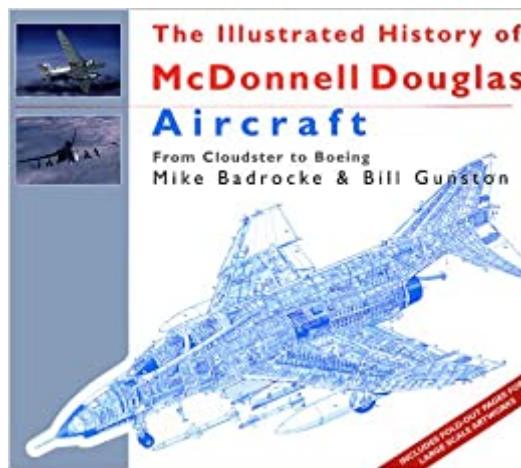




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The Illustrated History Of McDonnell Douglas Aircraft : From Cloudster To Boeing



Synopsis

Recently bought by rival company Boeing, McDonnell Douglas has a long history in the civil and military aircraft industry. This history of the company presents 30 cutaway illustrations of aircraft, including the DC-3 airliner and photography from various collections.

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Customer Reviews

Osprey's Aircraft Cutaways series tells the stories of the most innovative aircraft companies in the world, in authoritative texts supported by cutaway drawings, colour profiles, and archival photography.

Great!

Not a very well written book with disjointed and confusing text. Not well organized. I wonder if the writer and editor have any organizational skills at all? Probably a function of a writer/editor having too much self-confidence in their own abilities...

This book contains BEAUTIFUL line-art illustrations of a host of Douglas, McDonnell and McDonnell-Douglas aircraft, past and present. The artwork was done by Mike Badrocke who is a recognized master at this craft. Bill Gunston is also a master aviation writer. Together they've

produced a very beautiful book for the aviation enthusiast. You'll see cutaways of the "DC series" commercial aircraft (e.g., DC-3, DC-9, etc.), McDonnell fighters (e.g., F-101, F-4 and others) as well as earlier aircraft from both manufacturers. The book also shows us the latest McDonnell-Douglas aircraft after the merger (e.g., F-15, F-18, C-17 and DC-10). As with other Badrocke illustrations, there are labels/callouts to various parts of the plane which help guide you through its inner workings. Gunston provides an historical view of many McDonnell-Douglas aircraft which are not illustrated. Those not illustrated are usually the older, more esoteric aircraft with limited historical visibility. Overall, it's a wonderful book to help you "explore" the insides of these aircraft, and nobody does that better than Badrocke.

I am a huge fan and collector of Cutaways, and this a great collection of aircraft pieces on a theme, McDonnell Douglas being that theme. Nice chronological presentation of the history of this company and their significant aircraft, and the Mike Badrocke cutaways are clean and easy to read. If you like technical illustration, this should be in the library.

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