

An unforgettable high-flyer

Planes

JAN VAN DER VEKEN

'Planes' is a remarkable reference work for pilots-to-be. In this book Jan Van Der Veken looks at the components of a plane and explains what forces are at work during flight. He outlines step by step how a plane can take off, land and circle. Van Der Veken also considers the influence of the weather and the atmosphere on flight. In addition, we learn how pilots communicate with one another, how they navigate in the air and on the runways and how order is maintained in an ever more crowded airspace. Finally, we are treated to a brief look at the future, with the author sharing a few predictions for the aviation sector.

The illustrations, with a retro-futuristic streak, give the book a stylish aura.

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Alongside the informative passages that answer all kinds of questions about flying, the book also introduces the reader to several legendary aircraft that have made their mark in the history of aviation. From the very first prototypes to modern fighter jets: they are all given their own double-page spread with illustrations in red and white and a brief explanation.

The unique illustrations in the so-called atomic style contribute to the book's industrial look. Van Der Veken produces clever, highly stylised illustrations that are not only technically correct but also atmospheric and poetic.

Along with the beautiful illustrations, you also find useful information in a book that is multifaceted and harbours great profundity.

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Jan Van Der Veken (b. 1975) runs his own design studio, Fabrica grafica. He creates custom-made retro-futuristic illustrations that hover between past and future. Influenced by Hergé's iconic atomic style, art deco, and classic modernism, his distinctive technique bridges the gap between contemporary design and timeless mastery. His work has been on display at several national and international exhibitions and has been published in *The New Yorker*. When Van Der Veken is not at the drawing table, you will find him high in the sky, piloting a plane.

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