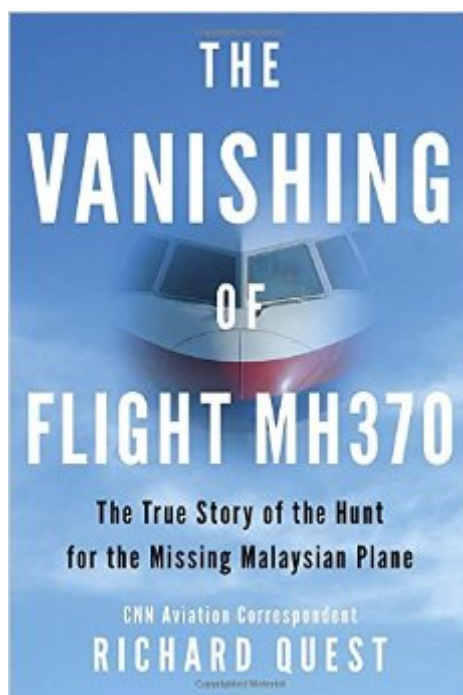


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The Vanishing Of Flight MH370: The True Story Of The Hunt For The Missing Malaysian Plane



Synopsis

CNN Aviation Correspondent Richard Quest offers a gripping and definitive account of the disappearance of Malaysian Airline Flight MH370 in March 2014. On March 8, 2014, Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 disappeared with barely a trace, carrying 239 people on board—seemingly vanishing into the dark night. The airplane's whereabouts and fate would quickly become one of the biggest aviation mysteries of our time... — Richard Quest, CNN's Aviation Correspondent, was one of the leading journalists covering the story. In a coincidence, Quest had interviewed one of the two pilots a few weeks before the disappearance. It is here that he begins his gripping account of those tense weeks in March, presenting a fascinating chronicle of an international search effort, which despite years of searching and tens of millions of dollars spent has failed to find the plane. — Quest dissects what happened in the hours following the plane's disappearance and chronicles the days and weeks of searching, which led to nothing but increasing despair. He takes apart the varying responses from authorities and the discrepancies in reports, the wide range of theories, the startling fact that the plane actually turned around and flew in the opposite direction, and what solutions the aviation industry must now implement to ensure it never happens again. — What emerges is a riveting chronicle of a tragedy that continues to baffle everyone from aviation experts to satellite engineers to politicians—and which to this day worries the traveling public that it could happen again. — INCLUDES PHOTOS —

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I'm actually surprised that there are only 4 other reviews and that they're not all 4 or 5 stars, because I loved this book--totally worth buying it before it was available at the library. :) This is almost presented as two parts of a single story--one is the story of MH370, and the other is how CNN and Quest handled it. In the first part, Quest rehashes the events of MH370 expertly, just as you'd expect from a journalist: he gives the facts only, in a clear, concise format. He includes a valuable "Who's Who" of investigators, governments, and passengers. The players and timeline, laid out in that manner, really shocks the reader at how bizarre this story really is. Loved it for that reason first. Quest then moves on to detailing many of the subsequent issues, working through possible explanations for each--including the mishandling by the government, the lies and misinformation, the myriad of conspiracy theories, and a host of possible real explanations for what happened in 2014. The second part (but interspersed throughout the entire book) is how CNN worked this story and Quest's involvement as an expert in aviation journalism. I get that he's not a pilot (a statement that he addresses early in the book), and some have taken issue with that fact. But I didn't take issue with it--especially since his aviation reporting had him flying with the copilot just weeks before MH370's disappearance. Included in the CNN/journalist story was Quest's take on how CNN presented the events week after week. He also divulged some less-than-camera-worthy moments, like dealing with persnickety guests or inappropriate banter on live TV.

The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 on March 8, 2014, will go down in history as one of aviation's biggest mysteries. How, in this day and age, a Boeing 777 carrying 239 passengers seemingly can vanish into thin air is a question that will continue to plague governments, airline officials, conspiracy theorists and relatives of the victims until the plane is found. At this time, all we have to go off of are the few confirmed pieces of debris that recently washed up on the shores of Mozambique and Reunion Island. And until the plane's black boxes are discovered, nothing can be known for certain. The story of MH370 captured the public imagination for weeks on end. People feel strongly about planes, being both terrified of and enthralled by flying. If you care to take things this far, you could track this sentiment throughout history, to when Daedalus and Icarus fled Crete using wings held together by wax. Most likely, our obsession with flight goes back even earlier. It seems to me that humans have always been mesmerized by heights, having a deep-rooted desire to ascend to the stars and an equally prevalent, primal fear of falling. Yet in musing over humanity's relationship with flying, perhaps I am really airing out my own personal issues with big metal birds. I do not like flying. Although I know that air travel remains the safest form of transportation, every time I board an airplane, I am

convinced that I will not make it down alive. I am prone to anxiety attacks on planes and incessantly ask questions such as "But are you sure we're not going to die?" which can be a real source of annoyance for my traveling companions. Additionally, being a sucker for conspiracy theories, I am the perfect audience for any type of freak accident.

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