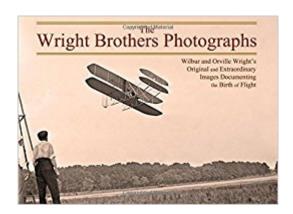
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Synopsis

In December 1903, among the windswept sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, two brothers from Dayton, Ohio started up the custom-built motor set atop a wing made from wood and cloth. That afternoon, Wilbur and Orville Wright became the first humans to successfully complete a flight in a powered, heavier-than-air craft. The age of aviation had begun. For historyâ ™s sake, starting in 1900, the brothers also hauled another new technology of the era into the remote Outer Banks, a portable photographic camera. Over the course of the following years and decades, the Wright brothers captured the remarkable evolution of aviation as it moved from an impossible dream to a full-blown industry. The Wrightsâ ™ photographs, preserved by the Library of Congress, and presented here in this collection, provide an intimate look into the Wright familyâ ™s life as well as an astounding chronicling of the brothersâ ™ process of inventing, testing and flying their pioneering flyers.

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I found this book to be a never-before-seen look into the lives of the Wright brothers. The pictures that this book features are really incredible. Anyone interested in turn of the century photography, aviation, or wright brothers history buffs will find this book to be a nice addition to any book collection. A lot of the photos were taken by the Wright brothers themselves, and its fascinating to see what they captured when they began their experimentation with flight. My only complaint would be that the paper quality takes away from the photography presentation, but it is a smaller book and

I didn't necessarily expect anything fancy. All in all, for the price, its a nice coffee table book, a good gift idea for any history buffs, or just a relaxing read. I'm definitely satisfied with my purchase and would recommend it to friends and family.

This is a great companion book to David McCollough's new book "The Wright Brothers" (which I also highly recommend). This book contains the collection of photographic plates that Wilbur and Orville originally took during their experiments in the Carolinas and at home in Ohio afterward. It's a great look into their life as inventors and people. This is a small-trim, landscape-sized paperback with 128 pages, which makes it a nice coffee table-style book or gift. There is a short introduction that summarizes the history of the brothers and their accomplishments and then the book launches into the pictures. Each photograph is given its own page with a caption facing it. The captions are all very informative and interesting and follow the story chronologically as Wilbur and Orville start their experiments in 1900 and then rise to fame in the decade to come as the fathers of flight.

I loved this book, the pictures in it were really nice and I especially liked how the book was divided into parts/categories. Some of the pictures were of plane/wing blueprints and I thought those images gave me a better look at how the Wright Brothers thought or planned. This book was also put together in an order. It started from the Wright Brothers' first blueprints, and made its way to their first flight. This made it more interesting to read. Learning about their work and being able to see all the different images was very cool. I highly recommend this book, especially if you are a plane or history lover.

This books a wonderful addition to my library. Packed with information and great photographs taken by the Wright Brothers themselves, this easily digestible book is really well thought out. The photographs take you on a journey through one of the greatest stories in American history. You can tell that the author has a great respect for the subject--not just flight, but photography, American history, and the Wright Brothers themselves.

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