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The gripping true tale of a devastating plane crash, the investigation into its causes, and the race to prevent similar disasters in the future. On July 25, 2000, a Concorde, the world's quickest passenger plane, was taking off from Charles de Gaulle Airport terminal in Paris when it suddenly burst into flames. Could it have already been prevented? Urgent queries instantly arose as investigators scrambled to find what had gone wrong. Yet upon this fateful day time, the chartered Concorde jet, en route to America, crashed and killed all 109 travellers and crew onboard and four people on the ground. What triggered the fire? An airliner with the capacity of flying at a lot more than twice the speed of sound, the Concorde had finished 25 years of successful flights, whisking wealthy passengers--from diplomats to rock stars to corporate titans--between continents on short and glamorous flights. And, most urgently, was the Concorde safe to fly? Last Days of the Concorde addresses these problems and many more, offering a fascinating insider's look at the dramatic disaster, the search for clues, and the systemic overhauls that followed the crash.



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It covers equipment of the legendary airliner's background without delving too deep into its origin and early years. This is actually the story of Surroundings France Air travel 4590, a Concorde supersonic jet bound for New York, that became popular from Charles de Gaulle-Roissy airport terminal in Paris on July 25, 2000 and flew only 9. Compelling Account of the Concorde's Glory and It's Worst Disaster. "Last Times of the Concorde" may be the companion reserve to "Air flow Disasters: Concorde - Up in Flames" from season eight of the Smithsonian Channel television series. Chittum will take the reader during that day time, the delays, the takeoff, the horrified air traffic controller who areas the flames spewing from the plane's wing energy tank, the crash just 1 minute 18 seconds after takeoff, and the devastation that it wreaked in Gonesse. Unfortunately, a little over halfway through, she works out of materials. Samme Chittum recounts the crash of Flight 4590, that killed everyone onboard and a small number of bystanders, in a fiery crash in France, 2000. Could not put this book down. 5 kilometers (6 miles), about 66 meters (200 feet) off the ground, before crashing on a small hotel in Gonesse, killing 113 people, including four people on the floor and all passengers and crew on the plane. The Concorde have been flying for Air France and British Airways since 1976 without any fatalities until that day, therefore the crash forever altered the image of supersonic passenger travel and contributed to the Concorde's retirement 3 years later on. The Concorde's demise began with the crash of Air travel 4590. I didn't see the "Atmosphere Disasters" documentary, so I can't comment on the way the information in the reserve compares. From there, the book goes back in time to the Concorde's conception in the 1960s, when fuel was cheap, noise was apparently irrelevant, and the aviation sector was optimistic about supersonic passenger travel. Decades in the making, it was one of the most complicated and powerful aircraft ever built. After that it really is ahead to the crash investigation carried out by the BEA in France, became a member of by one representative of the NTSB in the usa, Bob MacIntosh, as the plane's wheels were American-made. The BEA investigators, MacIntosh, the acting local air traffic controller, and retired Concorde pilots are interviewed for his or her perspectives on the accident. The investigation starts on the runway, moves to the "black boxes", the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder, and into laboratories to reconstruct some elements of the fatal events. Investigators learn "how happenstance and entropy can conspire to wreak havoc" and specifically how all hell broke loose in three fateful secs on that runway. I won't go into the cause of the crash here, in order never to introduce any spoilers, but that plane had extraordinarily misfortune that day time. In her concluding chapters, Chittum comes after the aftermath of the investigation, the civil and criminal court cases, the security upgrades made to obtain the Concordes flying once again, and their retirement from service less that two years afterwards. Cruising at Mach 2+ at an altitude of around 58,000 ft, it was the world's fastest extravagance liner. Interestingly, there are supersonic passenger planes in development currently. I cannot help but believe we might see history do it again itself. Several main airlines were thinking about purchasing the Concorde in the 1960s but dropped interest by the time the plane was obtainable in the 1970s. Regardless, I enjoyed "Last Times of the Concorde" a lot and appearance forward to reading even more in the "Air flow Disasters" series. much like in SOUTHERN STORM, Chittum digs deep into the details of aviation. The tale of the Concorde is really as complicated because the airplane itself was. The maturing fleet, split between Air flow France and British Airways, was the most difficult and expensive commercial aircraft ever to take to the skies. This reserve makes interesting reading of the terrible crash and the next investigation. and French governments helped to start the world's first, therefore far only, supersonic industrial airliner. Chittum explains the look that set the Concorde aside from various other aircraft and enabled it to visit in

supersonic speeds but remove and land in subsonic speeds. It shuttled the rich and famous across the Atlantic in a fraction of that time period that additional airlines had taken and lifted travellers closer to the advantage of space than they had ever been able to go. In the end, it could have cost too much to overhaul the ageing fleet. The writer begins by introducing us to the ill-fated plane's crew plus some of its travellers, most of whom had been German vacationers. Taking off from Paris, it was the first and only Concorde flight to crash, killing all travellers and crew on board. Designed prior to the oil crisis of the 1970's it used several times as much energy as various other airliners and cost a small fortune each day to use. The crash was simply the beginning of the aircraft's downfall though. A JV between the U. It ended the Concorde's nearly spotless basic safety record, having flown for over 20 years without a single fatality. As a result, ticket prices became outrageously costly and the airliner begun to lose popularity in its old age. Ultimately, poor economics resulted in its downfall more than the crash that book largely concentrates on, which is why after nearly 20 years no various other aircraft manufacturer has adopted in the Concorde's footsteps and shipped Supersonic travel to the public. The book delivers many detailed accounts of the crash of Flight 4590 and its own subsequent investigation. Compelling read Having lived near London Heathrow I possibly could watch the Concorde coming in to property from my bedroom home window. The tale of the investigation and eventual demise of the Concorde is quite a fascinating story which has a lot more twists and turns than you might imagine. Even anyone who has researched the topic quite extensively will find some interesting new pieces of information here. There are a great number of behind the scenes factoids that you will not likely find anywhere else. About the only critique I have of the book is its occasionally painfully detailed descriptions of places and things that might be easier explained with a simple photo or drawing. Occasionally, an image actually is worth one thousand phrases. It would likewise have been fine to see some additional photos of the fleet and its various incarnations. Other than that, it had been a pleasure to learn. Fascinating and compelling, however, not quite the reserve it could've been. It was a lengthy, complicated investigation into what caused the crash, with queries lingering even today. Then, in the span of 2 minutes, it became a sign of mankind's failure. She is a good storyteller who weaves human stories and technical information fluidly into a compelling narrative. The Concord: once a symbol of mankind's progress and innovation. LAST DAYS OF THE CONCORDE begins well; An Obituary for Supersonic FLIGHTS Last Times of the Concorde takes an in-depth consider the crash of Airline flight 4590 and ultimately the mothballing of the entire Concorde fleet of airliners. (Area of the beginning's power may be the emotion of the airline flight controller working that day. The writer is journalist Samme Chittum, who also wrote the 1st two books in this series. The next half of the publication almost feels like she's just recounting points that happened previously, in order to extend this into book-length format. It's a truly fascinating tale, and a truly tragic one in terms of both human existence and technical progress. But the publication could've benefited from even more streamlining, or perhaps more focus on the personalities included. She chronicles the rise of supersonic trip, all to help describe how relevant and transformative this crash was.) The book is definitely worth a browse, but it's hard never to hold against it how much better it could've been.



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