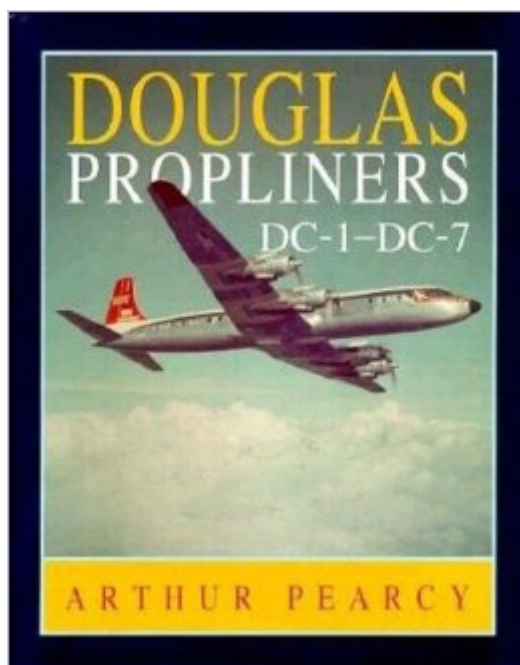


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Development and background of each model -- from the DC-1 through the DC-7 -- is detailed, along with each aircraft's handling abilities, technical specifications, and service history.

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Arthur Percy did a splendid job; a thorough work about propliners. Being in my forties I know propliners only from old movies and books. Percy's book took me to the beginning of commercial aviation, showed me "how things used to work" in those good old flying times. Also included, a rich number of unique photos collected from various sources and lot of data about Douglas propliners - it's what the title says; a real history from DC-1 up to DC-7c, including some less known facts from behind production line and airlines history. All main types as well as subtypes of Douglas produced propliners are explained in tiny details, including some of them you probably never heard of their existence before. When you read this book you'll know for sure - jets are for kids.

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Accidents, Exports, the WWII impressment of airliners, Foreign construction licenses, US Navy use and finally the "Swan Song" of the DC-3. The DC-2 chapter includes sections on its use in the Spanish Civil war, to use in Finland's "Continuation War" and use by Germany's Lufthansa and the Royal Australian Air Force. As to be expected in a book like this, he provides construction numbers and military serials. The photos are well chosen and beautifully reproduced with nice color sections (I have the hardback edition, I can't vouch for the paperback). I can strongly recommend this book. I refer to mine frequently and sometimes just re-read it for fun. I can't say that about many aircraft volumes.

Mr. Percy gives us a solid accounting of the D.C. series of aircraft. And they were planes that changed history. Everyone knows the D.C. 3 is still flying around the world almost 80 years after it was first built!. The book goes through all of the DC series planes and does a chapter on Mr. Douglas the designer and founder of Douglas Aircraft. (now called McDonnell-Douglas). Back in the day these planes ruled the skies and were game changers in aviation. At least the early ones were. You get the story here and a lot of black and white pictures. Later this company lost out in the jet age when they were outsold by Boeing and Airbus. But during the prop era they ruled the skies.

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