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The Plane That Wasn't There: Why We Haven't Found MH370





Synopsis

The definitive investigation into the greatest aviation mystery in history, with a startling hypothesis about who took the plane, where they took it, and how. On March 8, 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared. A year later, still no trace of the plane - or the 239 people onboard - has been found. But why? In The Plane That Wasn't There, science journalist and CNN aviation analyst Jeff Wise sweeps aside the conspiracy theories and misconceptions and lays out, with clear concision, just what we know about the plane's fate - and what we don't. The deeper into the technical details one delves, Wise reports, the stranger the case seems. He proposes that in order to make sense of the data we have, a radical new hypothesis ought to be considered - one that he lays out in gripping detail, complete with modus operandi, flight path, possible perpetrators, and a startling destination. Jeff Wise is a science journalist specializing in aviation and psychology. A licensed pilot of gliders and light airplanes, he has also written for New York, The New York Times, Time, Businessweek, Esquire, Details, and many others. His 2011 Popular Mechanics story on the fate of Air France 447 was named one of the Top 10 Longreads of 2011. His last book was Extreme Fear: The Science of Your Mind in Danger. A native of Massachusetts, he lives in New York City with his wife and two sons.

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Customer Reviews

Jeff Contacted me while doing research for this book. He was upfront about how he was pursuing a "nonstandard" theory and in fact was quite honest about what his theory was. He was sounding me out for specific information that he could use to support his theory. He was not interested in

technical objections to his theory - he wanted confirming evidence only. The impression that I got from him was very much that he was a person determined to push through a theory to sell a book; and that's it.Jeff is to the best of my knowledge, a certified private pilot without so much as an instrument rating. As such, the areas dealing with instrument approaches in the book very quickly show the limits of his expertise (ones so large I couldn't help but wonder why CNN ever had him on as some sort of consultant when there are far more qualified people available). This New Yorker Article: [...] makes many of the same points that this book does:- that the Yubileniy/Baikonour Airport somehow is unique in that it allows for autonomous landings (reality: it doesn't and actually has just a very common Category I ILS, except for the relatively long length of the runway, the airport is completely unimpressive. In fact, it's so rarely used that it still has the old soviet-style double-radiocompass (NDB) setup that modern planes such as the 777 are ill equipped to use.- that somehow the airport's approaches are set up for an approach from the southeast. quite the opposite - that's actually the one direction that approaches are not really ideal from at the airport.

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