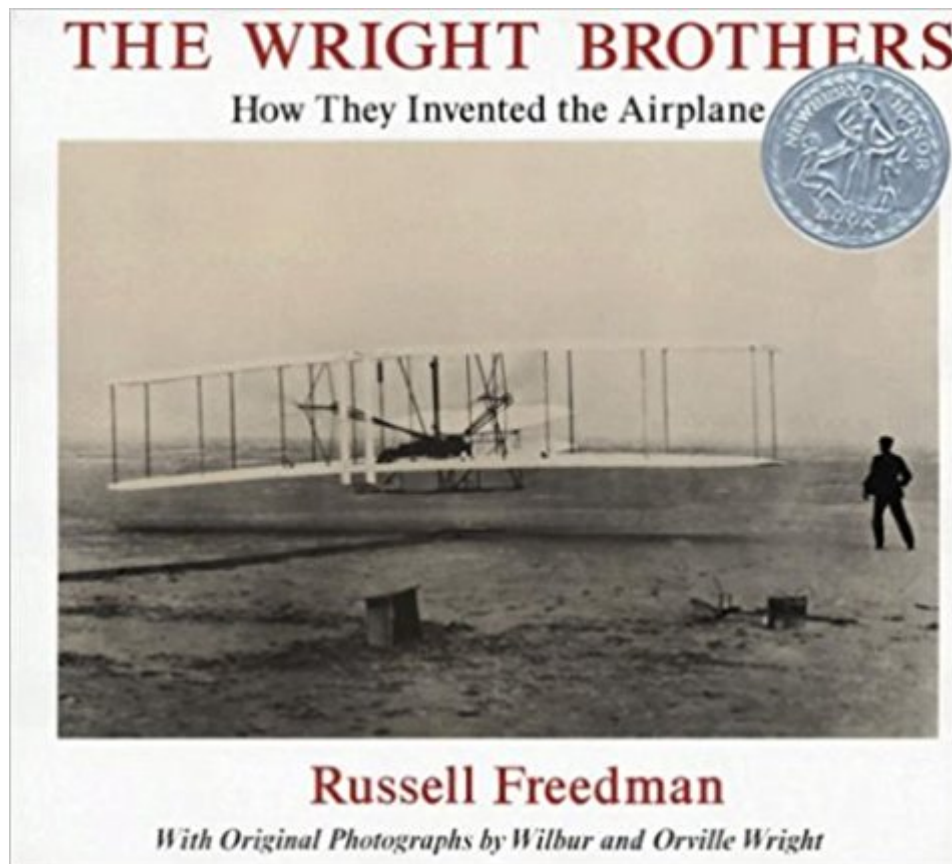




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Customer Reviews

Newbery winner Freedman (*Lincoln: A Photobiography*) has again produced a vivid, superior biography. This time focusing on a well-known pair of brothers, he effectively transforms our perception of the subjects as distant cultural icons into tireless, flesh-and- blood heroes. In understated, involving prose--skillfully laced with pertinent excerpts from journals, letters and contemporary accounts--Freedman lays out a clear and compelling history of the early aviation experiments that culminated in the legendary flight at Kitty Hawk. As with *Lincoln* , photographs are integral to Freedman's exposition and he makes ample, effective use of the many astonishing photos taken by the brothers in order to better document their experiments. Youngsters cannot fail to come away with a heightened understanding of the Wrights' dedication to manned flight and to the painstakingly slow process of invention. Ages 10-up. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-8-- What unusual people the Wright brothers were! Despite a four-year difference in age, the two grew up to be as close as twins, a patient bachelor pair who methodically set out to prove the possibility of powered, controlled human flight. Just as methodically, they promoted their new flying machine, made lots of money, and overcame the U. S. government's stubborn lack of interest. In his own inimitable way, Freedman takes readers back to that exciting time, using not only the Wrights' written descriptions and the accounts of awed observers, but also a large selection of the careful photographs that Wilbur and Orville took to document their experiments. After an opening chapter to set the stage, the author creates a detailed family portrait. He closes with discussions of the photographs, sites to visit, and sources of further information about the Wright brothers. Freedman's achievement is as splendid as those of his subjects. --John Peters, New York Public Library
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I did buy this for our son, but it has more pictures than any other Wright brothers book so I have been enjoying it as well. It doesn't end in 1903 with their first flyer like a lot of other books do. Excellent!

Learning about airplanes and the way they were built was so cool! In this book I enjoyed reading about the relationship between the two brothers as well. The way they built these was incredible. I know you have to be really smart to build an airplane like they did. This book was inspiring and I definitely recommend it!

I was surprised how interesting this book turned out to be. I am from North Carolina and thought I knew a lot about the Wright Brothers. I have been to the Kitty Hawk Museum and have seen first hand the site of their first flights. When I started the book, I learned about their interesting family history and how the brothers had always seemed like twins even though Wilbur was four years older. The book describes their growing up year and details their growing interest in flight and how they came to build the first airplane after several years of prototype. I was surprised that they rewrote all prior information because it had all be calculated incorrectly. This book personalizes Wilbur and Orville Wright and describes the close family relationship they had with their father and sister. It also tells the history after their first successful flight and how they continued to experiment and develop new and better airplanes. There are great pictures and diagrams from the original pictures taken by the Wright brothers and their journals. This was an excellent read. It was written in

a way that even I could understand much of early aeronautics.

It's very good

fine

This was a gift for my grandson who enjoyed the book alot

Gave it as a gift to a pilot who loved it

Parents-in-law are long-time fans of aeronautics. They loved this book. Well researched and plenty of pictures.

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