

A review of the most recent books, DVDs and models.



Swiss International Air Lines Airbus A340-300 Blu-Ray

(Justplanes.com, Ref BR061, www.keypublishing.com/shop, £19.49)
Just Planes continues its popular series featuring Swiss International Air Lines. On this journey you join Captain Luciano Covolan and his crew on a return flight from Zurich to Tokyo Narita International Airport onboard one of the carrier's Airbus A340-300s. The 225-minute programme focuses on the challenges of operating the northern Siberia route during the middle of winter, encountering extreme weather conditions and a lack of suitable diversionary airfields.



Kenya Airways Boeing 787 Dream Girls Blu-Ray

(Justplanes.com, Ref BR060, www.keypublishing.com/shop, £19.49)
Just Planes returns to the Pride of Africa, Kenya Airways, to look at the carrier's new Boeing 787 Dreamliners. With the aircraft now the backbone of its international operations, the airline assembled an all-female crew for this round-trip from Nairobi to Kinshasa.

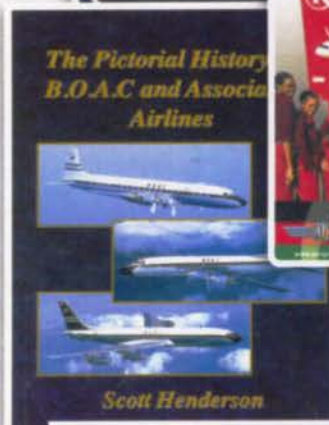
DC-8 & The Flying Tiger Line

(Charles Kennedy & Guy Van Herbruggen, Astrel Horizon Aviation Press, hardback, illus, 170 pages, £24.99, www.theairlineboutique.com, ISBN: 978-0-9932604-0-7)
This book tells the story of the Douglas DC-8 jetliner in service with the pioneering air cargo giant Flying Tiger Line. It features detailed histories of all 47 aircraft that served with the carrier, backed-up by pilot recollections, photographs, and technical and promotional material – a 'must have' for any Douglas aficionados.



The Pictorial History of BOAC and Associated Airlines

(Scott Henderson, SCOVAL Publishing, hardback, illus, 184 pages, £40.00, www.scovalpublishing.com, ISBN: 978 1 902236 14 8)
This comprehensive book covers the formation and evolution of the UK's first long-range carrier, British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), and some 34 associated companies. Illustrated with many previously unseen photographs, it charts possibly the most complex series of airline formations in the history of commercial aviation.



Comet – Unseen Images from the Archives

(Bruce Hales-Dutton, Danann Publishing, hardback, illus, 148 pages, £29.99, www.wordery.com, ISBN: 978 0 993016 92 9)
The de Havilland DH 106 Comet revolutionised commercial air travel when it entered service in 1952, inspiring a post-war public with its pioneering jet engines and sleek design. This book is packed with rare and unseen images and memorabilia illustrating the fascinating history of Sir Geoffrey de Havilland's famous design.



Jetliner Cabins App

(Jennifer Coutts Clay, www.jetlinercabins.com)
Readers may be familiar with Jennifer Coutts Clay's book, Jetliner Cabins, which was first published in 2003. It is the only comprehensive survey of the aircraft cabin environment from the 1970s to the present day. Now there is a new way to enjoy the current and classic content from Jetliner Cabins, following its launch as an interactive app for Apple, Kindle and Android-based mobile devices. It is an ideal source for those wanting to learn, or simply reminisce, about the evolution of airline cabins and in-flight service.



Douglas DC-3 Backstage

(Francisco Agullo and Michael Prophet, AS Verlag, hardback, illus, 104 pages, €39.90, www.as-verlag.ch, ISBN 978-3-906055-26-8)
Released to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the first flight of the ubiquitous Douglas DC-3, this photo book is a tribute to the people and organisations that help to restore and maintain the last remaining airworthy examples.



McDonnell Douglas MD-11 Aviation Calendar 2016

(Felix Gottwald, A3, €23.95, www.felixgottwald.net/product/md-11-aviation-calendar-2016, ISBN: 978-3-00-050724-3)
The only McDonnell Douglas MD-11 Calendar is back for 2016. It features 12 stunning images of one of the popular tri-jets and is the perfect calendar for home or office, "no matter if you are an aviation geek or just someone who likes to enjoy marvellous machinery", says Felix.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines DC-10 Farewell Tour

(Astrel Horizon Aviation Press, DVD, £18.99, www.theairlineboutique.com)
This double DVD covers the retirement of the world's last passenger flying Douglas DC-10. The footage follows the Biman Bangladesh example on its nine-flight farewell tour from Birmingham in February 2014, along with coverage of its return to Dhaka. This is a handy memento for anybody lucky enough to have flown on the tri-jet and is a fitting celebration of one of the legends of the skies.

