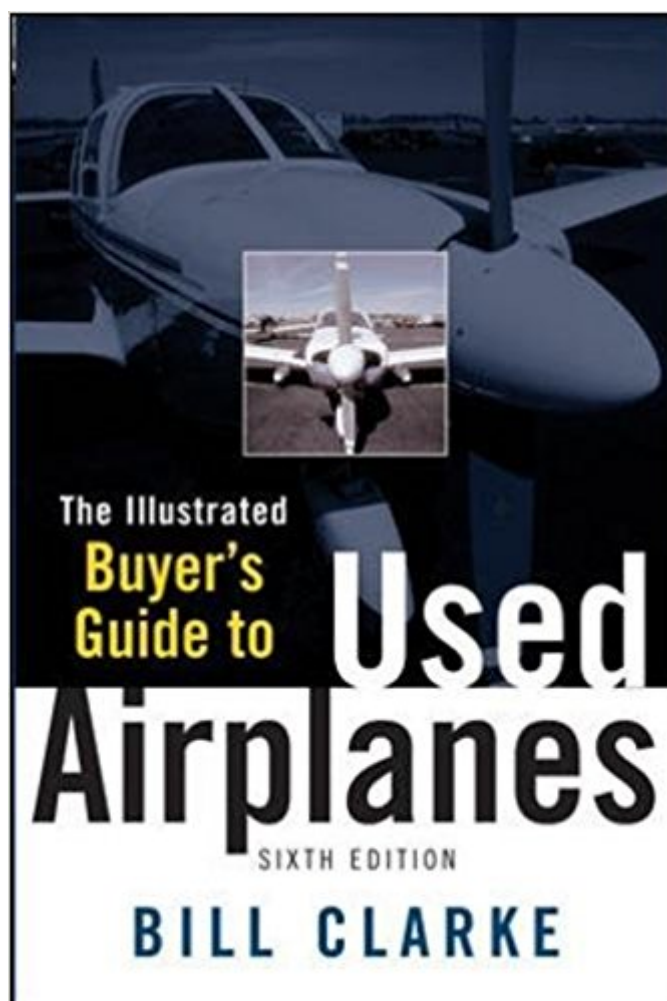




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# Illustrated Buyer's Guide To Used Airplanes



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The best way for private pilots with limited means to obtain the plane of their dreams is to purchase a used one -- and there's no better way to buy one without getting burned than this heavily illustrated guide. Focusing on airplanes priced at \$100,000 or less, the author walks readers through the entire process of purchasing a used plane: prospecting the market, determining a plane's true value, closing the deal, partnership, and much more.

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Bill Clarke is the author of over 20 books on aviation topics, including the best-selling Aviator's Guide to GPS, now in its Third Edition, also from McGraw-Hill. A veteran of the Air Force and the Washington, D.C., Police Department, Clarke is a long-time pilot and ham radio buff. He writes frequently for a number of publications on aviation, computing, electronics, and radio communications. He lives in upstate New York.

This is a very well written and informative book. I highly recommend it for new pilots who are looking at purchasing, leasing, or joining a partnership. Very thorough in all aspects.

A very useful book for general aviation airplanes. Lots of good information and thoughtful reflection on plane ownership

Definitely worth buying. The considerations for buying a plane are presented in a clear manner. The pricing and aircraft selections information is valuable; unfortunately this info is now dated and would take some effort to recreate. Nevertheless much of the information and other observations is still relevant.

Even more informative than expected.

This book has been re-issued many times but obvious errors still exist throughout the book. Come on Guys! Get your act together and correct the errors!

This book was intended to be a replacement for one I had a few years back. It's a very good book, however it does not reflect current pricing accurately on used aircraft. The prices listed were during the glutty era of 2006. Airplanes are much like houses. You can't sell what other's can't afford and they can only afford what they can make. It is an Obama-Nation after all.

I picked up this book thinking that it would be a price guide. It isn't. To be sure, it has a small section giving a range of prices for various aircraft. The main part of the book is a guide to the purchase of

used airplanes. It's oriented to the smaller types that the individual owner would be likely to find interesting and available. About a third of the book is on general subjects like do you really want to buy, deciding on the type of airplane, searching for the right plane, inspecting it -- all the things you want to consider regardless of the type of plane that you want. Then there's another large section that covers the various aircraft you're likely to find available and interesting. This is broken down by type. Two passenger, four place, and some interesting categories he calls Complex Airplanes, Heavy Haulers, and Affordable Twins. Within the category he lists the planes by manufacturer and gives some description of the various models and versions produced. I had to read the closing section here on War Birds. He basically said that I can't afford one. He's right. A P-47 uses a gallon of 100 Octane (at about \$5 a gallon) every thirty seconds. Finally there is an extensive set of appendices that cover everything from accidents to the pricing section mentioned earlier. This is a general guide to buying an airplane which covers a lot of the basics. It'll give you the background information you need to even think about buying.

If you are in the market for a used airplane, this is the place to start. It covers all aspect of buying a used airplane and has summaries of plane types on the market. A great read.

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