Flying the SR-71 Blackbird: In the Cockpit on a Secret Operational Mission by Col. Richard H. Graham

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For anyone who has ever wondered what it's like to fly the SR-71 on a secret Mach 3 reconnaissance mission, this book has the answer. Flying the SR-71 Blackbird takes readers along on an operational mission that only a few Air Force pilots have ever experienced.

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