Ultimate Aircraft features 650 different aircraft from around the world. From the first experimental flights to the astonishing technological innovations of today's stealth fighters, this comprehensive book traces the history of aviation and profiles the innovators, engineers and pilots who took it to new heights. Structured chronologically and featuring a highly readable text, this authoritative book tells the story of both military and civilian flight, profiling key aircraft from each era. Boldly illustrated, dramatically photographed, and with exquisite attention to detail, Ultimate Aircraft is designed to be an indispensable resource for the enthusiast or an exhilarating introduction to the novice.

My Personal Review:
For the committed aircraft enthusiast, you just won't find a more valuable reference source for fascinating information about the evolution of aircraft and the pioneers who gave humans wings.

Ultimate Aircraft charts every main step from the first experimental gliders to the high-powered supersonic jets and the high-capacity airliners of today. If you have ever watched the Blue Angels flying overhead while floating in the ocean, you will know why an aircraft could get your attention. I have seen the Blue Angels flying a few times and I am always amazed at their precise flying and talent.

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The first part of the book reveals the history of aircraft, the second part is a visual gallery of aircraft and the book ends with an extensive section on Aviation Innovators. Page 110-111 is quite fun and page 111 folds out to
show the Boeing B-52G in detail. Page 140 shows a Northrop Grumman
proposal for an Uninhabited Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) which looks like
an alien ship to me!

On some of the pages a small box has all the specification for the aircraft
being discussed. The pictures are stunning and you will soon decide on
your favorite plane.

Philip Jarret was the assistant editor of Aeroplane Monthly magazine. He is
now a freelance writer and editor, and has produced countless articles on
a wide variety of aeronautical subjects. He also lectures on aviation topics.
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Other books in this Ultimate series include: Ultimate Harley-Davidson and
Ultimate Train.

A definitive reference to aviation history! This book makes me want to go
watch Top Gun! Perhaps play the music in the background while you read.
My husband is threatening to take me parachute gliding, who knows...I
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