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Helicopter Evolution: A Collection Of Vintage Rotorcraft Photographs



Synopsis

Helicopter Evolution shares vintage images, 1907 thru 1974, of the creative visionaries who experimented with new rotorcraft designs continually pushing the envelope. The book shows the inventions, improvements and advancements of helicopters that were captured on film and have been lost or forgotten for decades. Taken from a private archive of vintage commercial rotorcraft photographs that are seldom seen, forgotten companies like; American Helicopter, Bendix, Brantley, Cessna, Curtis-Wright, and Curtiss-Wright, de Bothezat, Domain, Firestone, Helicopter Engineering, Mc Culloch, Marquardt and Roteron reappear. Many other better known companies are included, including companies like: Boeing, Sikorsky, Hiller, Piasecki, Kaman and Kellett. Author John Cilio leads readers through the chronological development of the helicopter, including the autogiro with vintage photographs. Each photograph is accompanied by informative narrative about the people and the helicopter often provided from the original press release. He closes the book paying tribute to Vietnam's Huey pilots with a poem, The Huey Pilot, by I. S. "Bob" Parrish and photos of the Huey and Cobra.

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The book features amazing historic photos of helicopters and autogyros that tell the development history of helicopters like no other book. I have to use three of four different books to find the photos and history that this one book has. If I were just learning to fly a chopper I'm not sure I would want to buy this book because you see how hard it was to develop them. The foreword from Igor Sikorsky's second son is a nice tribute to both his Dad and this book's focus. Great photos you don't see often or at all combined with a lot of text research written like you were talking to someone that grew up

with helicopters. This is a must have book for the aviation buffs.

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