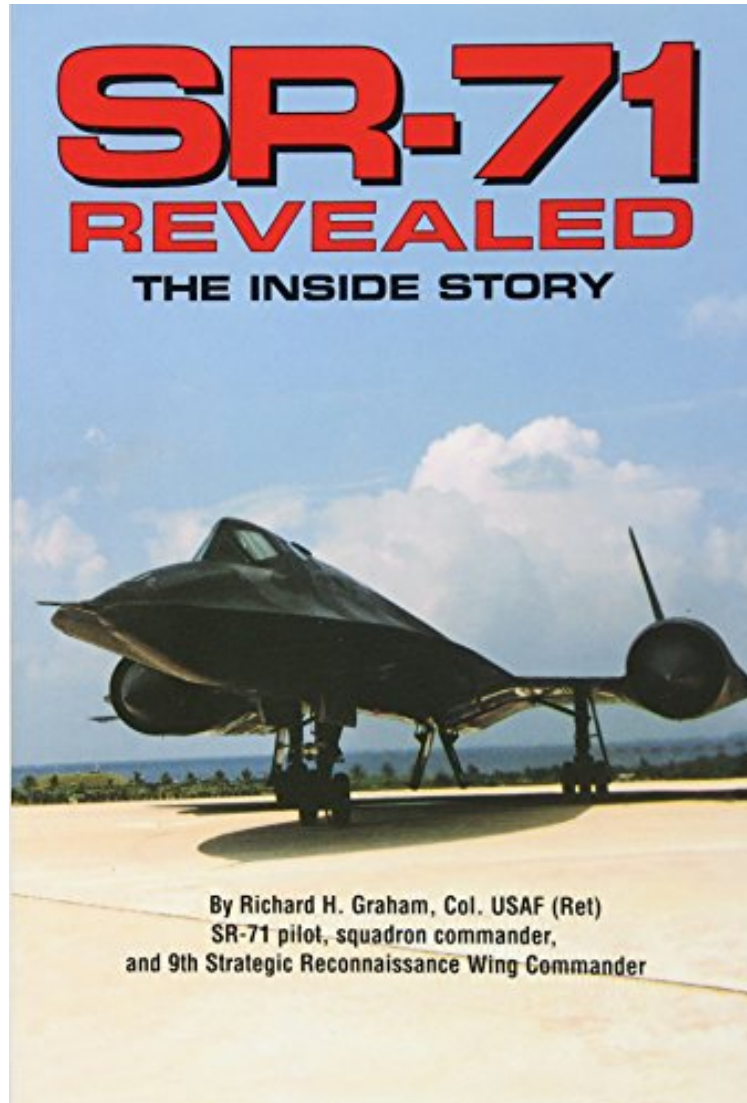


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting facts and stories not well packagedBy Flying PhotographerIn this case I have to side with the (currently) most helpful critical review by Mr. Aa Whatley, in that this is a potentially excellent story that put simply wasn't told in an engaging way. Col. Graham evidently is well suited to know all that is to know about the Blackbird (or Habu as he would probably prefer) and its operational career, but his writing skills are unfortunately at a very different level. The use of an aviation-versed co-author probably would have

helped significantly in order to turn this collection of very interesting facts and stories into an engaging book. Simply flying the Habu clearly was a skill owned by very few highly gifted aviators, and even fewer were able to successfully fly the demanding operations very close to (and probably more than a few times inside) enemy territory in this unarmed aircraft. The technical challenges and solutions developed in the late 50s and early 60s are staggering and clearly pushed the very edge of the envelope at that time for flying operations. The capabilities that the Blackbird was able to consistently reproduce on every flight are still unmatched today, in the era of UAVs and much improved satellites. And let's face it, this aircraft has like few others a special charm and flair! With this highly interesting material, the reader should expect a lot of technical content, coupled with some gripping flying stories. While they are there in this book, they get lost among the rather awkward structure of the book and the extremely dry narrative. A much better example (and with much more technical information) is Lockheed Blackbird: Beyond the Secret Missions (General Aviation), if you can get a copy. Hopefully some farseeing editor in the future will undertake the task of finding a suitable co-author and get Col. Graham to rewrite this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Colonel Graham has written one of the best books on the SR-71 I have ever read. I just wish he had hired me to do the video on it instead of CAV MEDIA. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. My favorite air plane in the world. By D. J. Singer. My favorite air plane in the world.....I regret, greatly, and personally that the plane was taken out of service, and the actual air frames were mounted for display, the oil and fuel, very special products, ceased to be produced, and there were no mechanics who knew enough about this amazing craft, so they could remain flyable....if the US government says something is too expensive to continue, it must be REALLY expensive, so taking the plane out of service was a money saving device, considering we now have satellites that can do the same mission as the SR71, but I want to see it fly again, as it was such a special airplane.

Put your pressure suit on and strap yourself in for a Mach 3 ride! Former SR-71 Wing Commander Rich Graham tells the amazing inside story of the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird. Graham provides a detailed look at the entire SR-71 story beginning with his application to be an SR pilot through commanding an entire wing.

About the Author A veteran of fifteen years of assignments within the SR-71 community, Colonel Richard H. Graham is uniquely qualified to tell the Blackbird's story. Crew member, instructor pilot, chief of the standardization/evaluation division, Colonel Graham was named SR-71 Squadron Commander, 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, in January 1981. A command pilot with more than 4,600 military flying hours, he has earned military decorations and awards including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with eighteen oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four service stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Colonel Graham's books on the SR-71 include SR-71 Revealed: The Inside Story and SR-71 Blackbird: Stories, Tales and Legends. He lives in Plano, Texas.