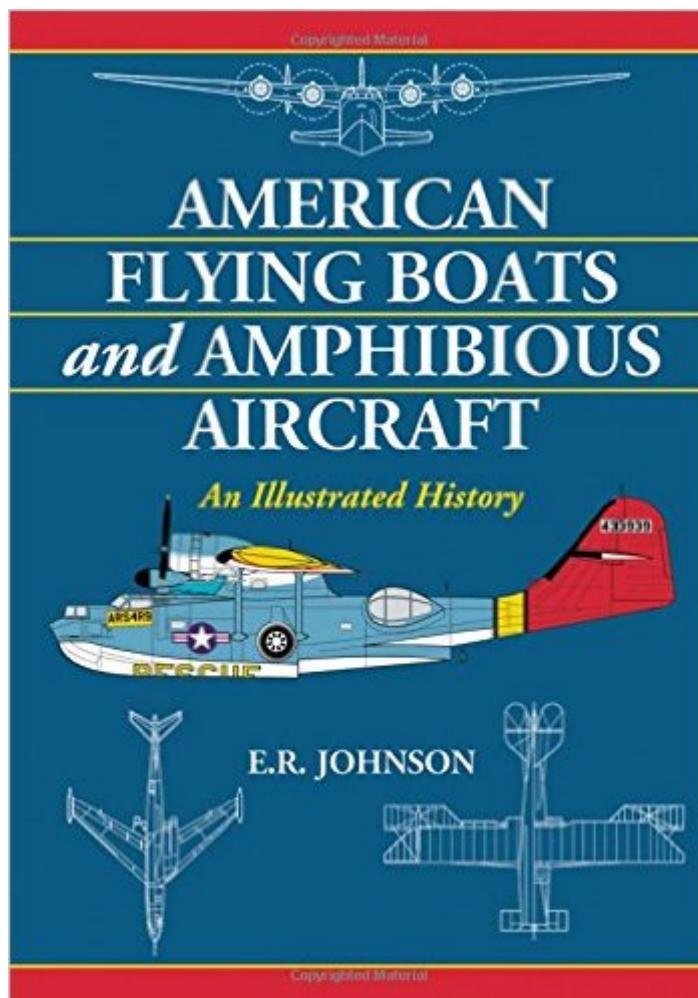


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# American Flying Boats And Amphibious Aircraft: An Illustrated History



## **Synopsis**

This work is a comprehensive, heavily illustrated history of the many flying boats and amphibious aircraft designed and built in the United States. It is divided into three chronological sections: the early era (1912-1928), the golden era (1928-1945), and the post-war era (1945-present), with historical overviews of each period. Within each section, individual aircraft types are listed in alphabetical order by manufacturer or builder, with historical background, technical specifications, drawings, and one or more photographs. Appendices cover lesser known flying boat and amphibian types as well as various design concepts that never achieved the flying stage.

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This volume reviews every American built flying boat and amphibian designed and built from 1912 to the present. Categories covered include, military, airliners, private and conceptual. This is a truly definitive study of these types of aircraft and fills a much needed niche in aircraft history. Historically they pioneered long overwater flight and commercial service. Flying boats offered the advantage of not requiring large airports for their operations and could be serviced by naval tenders at sea. Information covered includes aircraft specifications and features as well as company histories. Excellent full page 3 view drawings are provided by Lloyd Jones. All the photographs are large and sharp; many of which I have never seen. Multiple photos are shown of the more familiar types. The text offers an historical overview of such subjects as hull development, aerodynamics, and power plants. Military influence on design is also discussed, plus an explanation on commercial

requirements and airline service histories. A useful addition that doesn't often show up in airplane histories is a bibliography for those of us who desire additional detail on various aircraft described. Some might compare this book with William Greens 1967 "Flying Boats of the Second World War." "Flying Boats and Amphibians" goes far beyond that, with its large format containing big pictures, big 3 views and all the civil aircraft. E.R. Johnson has given us a very well researched and excellent reference book. If you are a historian, student of aircraft development or model builder this book is a must for your library. Robert Patmore reviewer

This is a long-overdue publication---a most complete history of US flying boats and amphib aircraft. Considering its high-price for a paperback, the individual aircraft might have featured longer & more detailed facts and histories. But, I commend the author for including details & three-views of planned/speculative aircraft, too. This is an absolutely essential book for any serious student of US aviation and the long story of aircraft designed to operate (at least in part) on and off water...an always fascinating aspect for aerophiles. As many have noted in past pubs, the artwork by Mr. Jones is superb. This is a terrific book.

I was very disappointed receiving this book. First at \$49.00 in paperback and the small size I was shocked. The coverage was there but the reference someone else made to two older books by William Green missed the detail that Mr. Green always had in his books. I guess what I'm saying is, Too small, too thin, too costly for \$49.00. The cover did pull me in and it is a nice book fully covering the subject but not for \$49.00. I expected more.

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