



## FLIGHT : 100 YEARS OF AVIATION

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The centenary of powered manned flight by the Wright Brothers falls on 17 Dec 2003. This is the right time to embark upon a review of the stupendous progress aviation has made in the past 100 years. Wg Cdr (Retd) DP Sabharwal's book **Flight** does this admirably by explaining the theory of flight and technological advances in simple language and chronicling the major events in the history of aviation. The author's Aeronautical Engineering education and his career as a Technical

Officer in the Indian Air Force have stood him in good stead while writing this book. It is readily apparent to even the casual reader that a great deal of effort has gone into researching interesting aviation facts, of which the book is indeed a treasure trove, and setting them down in an appropriate sequence. I found **Chapter 9** a most interesting one as it deals with personalities. Aviation would not be where it is today but for the inventiveness, daring and industry of a very large number of men and women. The author has handpicked fifteen of the more colourful and famous amongst them and listed their achievements. The book has been carefully edited and has been published in a hard cover edition costing Rs. 350/-. This is a reasonable price by any standard and one which most aviation enthusiasts will pay to buy this appealing book. I recommend it to young and old alike.

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