellent line drawings. There is lots of practical advice on the how-to, spiced with many real-life stories. The theory and regulations are one thing, but in practice many other issues arise (or don't, as the matter may be). And everything is written in a fantastically entertaining way. For instance, there is a neat trick for smooth landings - namely to maintain just a very slight amount of forward speed on touch-down because humans have their eyes in front and can therefore

judge depth better when moving forward, but extra-terrestrials (with differently located eyes) are told sort this out for themselves. :-)

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Specific Airplanes and Helicopters

Robinson R22 : A Pilot's Guide (Pilot's Guide)

John Swan - <https://amzn.to/38GRHBg>



List Price: \$14.95 Paperback
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8 New: \$8.97

Book Description

Expanding on the information included in the manufacturer's official flight manual, which is compiled in strictly controlled test conditions, this guide details the performance and handling characteristics and limitations of the popular Robinson R22 helicopter in real-world flight conditions. It includes specialized preflight checklists, listing of R22 manufacturer safety notices, and preflight planning conversion tables providing pilots with invaluable information about what to expect when flying an R22 and how to operate one safely in a wide variety of flight situations.

About the Author

John Swan is a professional test pilot and flight instructor who has years of experience flying the Robinson R22 and is an expert on its operation.

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PA-28 Warrior

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/2P7bUst>

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Very Informative, with lots of useful tips, 27

March, 2001 Reviewer: A reader from

Warrington, England

I'm learning to fly in this type of aircraft, and I've found this book a very useful addition to my notes and experiences. I have found the section on aircraft handling particularly interesting, and has given me lots of useful tips to try out in my lessons! The book contains very good information of the aircraft's capabilities, including detailed performance information, and tons of useful stuff on the aircraft construction, mechanical and electrical systems. The book is well illustrated, with lots of diagrams, but pity there wasn't a few more actual photographs, especially of the cockpit and instrument layout.

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Customer Reviews

PA-38 Tomahawk, 27 September, 2001

Reviewer: A reader from Australia

I'm learning to fly in this type of aircraft, and I've found this book a very useful addition to my notes and experiences. Given some of the aircrafts behaviour traits I have found the section on aircraft handling particularly useful, and it has given me lots of useful tips to try out in my lessons! The book contains very good information of the aircraft's capabilities, including detailed performance information, and tons of useful stuff on the aircraft construction, mechanical and electrical systems. The book is well illustrated, with lots of diagrams, but pity there wasn't a few more actual photographs, especially of the cockpit and instrument layout.

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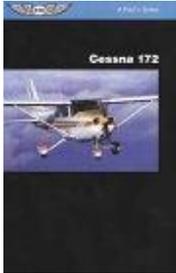
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Customer Reviews

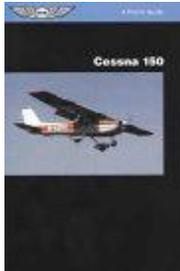
Very informative title for pilots, 23 October, 2000
Reviewer: (goran@inis.hr) from Zagreb, Croatia

This book is not a title for aviation and history lovers but a book for pilots that fly this airplane. It is very informative with lots of text related photos and tips. I think that the real value of this book are the tips from everyday use of this airplane that can save your life one day. Book is small enough to carry it with me every time I go to airport so I can glance through the extended checklists with important tips. Only thing I miss is a bit more about control links and possible failures and tips.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/3bMJHk9>

Cessna 150 (A Pilot's Guide)

Jeremy M. Pratt - <https://amzn.to/38lphqu>



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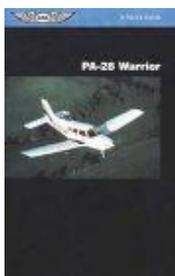


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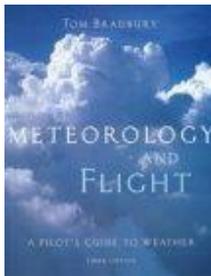
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Meteorology / Weather

Meteorology and Flight

Tom Bradbury - <https://amzn.to/2SYGOW4>



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Synopsis

Intended for pilots of sailplanes, microlights, hang gliders and balloons, this resource contains practical advice and information on both large- and small-scale weather systems. It covers the development of depressions and anticyclones, fronts, convection, cumulus and cumulonimbus clouds, waves, wave flow and how to fly in waves, local winds, airflow over ridges and mountains, visibility, weather maps and forecasting, METAR and TAF reports and MetFAX services.

Customer Reviews

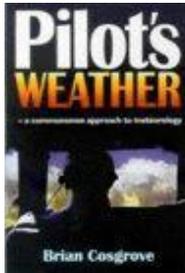
Comprehensive and detailed guide to weather, 12 February, 2001 Reviewer: A reader from London, England
This book offers excellent in-depth descriptions and explanations of weather systems that are relevant to all pilots. A large number of aspects of weather are covered, from small-scale cumulus formation to the interactions of entire weather patterns. As a glider pilot, this book has given me a good understanding of how to analyse weather forecasts accurately, and has proved to be extremely useful.

Some of the book is slow going to read, especially when it starts getting too technical, but if you are interested in aviation then a large portion of this book will be relevant to your flying.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2SYGOW4>

Pilot's Weather

Brian Cosgrove - <https://amzn.to/37ZRliA>



List Price: \$27.82 Hardcover
Kindle: \$25.86
16 Used: \$3.99
14 New: \$25.08

Synopsis

This guide to weather for pilots uses actual colour photographs of clouds and landscapes rather than line drawings and tables of statistics to explain what is happening in the atmosphere.

Customer review

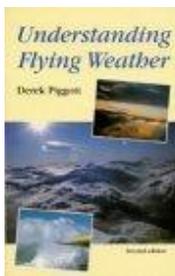
First class and aimed squarely at the Microlight pilot. 9 August, 1999 Reviewer: John Watkins (JWatkins01@aol.com) from Church Fenton, North Yorkshire, UK

Brian Cosgrove has redeemed himself for the poor section on Meteorology in his 'Microlight Pilot's Handbook'. This guide is pitched at the right level for student pilots and experienced flyers alike. Extensive use of colour photographs makes learning and digesting the material enjoyable and manageable for any reader.

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Understanding Flying Weather

Derek Piggott - <https://amzn.to/2VnsLLm>



List Price: \$22.51 Paperback
11 Used: \$26.46
1 New: \$50.00

Synopsis

This book explains how to recognize good and hazardous flying weather by looking at the causes and effects of atmospheric phenomena. These include air masses, high and low pressure areas, cloud formations, fronts, thermals, inversions and anti-cyclones. For those preparing for the Bronze "C" award or for one of the Private Pilot's Licence examinations there is a useful appendix with revision questions and answers. Derek Piggott is the author of a number of well-known books on gliding and is a gliding expert.

Customer reviews

Understanding Weather, 13 August, 2002

Reviewer: taz hocking from England

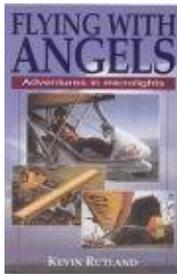
I found this book very informative and easy to understand. Derek Piggot is a good author and explains his theories well so that you can understand concepts much easier. Other books I have tried were too hard to intake all the information but I found that this book was well structured which made easy reading. Derek being a top glider pilot understands the need for simplicity in his books so people of all standards from beginners to diamonds can absorb all the information he is trying to get across.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2VnsLLm>

Microlighting

Flying with Angels

Kevin Rutland - <https://amzn.to/381IPVW>



List Price: \$6.00 Paperback
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Synopsis

Kevin Rutland's adventures and photography combine to provide a book that is not only informative, but also provides an insight into what makes mere mortals launch themselves into the wild blue skies.

The author, Kevin Rutland (kev3031@aol.com), 15 February, 2000 The Microlight Flying Experience - fun and adventures

My personal experiences, thrills and spills, and memorable moments are detailed to provide the reader with an insight into what can be done with this unique new form of aerial machine. The places I visited, the new friends I made, together with the experiences of training, local flying, cross country and competitive flying, both...
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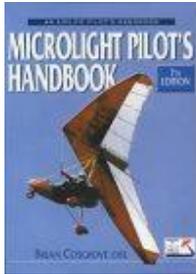
A brilliant account on the ups and downs of Microlighting, 22 August, 2001 Reviewer: (jobey.butt@lineone.net) from UK - Norfolk

This book, written by one of the leading lights in the Microlighting fraternity, is an easy to read account on the joys of owning and flying a microlight. It details the author's trials and tribulations, and his involvement in every aspect of the sport. This is a book for anyone owning, flying or just thinking of microlighting.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/381IPVW>

Microlight Pilot's Handbook

Brian Cosgrove - <https://amzn.to/2voVK71>



List Price: \$17.91 Paperback
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Synopsis

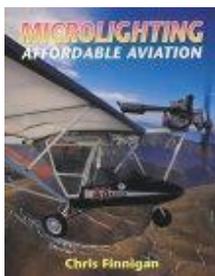
The microlight aeroplane has brought flying within the reach of many. This updated handbook aims not only to prepare pilots for the PPL(A) Microlight examinations but also to teach them to fly safely and to develop understanding of meteorology, navigation, aerodynamics, and the legal dimension too.

The Definitive book on Microlighting theory, 19 September, 2001
Reviewer: (Kevin Rutland - Flying with Angels) kev3031@aol.com from Iowa, USA Brian has written the definitive book covering all aspects of microlighting theory. It is a must for anyone intending to obtain a PPL Microlighting license. Each section is clearly written and backed up with excellent line drawings. When I obtained my license I found the book invaluable, and even now I still go back to it from time to time to refresh my memory. This is a must-have for everyone flying, or intending to fly, microlights.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2voVK71>

Microlighting

Chris Finnigan - <https://amzn.to/2wN5hoE>



List Price: \$18.45 Paperback
13 Used: \$3.10
7 New: \$18.45

Reviews

Skywings Magazine August 2001
Finnigan's lucid but enthusiastic writing style conveys a lot of what purring along over the landscape actually means.

The perfect starting point for potential microlight pilots. 19 March, 2002

Reviewer: A reader from Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

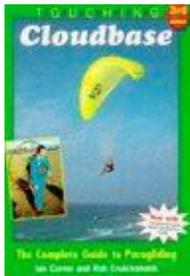
As someone who thought he might be interested in starting microlight flying I found myself in a black hole, no one I knew had any experience of the subject and there were no clubs for miles around. What I really needed was someone to summarise what was involved in the sport and how I should progress. Finding Chris Finnigan's book was a godsend. Finnigan takes us through the history of microlighting, which is essential to an understanding of its philosophy and why the regime of regulation has grown up as it has. He also clearly describes the two basic styles of aircraft involved, their pros and con's and just what you would be taking on in terms of training, maintenance and equipment. All this is essential information to have on board before you decide to get involved in microlighting but Finnigan still finds room to express the sheer joy which arises from the sport and explains the devotion of its followers.

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Paragliding

Touching Cloudbase

Ian Currer, Rob Cruickshank - <https://amzn.to/2ToVgpg>



List Price: \$8.91 Paperback

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Synopsis

The third edition of a standard manual for those starting paragliding. It offers an introduction to paramotoring, a section on tandem flying, and an expanded reference to the world's manufacturers. It also covers the syllabus for the exams of the British Hang-gliding and Paragliding Association.

Reviews

Not for those wishing to Paramotor, 6 April, 2000

Reviewer: (richard.maher@absoluteit.freemove.co.uk) from Nottingham, UK

If you want to Paramotor, by Noel Whittall's book, Paramotoring. All of what you need to know about free flight for Paramotoring is in there including weather air law etc. The books are so similar in this regard it is almost too coincidental. The Paramotoring chapter is very light in this book.

A very good book for free flight however. I have rated the book from a Paramotoring position. For just Paragliding I would give it 4 stars.

The Bible for paragliding students, 6
December, 1999 Reviewer:
(nick.ford@logical.com) from London

This book is a great reference for anyone starting out in paragliding, listing all techniques, air law and weather conditions. While not very creative or inspiring, it is a book that you keep going back to.

Day one to Regular flyer, forget the other books!, 8 July,
1999 Reviewer: abeales@bigfoot.com from
abeales@bigfoot.com

Great, just buy this, I have bought most of these books, they collect dust and still look new. This however is highlighted and well used. I will soon need to replace this, get it now!

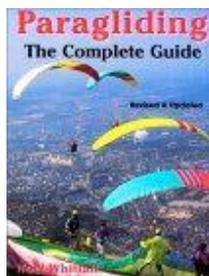
It is THE manual for anyone wanting to know how to Fly., 6
June, 1999 Reviewer: A reader from London

This book covers every subject that a beginner or intermediate paraglider pilot would want to know. Right from the background and safety aspects through to cross-country flying. It is easy to read and you get a real sense of the authors passion for promoting free flight. It also contains everything necessary to pass the BHPA exams.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2ToVgpg>

Paragliding: The Complete Guide

Noel Whittall - <https://amzn.to/396SPye>



List Price: \$989.90
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Synopsis

A practical guide to paragliding, which offers advice on how to get started, and how to progress safely and develop skills and confidence through to competition standard.

Customer Reviews

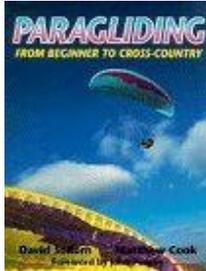
Good All-round book on Paragliding, not too technical, 1
November, 2001 Reviewer: A reader from Edinburgh

This is a fine introduction to paragliding generally and is well-researched and illustrated. The author is a long-time glider and has champions in the family and his knowledge and enthusiasm shine through. Not the definitive guide -- it's a little lacking in technical detail for that -- but a good general-purpose introduction nonetheless.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/396SPye>

Paragliding

David Sollom, Matthew Cook - <https://amzn.to/2I2C9fr>



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Synopsis

An introduction to paragliding, providing tuition on thermalling, instrumentation and tandem flying. Other topics include: the theory of gliding; practical instruction of basic, intermediate and advanced techniques; instruction on flying cross-country in the UK; and advice on equipment and air law.

Customer reviews

Fantastic, I learnt so much from this book ... 23
January, 2002 Reviewer: (laurie@gavaghan.net) from
Isle of Wight

If you are learning to fly this book is a must, it is not written as a replacement for being taught in a school. But it will advance your understanding and knowledge about this fantastic sport. I bought this book just after I gained my CP and it helped be go on to do my first XC.

Following review recommendations I am very disappointed! 20
May, 2001 Reviewer: (colhills@freenet.de) from Stuttgart,
Germany

I am a complete beginner and expected to read a book for beginners but this is not so! When you read a sentence "the harness should be correctly fitted" it tells you nothing! Of course items should be correctly fitted but how? No explanation is given and so it goes on with little detailed explanation in other areas. What about a detailed list of items required? The book starts off talking about the weather and aerodynamics, we know this is important but what a yawn to get one interested in the sport! Why limit it only to the UK flying conditions, we are part of Europe and lots of flyers want to expand their horizons? I'm sorry but in my opinion this is not written with the complete beginner in mind.

Excellent Freeflight Manual, 14 April, 2000
Reviewer: (richard.maher@absoluteit.freereserve.co.uk) from Nottingham, UK
As a beginner, I found this easily the best freeflight manual around. As well as excellent descriptive text, this is supported by very good and clear photographs, most of which are colour. Covers broader subject matter than other books I've read including weather, usual PG flying stuff, including what to do if your canopy collapses, safety, exams and advanced flying.

Excellent covering subjects from take-off to air masses, 19 December, 1998 Reviewer: rprout@intracus.com from UK

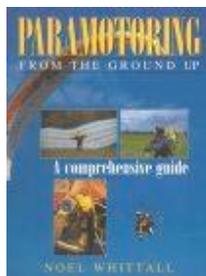
Clear and concise book written in the style of a technical manual but with some life in it too. Excellent coverage in a very concise format.

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Paramotoring

Paramotoring

Noel Whittall - <https://amzn.to/2Tlptph>



List Price: \$6.49
17 Used: \$6.49

Synopsis

Flying a paramotor is achievable by anyone who has reasonable physical co-ordination and the patience to learn properly. This work reveals many of the things which will help you to become a safe paramotor pilot. It should also help you to avoid the many pitfalls along the route.

Customer Reviews

Covers all you need to know to understand the sport well. 8 January, 2002 Reviewer: (nick.darbyshire@littlewoods.co.uk) from northwest england

I bought this book to learn more about the sport as I knew of no one that flew these machines. This book gives you all the information you need to understand the way paramotors fly and explains in great detail what to expect from these great little machines. It starts from the basics of flight right through to 'the big day' of going solo and explains what your training will be like, how long it takes and gives a complete syllabus of the training schedule. Paramotoring from the ground up includes a meteorology section explaining weather as well as other intuitive bits. It will have an aspiring pilot buying a kit sooner than he or she thinks. Don't know what machine to buy? This book even gives a brief market review with useful numbers as well as websites. You will find you have finished reading this book before you know it! The pages have loads of great pictures but the text only covers half of each page leaving the book looking twice as big as it should be. One you could read in a couple of hours, but one that will have you reading over and over again if you are new to the sport. I give it 4* because I think the content is a bit skinnier than I expected. One easily worth buying and one that will answer almost all of your questions.

Paramotoring, get bitten by the bug, 6 April, 2000

Reviewer: (richard.maher@absoluteit.freeserve.co.uk) from Nottingham, UK
This book seems to suggest that if you can Paraglide, can cope with the 20-30kg of a paramotor on your back, you can fly a Powered Paraglider, without too much difficulty, having had appropriate training. The book gives

instruction on good practice and best technique for handling and flying with a paramotor, regulations on air law, weather etc. I particularly liked the takeoff and landing commentaries and accompanying photographs, which I still read/look at and seem to get more and more from each time.

I bought Touching Cloudbase and this book at the same time, however I need not have. Paramotoring covers all the prerequisite Paragliding skills in this one book, including paraglider dynamics, history and weather, basic flying.

In essence if you have already done a certain amount of free flight paragliding, and have a free flight book, you will find half of this book a recap on what you already know/read. The Paramotoring aspects will probably be new, however, and help a lot with what to expect from formal PM training and beyond.

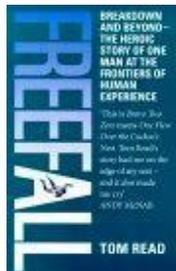
If you are a prospective pilot who is considering taking up the sport, this book is a good choice with lots of pictures and will likely get you well on the way to being bitten by the flying bug. The book certainly left me wanting a lot more!

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2Tlptph>

Parachuting

Freefall

Tom Read - <https://amzn.to/3aosZ9j>



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16 Used: \$4.76

1 New: \$113.81

List Price: \$2.72 Paperback

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1 New: \$69.52

Review

MAIL ON SUNDAY

*'Extraordinary'

Customer reviews

Absorbing, yet both Disturbing & Funny at the same time. 11 January, 1999 Reviewer: A reader from Middlesex, England
Tom Read has lived many lives in single lifetime ex-SAS, ex-Red Devils Parachute Regiment has served in Northern Ireland at the height of the troubles. Whilst preparing for a World Record Freefall attempt Tom had a breakdown. This is Tom's story of his descent into madness & his fight back, whilst also re-living some of the events in his life that may of contributed to his breakdown. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Outstanding, 23 December, 1999

Reviewer: cuhoolan@aol.com from Northern Ireland

An amazing book in every way, laugh out loud funny in some places and tearjerking in others, it should not be pigeon holed as an SAS book it is something much more. Oh and for those of you who read Andy McNab's Immediate Action, Tom Read is known as "Nosh" in it.

An emotional and honest insight into one mans mind, 3 July, 2002 Reviewer: David Martin from Finsbury Park, London England

I read this book following the news of Tom Read's tragic death. After all the media attention surrounding this event, the book is a moving read and helps explain the sequence of events and their bizarre conclusion. It also shows a compassionate and personal side not seen in previous books from ex-SAS soldiers.

This is not another "ex-SAS" novel, with more emphasis being placed on Tom's progress through mental illness and flashbacks to his career after joining the army. For anyone that has read Chris Ryan or Andy McNab's books there are interesting references to certain controversial members of the Bravo-two-zero squad - something that has also become a little more prominent in the media recently.

A fascinating but deeply moving tribute, 1 May, 2002

Reviewer: Andrew Turner (aturner16@hotmail.com) from UK

I remember when this book first appeared in the shops a few years ago. It was at a time when books by ex-SAS soldiers were flooding the shelves of most bookstores with their eye-catching covers and macho appeal. 'Freefall' seemed to be different in that an ex-member of the SAS was admitting to have succumbed to mental disorder, to have broken down as it is so often described. Here was a man who was not afraid of admitting that something had gone wrong, that he could no longer cope. The honesty shocked me. And yet, amidst the deluge of special forces' books, I put the book aside, unable to face another round of SAS heroics.

It wasn't until I read about Tom's death earlier this year that my interest was reawakened. And as soon as I started reading 'Freefall' I was utterly absorbed by Tom's narration. It was a book that I carried everywhere for the week, reading snippets whenever I could, or seeking out opportunities to lie back and read for longer periods.

I have to say that my admiration for Tom grew as his mental and physical toughness became more and more evident. From the proving grounds of Para selection and the individual torment of SAS selection, to the gut-wrenching fear of covert operations, Tom demonstrated a remarkable, and indeed a formidable, ability to fight for success whatever the cost.

And at the same time here was an intelligent man whose sense of reason and humanity were quietly being eroded, crippling his judgement and mental prowess. Until finally the erosion was complete.

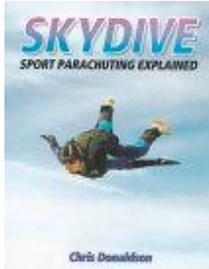
I was moved to tears reading this book. His apparent recovery at the end of the book is cast into the most tragic of all lights given his ultimate farewell to the world.

What a courageous, cast-iron spirit. What honesty. What an extraordinary man. Thank you Tom for showing us, for proving to us, that it is not weak to be honest.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/3aosZ9i>

Skydive: Sport Parachuting Explained

Chris Donaldson - <https://amzn.to/38ixBMV>



List Price: \$44.00 Paperback
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Synopsis

Since the earliest days of parachuting many people have viewed the activity with suspicion, regarding those who do it as supermen or women. Chris Donaldson debunks this myth and explains the skills needed for training and progression.

Reviews

A good primer for the aspiring skydiver, 4
October, 2000 Reviewer: (basejump@aol.com)
from NC, USA

This book is a good introduction to the sport and even includes information on the "B" word.... BASE jumping. This book would serve anyone well who wishes to learn more about the sport prior to taking the big leap....

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Gliding

Beginning Gliding

Derek Piggott - <https://amzn.to/2woNr1C>

List Price: \$74.20 Paperback
15 Used: \$10.44
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Synopsis

This guide views the whole process of gliding from the perspective of the beginner and tackles the difficulties and concerns experienced by them head on. It explains the fundamentals, but also how to learn them, and how they should be taught.

Customer reviews

A class act for the pre-solo pilot, 27 February, 2001

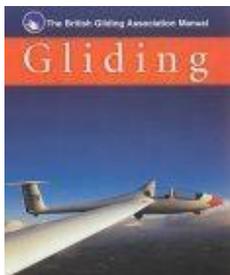
Reviewer: A reader from Northern England

Contains everything a pre-solo pilot needs to know to understand how to properly launch, control and land a glider. Has some basic information on lift types. Tells you how to correct all of the usual mistakes, and lots of different ways to think about the same thing. If you're even thinking about taking up gliding, buy this book - the technical aspects are covered in an easy to understand manner, with lots of handy sketches.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2woNrIC>

The British Gliding Association Manual of Gliding

Steve Longland - <https://amzn.to/38maWiz>



List Price: \$41.40 Hardcover
5 Used: \$76.21
1 Collectable: \$41.40

A reference book for the gliding fans, 26 February, 2002

Reviewer: (rthevenon@hotmail.com) from Newbury,
Berkshire, UK

A very detailed book that should appeal to a large audience (amongst the gliding community I mean).

It is structured in a very logical way : each chapter goes first through some theoretical concepts before applying these concepts to reality.

For instance, a chapter about the design of gliders is very instructive.

There are few pictures but numerous sketches. Attempting to read the book in one go might result in serious headaches but I believe this is the ideal reference book to reconcile theory and practice on rainy Sundays.

Thorough and comprehensive, 25

February, 2002 Reviewer: A reader from
UK

This is a thorough manual, nicely separating into things you must know and the background information for people who like to understand more (or are prospective full-cat instructors). Previously you had to delve through separate gliding manuals, now at least here is one bible that you can recommend to guide the aspiring pilot through the technical steps on his way to a fully pledged cross-country soaring pilot.

A comprehensive review of the science of gliding, 23

February, 2002 Reviewer: A reader from Cheshire England

This book is not for the beginner of somebody casually interested in the sport of gliding. This book has been written for those who need to know the whys and wherefores of why gliders behave in the way they do. As such it is a quest for the scientific underpinnings of flight in essence Aeronautics. If you buy the book with this in mind I don't feel you will be disappointed. The concepts are concisely stated with relevant diagrams. Not a book to be read cover to cover but dipped

into when you want to know why your instructor is giving you certain advice but cant tell you why the thing works that way.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/38maWiz>

The Glider Pilot's Manual

Ken Stewart - <https://amzn.to/38jLcTV>

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List Price: \$1.73 Paperback
5 Used: \$1.73

Synopsis

This is a detailed flying training manual for glider pilots. All aspects of training for the Glider Pilot's Licence are covered in detail. It is a complete manual for the beginner leading him/her through the flying training, giving enough technical information for the various Principles of Flight examinations which need to be passed, and introducing basic soaring.

Customer Reviews

Useful for a little more technical depth, 30
May, 2002 Reviewer: (bjabbot@yahoo.com)
from Manchester

I bought this book in conjunction with Steve Longland's Gliding book. I find the two books a very useful pair of books. I tend to use the Gliding book to gain an overview and then refer to the Glider Pilot's Manual when I want to understand more of the technical background to the subject. The Glider Pilot's Manual however also covers the basic information as well as providing the technical depth.

I think that if I could only buy one book then it would be the Glider Pilots Manual. If however you can stretch to two books then this and the Steve Longland book do make a very good combination.

Well written, information rich with something for everyone, 18 June,
2001 Reviewer: Stephen Agar-Hutty (sahpub@yahoo.co.uk) from
England

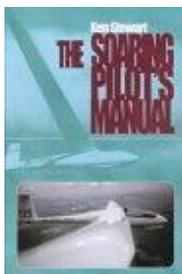
This book covers the basics in a straightforward and practical way. Introduction of material is progressive and neither over does theory or shy from it where important. In the main each new topic generates an urge to get in the air and check out the theory.

The book works as much for the readable style of the author as it does for its necessary and broad content.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/38jLcTV>

Soaring Pilot's Manual

Ken Stewart - <https://amzn.to/3crNXWB>



Kindle Price: \$11.49
List Price: \$28.16 Paperback
15 Used: \$16.98
9 New: \$28.14

Synopsis

This manual describes the basic soaring mechanisms and techniques of flying. Clear diagrams illustrate the text throughout and make complicated facts seem simple to understand. It progresses to cross country flying and contains exercises that should be found useful by any glider pilot.

Customer Reviews

Write an online review and share your thoughts with other shoppers! the easy way to understand how to soar, 19

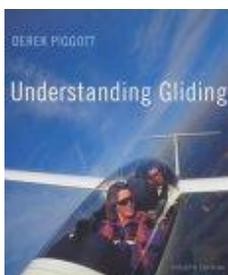
August, 2002 Reviewer: taz hocking from england

This book covers the in's and out's of different soaring techniques and how different styles work. This book covers the best techniques of how to use the weather to you advantage and what to look for when your flying. I found this book very informative . i expected it to be hard to cope with but it wasnt i found it easy to understand a very worthwhile book for a glider pilot to have.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/3crNXWB>

Understanding Gliding

Derek Piggott - <https://amzn.to/2vCcFD9>



List Price: \$4.59 Hardcover
20 Used: \$4.59
3 New: \$92.58

List Price: \$36.54 Paperback
19 Used: \$6.70
5 New: \$32.64

Synopsis

A study of gliding, exploring how and why a glider flies. Written by a gliding instructor, it seeks to demystify the theory behind the subject. This fourth edition is updated to include developments in technology and high-performance gliders.

Customer Reviews

The best introduction to technical gliding. 18

May, 2002 Reviewer: A reader from London

The original, and still the best book about how gliders work. Simple text and clear diagrams help to show the reader why every aspect of the glider works the way it does. It helped me to understand why gliders are designed the way they are. I found that my flying improved when I fully understood the effects that the controls were having on the glider. It also gave me confidence in the speed and G limits of a glider. The book explains why breaking the limits is dangerous but also why it safe to go up to them and use the glider to its full potential. There are other good books on the subject, but this is the best.

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Model Aircraft

Flying Model Helicopters

Dave Day - <https://amzn.to/2lI8sX7>

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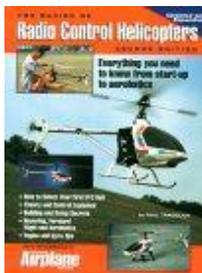
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The Basics of Radio Control Helicopters

Paul Tradelius - <https://amzn.to/3asdSM0>



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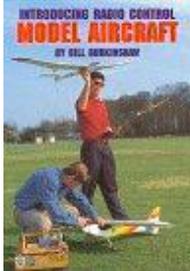
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Introducing Radio Control Model Aircraft

Bill Burkinshaw - <https://amzn.to/2lhyevt>



List Price: \$14.23 Paperback
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Synopsis

A revised and updated edition of this introduction to radio-controlled model aircraft, which offers advice on choosing, building and finishing the models, radio control equipment installation and other relevant areas.

Customer Reviews

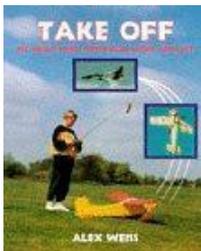
A good value, perfect for beginners book., 10
August, 2000 Reviewer: A reader from
Middlesbrough

This book offers a simple introduction to many aspects of model flying. This book will help you set up a model from scratch if you have had no other model experience (as I did). A cheap and cheerful book with plenty of reference material for the price of a magazine

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/2lhyevt>

Take Off

Alex Weiss - <https://amzn.to/2xaaIOO>



List Price: \$17.50 Paperback
25 Used: \$2.56
11 New: \$13.00
1 Collectable: \$60.71

Synopsis

A complete and comprehensive guide to the popular hobby of radio-controlled model aircraft, written with both the beginner and the experienced modeler in mind.

Customer Reviews

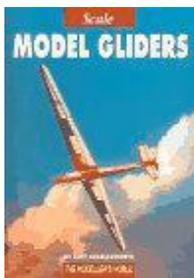
Full of advice on every aspect of Model aircraft flying, 11
January, 2002 Reviewer: (emailjason@lineone.net) from
Berkshire/UK

This book is one of the best on the subject it covers every aspect of model aircraft flying. For the beginner this book offers great advice with easy to understand terms and diagrams and also offers enough for the experienced flyer to read. "Take Off" is the kind of book you can't stop reading and you will find yourself returning to this book time and time again as a reference book for anything you attempt in the world of R/C Model aircraft flying.

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Scale Model Gliders

Cliff Charlesworth,
Dave Coleman (Illustrator) - <https://amzn.to/39pH0Tr>



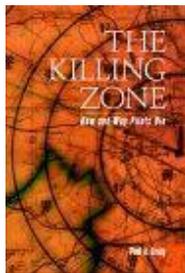
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Pilot Danger

Killing Zone

Paul A. Craig - <https://amzn.to/2UtyTAN>



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Synopsis

Most pilots earn their private certificate between 40 and 70 flight hours. They then leave their instructors behind and enter "the killing zone". The killing zone stretches ominously until about 250 flight hours, by which time the pilots who have survived have acquired enough experience, continued education and judgement to take off with some degree of confidence in landing safety. Just as the zone is identifiable, the causes of death therein are predictable. This work presents the predictable statistics of how many pilots in the zone will die within a year and what they will be doing when death occurs. Chapters outline the top

eight killers and map strategies for avoiding, diverting, correcting and managing the dangers

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Human Performance and Limitations in Aviation

R.D. Campbell,
Michael Bagshaw - <https://amzn.to/33WXjG6>

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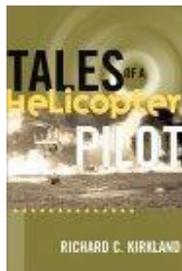
Human error is cited as a major cause in over 70 per cent of aviation accidents and it is widely agreed that a better understanding of human capabilities and limitations - both physical and psychological - would help reduce human error and improve flight safety. This work was first published when the UK Civil Aviation Authority introduced an examination in human performance and limitations for all private and professional pilot licences. Now the Joint Aviation Authorities of Europe have published a new syllabus as part of their Joint Aviation Requirements for Flight Crew Licensing. The book has been completely revised and rewritten to take account of the new syllabus. The coverage of basic aviation psychology has been greatly expanded, and the section on aviation physiology now includes topics on the high altitude environment and on health maintenance. Throughout, the text avoids excessive jargon and technical language

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Experiences

Tales of a Helicopter Pilot

Richard C. Kirkland - <https://amzn.to/2xvsEDM>



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4 New: \$14.50

1 Collectable: \$60.60

Synopsis

Richard Kirkland is legendary for his P-38 Lightning missions in the South Pacific theatre during WWII. After the war, he realized the potential of Igor Sikorsky's new flying machine, and he traded in his fighter-pilot wings for rotors. The nerve-racking chopper missions he has flown are the stuff of legend: scrambling to evacuate president Harry Truman after an unthinkable "code red one" alert comes over his red phone; bantering with the real "Hawkeye" at a MASH unit before flying into North Korea to rescue wounded soldiers. Equally riveting are his accounts of a medevac pilot in Vietnam who lands a ten ton CH-46 "Frog" in the jungle at night, with no lights, under fire, with only a soldier's cigarette lighter for reference; and an aerial tour pilot who routinely pulls people out of the water above, below, and right before Niagara Falls. The 16 tales also include incredible accounts of how helicopters are used by firefighters, law enforcement officials, and paramedics.

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Faster Than the Sun

Peter Twiss, Lord Brabazon - <https://amzn.to/33W3HgC>



List Price: \$13.97 Kindle

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1 New: \$51.60

Synopsis

This autobiography of Peter Twiss, the man who flew 1000mph for the first time in history, tells the story of the record-breaking Fairey Delta. It describes the vast organization necessary for the record bid, the political lobbying and the almost intolerable tension when the flights failed.

Pushing forward the frontiers of flight., 24 December, 2000

Reviewer: (jbrucenicholson@hotmail.com) from Farnham, England.

Cast your mind back to the heady days of post-war British aviation. Long summer holidays, Farnborough airshows teeming with new British types and short trousers. Peter Twiss is one of those "school boy test pilot heros" from those exciting times.

Peter takes you back to 1955. It was all happening then. Mach 1 had been won by the Americans. The World Air Speed Record had been pushed past 800mph by a North American F100 Super Sabre with a US test pilot. It was a race. And a race with no end in sight.

High above southern England, in the autumn of 1955, Peter Twiss flew the tiny Fairey Delta Two effortlessly past the sound barrier and realised that this wonderful little aircraft had it in her to be a world beater. To show the world that the great Fairey Aviation Company and Great Britain could still challenge the best of the best and win.

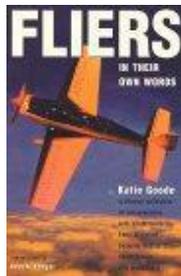
A thrilling story of the man who was the first to fly faster than 1000mph; faster than the speed of the sun as it tracks across the sky. A story of hardship, ingenuity, excitement and eventually, well deserved success. You are with the pilot and team every stage of the way. Peter is the classic reserved British test pilot of the era, but here, unexpectedly he opens himself to the reader. You go through every high and low with the chap. At the end you feel sad to say cheerio to your new friend.

Read this book and keep the brilliance and courage of British aviation from this time alive.

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Fliers in Their Own Words

Katie Goode - <https://amzn.to/33TOKf4>



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3 Collectable: \$6.25

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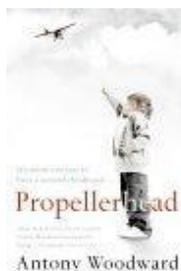
The diverse accomplishments and careers of fourteen pilots are explored in this inspiring collection of interviews. Top fliers including aerobatic champion Patty Wagstaff, Alaska bush pilot Bill de Creeft, airline pilot Captain Jim Moore, and stealth fighter pilot Captain Jeff Robertson share their stories about their time in the sky, their love of flying, their memories, and the things that inspired them to become the leaders in aviation they are today. From skywriters and airshow clowns to specialised helicopter pilots and military heroes, these pilots' stories afford a fascinating look at the gravity-defying field of aviation.

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Humour

Propellerhead

Antony Woodward - <https://amzn.to/3bvnHt8>



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The Times

' His look at the absurdities of life are certainly entertaining '

The Guardian

' It's all done with great narrative energy and a charmingly self-deprecating style '

Customer Reviews

Avg. Customer Review:

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Fly through the pages, 10 September, 2002

Reviewer: Martin Adams from Much Hadham, Herts United Kingdom

I'm not a pilot but I really sped through this book. The author has real talent for comic writing (this book had me laughing quite a few times), but apparently not for flying. The book roughly divides into 3 parts. First part is about the author learning to get his wings, and generally being unsuccessful in a very amusing manner. The second third of the book delves a little bit into the history of flight, but it is pretty easy going and lighthearted. The last part of the book deals with the author as a recently qualified and rather overconfident pilot.

Yes- only a true maniac would fly with Woodward, but you should enjoy his sheer enthusiasm for flying and buy this book.

Propellerhead's No Airhead, 29 July, 2002

Reviewer: gwa1225 from Washington, DC

I picked up this book to read on a return flight to the US, attracted by its subject matter since I've been flying light (but not microlight) aircraft since the early '60s and harbor a nascent interest in these "flying lawn chairs." What I found within is a thoroughly delightful book which, at various points, is mesmerizing, entertaining, educational, and laugh-out-loud funny. Somewhat similar in tone and overall theme to "About a Boy," which I'd also read on this trip, the book's theme of searching for and eventually discovering meaning outside the confines of one's more selfish instincts is both uplifting and reassuring. The author has an effortless command of story structure, language, and humor, and builds the autobiographical story to a climax which is soaring in every sense of the word.

While those with flying experience will resonate in special ways with the author's discovery (and re-discovery) of the joys of flight, by no means is a pilot's certificate necessary to fully enjoy this book. Get one and take wing yourself!

magic, 8 July, 2002

Reviewer: karen kelly from london United Kingdom

Being female, urban and utterly bored and scared by the idea of flying, I had no wish to read this book. But stuck in a coach station in Venezuela, it was the only book my boyfriend had in his bag. It is brilliant. Woodward writes like a dream and, because he starts out as doubtful about flying as the rest of us, and is hopeless at it, what I feared would be a tedious technical ramble is in fact a simple and infectious rites of passage story as he gradually becomes hooked. One warning. Having read it, you will have to book yourself a flying lesson...

a flying read, 1 July, 2002

Reviewer: rustom from London

Not having an interest in planes, my heart sank when I received this for a present, yet from the first page I fairly flew through the book: a funny, melancholy, offbeat and seductive tale - about friendship, impressing girls and self-discovery as much as the mad seat of the pants, wind through the hair world of getting a microlight off the ground and back again with it and you respectively in one piece. Uplifting. My heart rose with every page.

To Order this book go to: <https://amzn.to/3bvnHt8>

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