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# **Ask the pilot : everything you need to know about air travel**

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You can find everything you want to know about air travel in this book.

First it talks about wings and knots. One of the favourite toys of a pilot is Boeing 747 which is an inflatable replica similar to one of those balloons you buy at parades with rubbery wings. When he was nine years old, the oversized toy seemed enormous, but actually it was just a small plastic airplane about a foot long with rubber wheels.

The book also tells us about Turbulence for Tyros, Wind-shear, Weather and Elements of Unease. For example on January 21,1976, which is an inaugural day of a scheduled passenger service plane, there was a Concorde lifted off from Heathrow headed for Bahrain, and another from Paris to Rio de Janeiro. But commercially it was already over. It was because its massive operating costs, along with virulent opposition to the jet's propensity for spewing out noise and air pollution, made it lose the favor of airlines. Sign-carrying protesters often greeted Concorde's arrivals. The Port Authority of New York wary of Concorde's sonic booming and bad temperament, refused to grant landing rights at JFK.

The book tells me many things about airplanes and how to be a pilot. I want to be a pilot when I grow up because I like travelling around the world with my family. I want to see more new things in the world. I hope I can do it .I chose this book because I like to read books and films about pilots!

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"Anyone remotely afraid of flying should read this book,  
as should anyone who appreciates good writing  
and the value of great information."

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