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The Wright Brothers: A Graphic Novel (Campfire Graphic Novels)



Synopsis

Everyone knows the story of the Wright Brothers. Or do they? This biography conveys the well-known and the lesser-known facts about Orville and Wilbur's lives, and does so by weaving the biographical information into a wonderful story. The evocative illustrations combine with the storytelling prowess of Lewis Helfand to relate the Wright Brothers' joint biography in a way never done before.

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Customer Reviews

Did not realize that this was a comic book, Cover art caught my attention, the comic book artist has done a nice job of telling the tale of the Wright Brothers in an easy to understand manner with facts that I did not know. Great book for kids to DL and learn about the Wright brothers.

Firstly, I'm erring on the side of caution by giving this 3 stars - it's more like 3.5 - better than "ok", but not something I "like". Pros: good script and writing. I expected the book to build up to and finish with the famous flight at Kitty Hawk, but it did much more. The book flashes back to the relevant sections of the brothers' childhood and adolescence, highlighting events and traits that eventually have a bearing upon their final adult achievements. And goes on to talk about how their lives unfolded after their first flight, pretty much all the way to the end. Learnt a number of interesting things I didn't know about them, for which I like the book. Cons: the illustration. It's mediocre at its best times, and terrible at its worst. Over the first couple of pages, I couldn't even identify one brother from the other,

and actually had to resort to distinguishing them on the basis of a mustache! This illustration is in the comic-book category, and hence takes away from the graphic novel significantly. Worth a read overall, but read it for easy learning, not for great graphics.

Thought I'd weigh in. My son and I had read and re-read a paperback book on the Wright Brothers, so I downloaded this on for us to try. It was a good read. The artwork on the comic book was not too bad. It was a slightly different take on the Wright brothers than the other book we had read. I get the sense that this one was a little more objective of a perspective. For example, in the paperback book it said that representatives from France and England came to the Wrights to offer to buy their plane and that the Wrights flatly turned them down: "We're Americans." While that is a good line, it does not jibe with this book (and one other I recently read) which explains that the Wrights actually went to France to try to sell their plane (and did eventually sell one there, I think). Also in this book is some interesting facts I, for one, did not get in grade school about what happened after their first flight. My main quibble is that it was a little hard to read the text on my kindle fire.

I liked the illustrations and text a lot, a light and pleasurable read that appeals to adults and kids alike. I thought this book well designed and loved its use of technology to highlight each panel. Early comics books did not reproduce very well even on a 10 inch screen iPad this comic books looked very good on that same first generation iPad and should do fine on 7 and 8 inch screens with good (higher) screen resolution. I noticed that his book is the effort of a number of contributors, they made a good book. I'd like some more books done this well.

I didn't realize that this story was in comic-book form. It took me a long while to get around to reading it. The drawing of people were kind of off-putting because most of them were ugly. Also, the print was very tiny on my Kindle with no way of increasing its size. That said, it was rather interesting with some sidelights into the Wright Brothers lives that I hadn't heard before. I think it would be good for kids to read and maybe for older folks who have a big magnifying glass.

This was my first test of the graphic format on my recently updated Kindle Touch. I was raised in Ohio, and since 2 Ohio boys were first in flight, I thought how fitting that their story should have another first under its belt. I was impressed with the ability to expand individual panels for better viewing, but it was far from perfect. My impression of comics is that they are meant to be voraciously devoured as you fly through the pages. On my Kindle Touch, viewing is clunky and time

consuming. I will be buying The Walking Dead Compendium 2 in hardcopy.

Listing the names and dates of the milestones of these men, as well as their challenges, in an interesting way is an accomplishment. They give the dream aspect of their life yet balance it with the merits of hard work, sacrifice, and the unfortunate reality of jealousy inherent in the nature of man.

good history. Very interesting and good graphics; would be great for getting young kids into history or if you want a fast, enjoyable read. Worth the time.

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