



Flying Carpet: The Soul of an Airplane

By Greg Brown

Foreword by Stephen Coonts

*Whether you fly from
an armchair or a jet
cockpit, this Flying
Carpet ride is not
to be missed!*

Journey life's skies with Greg Brown as he matures from fledgling to seasoned aviator, encountering aerial adventure and colorful characters along the way. Sweat with him through harrowing flights, learn by his triumphs and mistakes, and join his young family growing up aloft. This book goes beyond the physical act of flying - it's about conquering the nagging fears that consume every new pilot when mastering this most revered and challenging of human endeavors. Most of all, it's about the joy and boundless freedom of being a pilot, pursuing like our aerial ancestors the inescapable lure of the map.

Along the way, there's something wonderful for everyone. Experienced pilots will enjoy reliving their own adventures through the eyes of a kindred spirit traveling the same route. Aspiring and newly-minted aviators will appreciate the opportunity to ride along and observe-to learn with the author while battling the nemeses of fear, bad weather, airframe icing, density altitude, mountain wave, mid-air collisions, and more.

In the course of these adventures, *Flying Carpet* shows not only how people fly - but why. The author's adventures take place in the course of every type of mission from surmounting family emergencies to visiting unusual destinations - in ways that only travel by airplane allows. Pilot readers will be stimulated to pursue similar destinations in their own flying carpets. Aviators seeking purpose for their flying skills will find it here.

Finally, this book conveys the exhilaration of flying in a way that every reader with the slightest hints of aviation romance and adventure will appreciate. Says one reviewer, "When friends ask, 'Why would anyone want to become a pilot?' I give them *Flying Carpet* to read." Many aviators will want to do exactly that; to share this book with the skeptics in their lives for final and total understanding of: **why I fly.**

About the Author: Greg Brown has long wandered the skies of North America with family and friends. His love of flying is apparent to anyone who reads his *Flying Carpet* column in *AOPA Flight Training* magazine, or his stories in *AOPA Pilot* and other publications. An aviator since 1972, Greg was 2000 National Flight Instructor of the Year, winner of the 1999 NATA Excellence in Pilot Training Award, and the first NAFI Master Flight Instructor. He holds an airline transport pilot certificate with Boeing 737 type rating, and flight instructor certificate with all fixed-wing aircraft ratings. Other books by Greg Brown include *The Turbine Pilot's Flight Manual*, *The Savvy Flight Instructor*, and *Job Hunting for Pilots*.