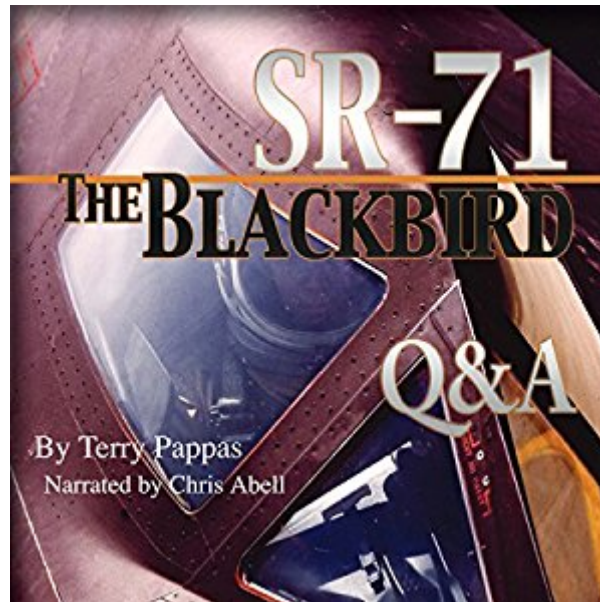




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Customer Reviews

I loved this book. I wasn't sure how I would like the Q&A format, but it turned out that it made for a great read for me. I couldn't put it down. I'm sure there are all sorts of books that get into the strategic role the SR-71 had in ending the Cold War, but this book is for aviation enthusiasts who want to know as much as can be disclosed about what it takes to become an SR-71 crew member, what it's like to fly this incredible feat of aviation engineering, and what life is like being a Habu. After reading the author's description of dealing with peculiarities such as inlet unstarts and flying as slowly as possible while being refueled by a KC-135 flying as fast as possible, it's amazing there weren't more mishaps. Additionally, I was heartened to see the adulation the author gives throughout the book to the large cast of mission planners and support personnel who prepared and maintained the SR-71. This is definitely not anything close to the type of airplane a pilot could simply jump in unassisted and fly around the field. I highly recommend this

book. My only complaint is its small size and the quality of reproduction of the photos. This book deserves to be a high-end coffee table book with the great photos printed to maximum quality.

Terry Pappas did a wonderful work with this book!!'ve read more than 20 books about this magic aircraft and this book certainly is one of the best about the mystical SR-71!

Excellent book giving a behind the scenes perspective of our Nation's military strength in the air. I would imagine this is the kind of information that authors like Tom Clancy would research for novels! The Q&A format flowed nicely, giving as much in depth information as allowed about the magnificent Blackbird. This book will give you a new found respect and admiration for our military pilots and their crew who at times have to perform almost super human feats under extreme conditions.

Filled with not only personal pictures of his days in the Blackbird program but many great and never seen "professionally" taken pictures. The Q & A approach also adds freshness to a subject that you might think has been thoroughly covered by many other books. It was a great surprise to also have it personally signed and dated by the author, and enclosed with his business card. Terry's book is highly recommended (even if you own every book published on the Blackbirds).

Book is a question and answer interview given by a pilot who flew the mysterious blackbird. Talks about the training and operational missions required to be a pilot on some highly confidential missions ever flown.

A clear insight into what it takes to fly the highest and fastest plane ever built. The physical and mental attributes necessary to pilot this plane is inspiring. A good read for a good cause

A good book about the Blackbird by a Blackbird Pilot and great guy. Met him during my time at NASA working on the Blackbird program, during the post-USAF retirement days.

For anyone with an interest in military aviation and American exceptionalism this plane and it's story clearly demonstrates the "Right Stuff".

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