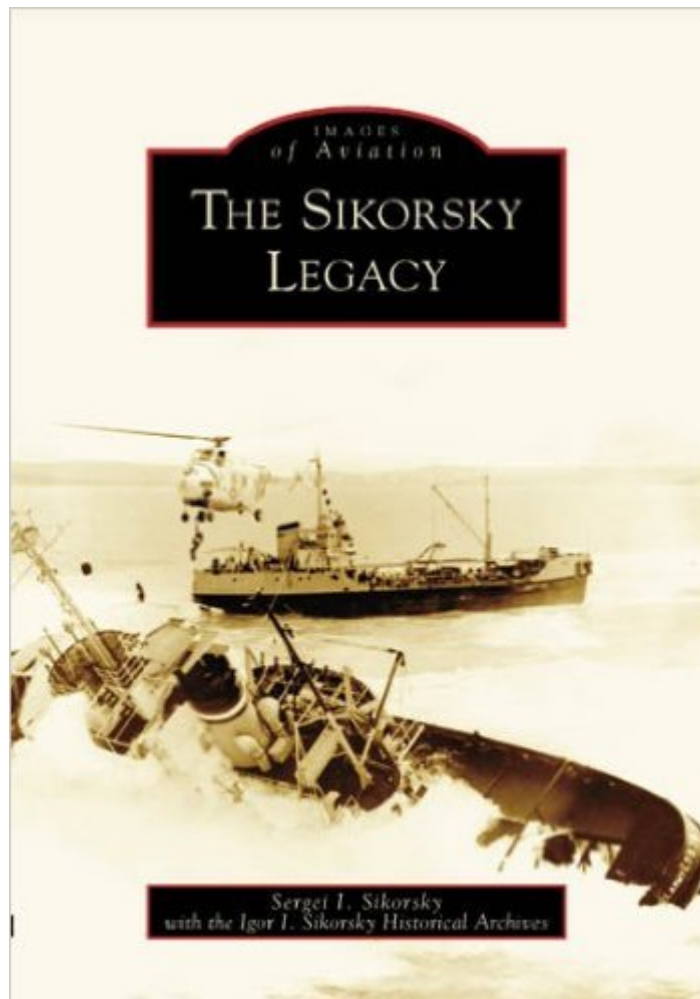


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Synopsis

This book traces the history of Sikorsky aviation and its founder, Igor I. Sikorsky, one of the most talented and versatile aeronautical pioneers in history. Sikorsky's aviation career spanned over 60 years and was highlighted by three major achievements: the creation of the world's first four-engine airliner; the record-breaking Clipper Ships, with which Pan American Airways explored transpacific and transatlantic airline service; and the development of the helicopter. Sikorsky then led his engineers out of the piston-engine era and into the jet age with the design and development of some of the most widely used turbine-powered helicopters in aviation history. More than 200 photographs, many from the Sikorsky family archives, document the genius of Sikorsky's intuitive engineering and his lifelong interest in the challenge of the helicopter, which many historians consider to be his crowning achievement.

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For years I've waited for a book outlining the development and production of Sikorsky aircraft, similar to the well known Putnam series on US and UK aircraft builders. Despite its picture heavy format (as is common with the publisher's "Images of America" series) this book comes very close to fulfilling my wish. It's very complete beginning with Sikorsky's work in pre-revolution Russia and follows him to America where he achieved success with his line of amphibians and flying boats. As expected, the majority of the book covers the firm's well known helicopter line. Each model is

illustrated and the author (Mr. Sikorsky's son and former company engineer and executive) manages to provide a lot of easy to understand details in the photo captions. I've read several bios on Sikorsky and the available histories of the firm and still came away learning a great deal. The book covers a great deal of aviation history at a bargain price.

I ordered this book to use for reference for writing a term paper for History of Aviation in America. Book arrived in perfect condition and early. Tons and tons of pictures with good descriptions under each one. The entire story of Igor Sikorsky, including his years in Russia before he came to America, are in the book. A complete listing of all aircraft Igor Sikorsky designed and built, as well as aircraft The Sikorsky Aircraft Company are still building today. Excellent Read.

This book was written by Igor Sikorsky's son (who was also the V.P. of Engineering for a while). It is more of a photo album than a book but it is great. There is a brief write up of each era in his father's work describing the main challenges. There is also a good photo of each aircraft that was built (including experimental aircraft). The caption for each photo explains why the craft was built and its historical significance. I am currently an engineer at Sikorsky and my copy of this book has been circulating around engineering. Everybody enjoys it.

Sergei Sikorsky and the Sikorsky Archives have given us an excellent abbreviated summary of the birth and past/present benefits of helicopters...as developed by his father, Igor. As a navy jet pilot, I found the amount of data just the right length that I wanted to read ...well written...outstanding graphics about each design phase... and outstanding photos of each developmental stage. If you want a quick read about how helicopters arrived on the scene, and if you want an inspirational story about how individual hard work can lead to success, this is the right book for you.

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