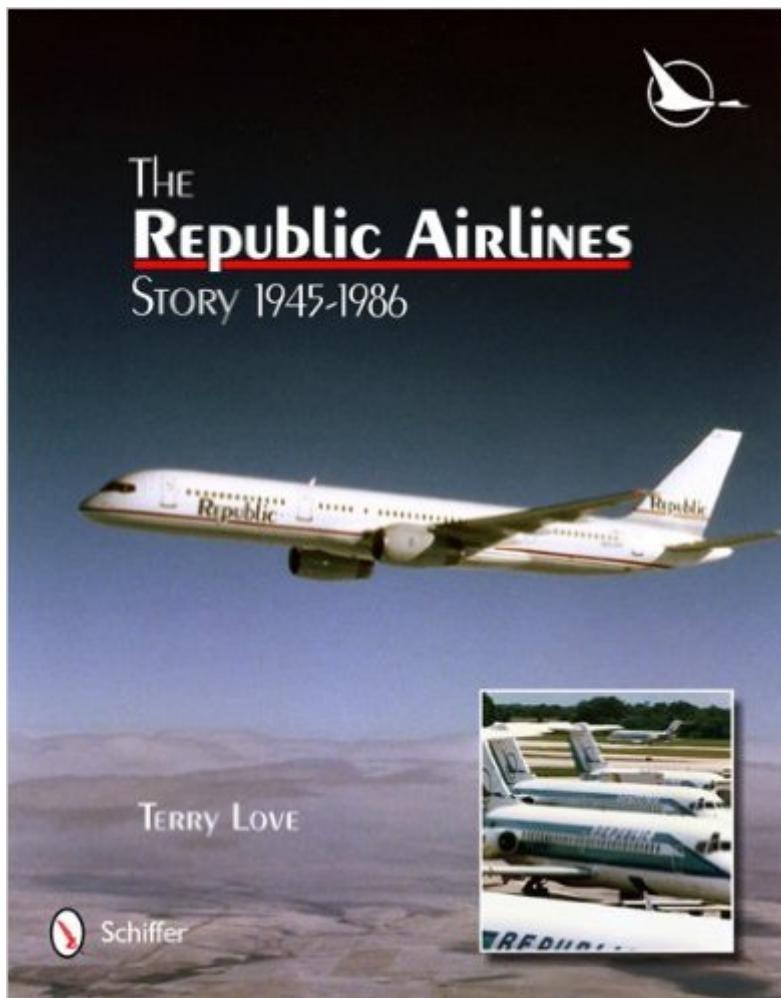


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WOW!! Finally a good book on Republic Airlines. The author wrote a chapter on each of the eleven airlines that eventually became Republic Airlines. Each chapter has a history of the airline, lots of photographs (most are not previously published) and (thank God) a complete fleet listings of the aircraft that the airline operated. So this can be used as a photo history of the airline, a reference of the airline flight equipment, and lots of newly discovered facts that I did not know before. After each

of the airlines that became Republic Airlines are described, the author writes about Republic Airlines and its fleet. Chapter thirteen is on all of the accidents of the airlines - I think that this might be a little "tongue-in-cheek" making chapter 13 about the accidents, but the data contained in the accident reports is helpful. Overall, this is a great book about a great airline. I discovered things that I did not know about a lot of the airlines involved. This book has it all. I highly recommend it. Most of the photographs in it are beautiful. Schiffer published a very quality product, and this is no exception. It is well worth the price. It is much better than most other airline histories that I have seen or read.

This book held so much promise, to be a great tribute to Republic. But it was lacking in so many areas. The author could have used pics of timetables, route maps, pics of the ticket counters, airport operation and so much more. The Book is titled Republic Airlines the entire portion about Republic itself is ten pages out of 159 The author could have definitely taken pointers from a Pictorial History of Airline Service at Atlanta by George W. Cearley. With hundreds of pics of all the airlines that created Republic online and historical data on wikipedia, I say save your money. I've waited 26 years for someone to do a book on Republic. In my opinion this was a total let down.-tristsea

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