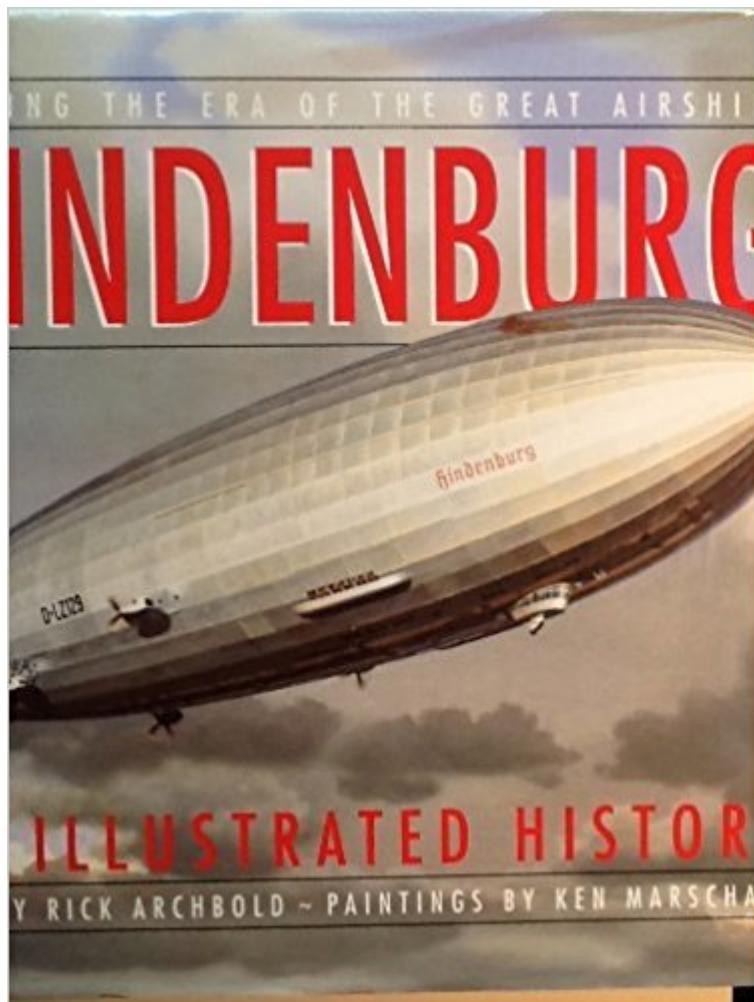


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Hindenburg: An Illustrated History



Synopsis

Full-color illustrations complement a history of the era of dirigible flight, revealing what travel was like aboard the luxury German airship, the Hindenburg, and detailing its spectacular and tragic 1937 demise.

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The brainchild of Graf von Zeppelin, dirigibles, for all their elegant majesty, were in constant search of a mission. They were used for sightseeing excursions, bombing London in World War I, exploring the Arctic, carrying airplanes, and then carrying passengers in luxurious comfort on transoceanic routes. Though each of these roles ended in a deadly catastrophe, a famously flaming one for the Hindenburg, the image of these stately behemoths persists in the imagination. Yesteryear soars spectacularly with this glossy album. Hundreds of photos restore the wonderment the zeppelins induced wherever they flew, as many frames include the gawking crowds they attracted. The text artfully supports the illustrations (and original paintings by Marschall) with details on the birth of rigid-frame designs, the delicacy of flying them, their promotion in the 1920s as superior to airplanes, and the peak of their development with the LZ 129, as the Hindenburg was designated before the Nazis pasted their flag and the wooden titan's name on it. A fine publishing concept

gracefully executed, this work is prime public library material. Gilbert Taylor

My father witnessed the arrival of the Graf Zeppelin at the 1933 worlds fair in Chicago, with his parents, my grandparents. Grandmas' employer and his son held tickets to King George the 5th's coronation when the Hindenburg arrived that fateful day on May 6, 1937 when to their horror it burned itself to extinction in less than a minute. George and Harvey went on to publish their own impressions in a small book of their own contrivance. I myself held a piece of Hindenburg's charred outer covering in my own hands as a fellow student presented what was his own father's recollection of that moment. Hindenburg's incredible sky technology helped define an era. As does Cloud computing enhance our own time. As one Teknud to another I could rhapsodise for hours on the eerie interface between then and now. Some things don't change; there is something timeless about airship travel after all. -Oscarnemisher

Great history of the men and machines that launched the airship concept -- and the horror that closed activity in this industry. Fantastic collection of photos, paintings, and diagrams assists in understanding how it worked -- and how it failed.

My 9yo grandson received this for Christmas and he loves it. He's very interested in the history of famous planes and ships, and most recently the Hindenburg. Awesome book and amazing price!!!!

At first glance it looks like one of those cheap picture-books you see at the bookstore but it's actually a pretty good history not only of the Hindenburg but of lighter-than-air flight. The illustrations are exceptional. A great book.

While this book focuses on the Hindenburg, it also takes us through the history of development of the airship with plenty of photos and diagrams. If there's something you don't know about airships after reading this book, you probably didn't read it carefully enough. It's perfect. Gorgeous and one of my favorite books of all time.

This is an absolutely EXCELLENT book! Great seller! Thank you!

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