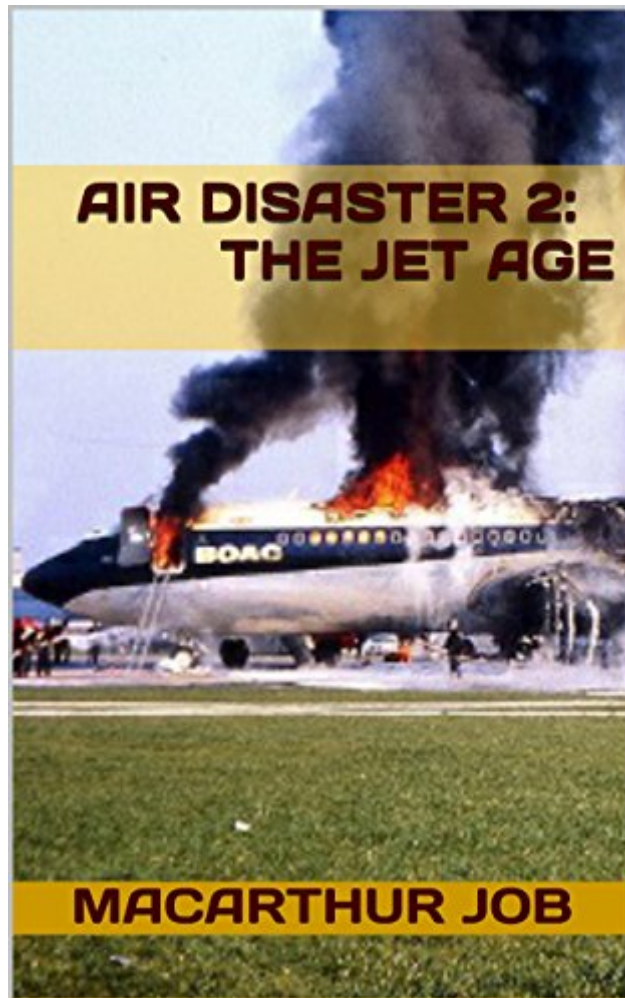




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Synopsis

Jet travel shrank the world. Planes could fly faster, further and at higher altitude; opening the door to foreign holidays to the masses. But, it came at a price. In the early days this new advanced era of aviation faced multiple unforeseen problems, resulting in catastrophic accidents and inevitably the loss of human lives. From the first jetliner, the ill-fated Comet, to an horrific Boeing 747 mid-air collision at Tenerife, award-winning Macarthur Job â “ one of the worldâ™s foremost aviation writers, and himself a pilot - tells the stories and unpicks the causes of eighteen fateful air disasters. Based on accident reports and extensive research he reveals how these calamities led to the development of the safest and most reliable form of transport in the world. Illustrated with photographs and technical drawings by aviation artist Matthew Tesch, 'Air Disaster 2: The Jet Age' covers the period between 1952 and 1977. Other books in the series: Air Disaster 1: The Propeller Era Air Disaster 3: Terror In The Sky

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Customer Reviews

Fans of this series might be confused by the numbering of the series, as this is actually the same

(sort of - read on) as AIR DISASTER Volume 1 of the print series. What they have done in producing the Kindle series is taken Volume 4 of the print series, titled "The Propeller Era," and made that Volume 1 of the Kindle series. The stories in this Kindle Air Disaster 2: The Jet Age are exactly the same as in the print Volume 1, and as other reviewers have noted, MacArthur Job, the author, is excellent, thorough and clear in describing the sequence of events leading up to each accident, and then explaining what went wrong, and why. However, a good number of Matthew Tesch's excellent diagrams and illustrations (some covering a full page) have been left out of the Kindle edition, resulting in the loss of a star in my review. Relevant photos have also been omitted. Some examples illustrate (no pun intended!) my point: The account of Northwest flight 705, a Boeing 720 which crashed in 1963 is told in chapter 2. A printout of the Flight Data Recorder, very relevant to the story, is reproduced in the print edition, but not included in the Kindle edition. The crash of the Swissair Caravelle flight SR306 in 1963 out of Zurich is covered in chapter 3. The only illustration in the Kindle edition is a picture of a Swissair Caravelle. The printed book has several pictures of Caravelles (not strictly necessary), but also a full page diagram showing where on the taxiway and runway various events took place, a picture of a Caravelle undercarriage, a picture of the runway marks left by the Caravelle after it took off, a picture of a house damaged by the Caravelle's crash, etc. A BOAC Boeing 707 crash on the slopes of Mt Fuji in 1966 is detailed in chapter 5. The Kindle edition has an illustration of a BOAC 707 flying by Mt Fuji (also present in the printed book), and a color picture of a BOAC 707. The printed book has an actual picture of the plane as it is spiraling out of control on its way to crashing, but the highlight is an excellent two page diagram by Matthew Tesch illustrating the exact sequence of events that lead to the disaster. I could go on for most of the 14 chapters of the book, but I think I made my point. Yet, I still HIGHLY RECOMMEND the purchase of the Kindle version of the book, assuming this is a subject that strikes your fancy. The excellent MacArthur Job text is still all here, the Kindle price is excellent, and the original book is long out of print. You could retrieve some of the reports (as one reviewer suggested) from the NTSB, but they are not available in all cases, and the NTSB reports are much longer and harder to read. MacArthur Job has essentially digested the reports for the reader, and made them more interesting by adding information on individual passengers not present on the NTSB reports. Additionally, you won't find Matthew Tesch kinds of illustrations in the NTSB reports anyway.

This book should be a 'must read' for pilots....and it seems its written for pilots with many technical terms and jargon. I ran into it by accident searching for some other book but read the sample and liked the way it was written so I bought the whole book. Each chapter is a different accident that has

happened and everything u would ever want know about it. As said previously, there is some fairly technical terms in the text but id you're a pilot u can figure it out. I'm not a pilot but familiar with some aspects of aircraft and I found the book very interesting. I'm going to read the other book 'Air Disaster 1' sometime.

Macarthur Job is unmatched in his ability to bring together science and art, analysis and prose. While many titles of this genre emphasis drama and sensationalism in an effort to entertain, Job's Air Disaster Series introduces us to flight crews and passengers as human beings, and breaks down the chain of events that lead to tragedy. Tragedy that in turn leads to improvement in cockpit resource management, aircraft design or communication that make air travel safer. Pilots of any rating (including armchair) will benefit from Macarthur Job's thorough research and literary skill. Simply the best.

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Not the first MacArthur Job book I read, so I know what to expect: a variety of crashes, described one at a time, in each "chapters". All occurrences are well described (the late Macarthur Job was a pilot himself) and easy to understand even for non-aviation experts. This kindle version has updated pictures, but unfortunately some of the artworks (maps and so) become hard to read in Kindle, but nothing dramatic.

Most of the details in this book have been covered in other publications or documentaries, e.g. Discovery Channel and National Geographic. For someone unfamiliar with the events, the book does provide a competent summary as to the causes of those covered.

This is a very detailed review of air disasters of the near past. The technical details and research are very impressive, but certainly not intended for a non aviation fanatic. I admit to enjoying the

author's book on disasters of the propeller era somewhat more, but only because all of those occurred before my time and it was therefore new ground. In any case, this is a must read for fanatics and aviators alike, written by a greatly respected author.

When I got this I didn't realize how technical it is. I'm not well versed in aviation so I had to skip over some of the technical elements. The book is very well written and has a good balance between the technology and interesting and sympathetic stories about the crashes. The author is an excellent writer; unfortunately I understand he has passed away.

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