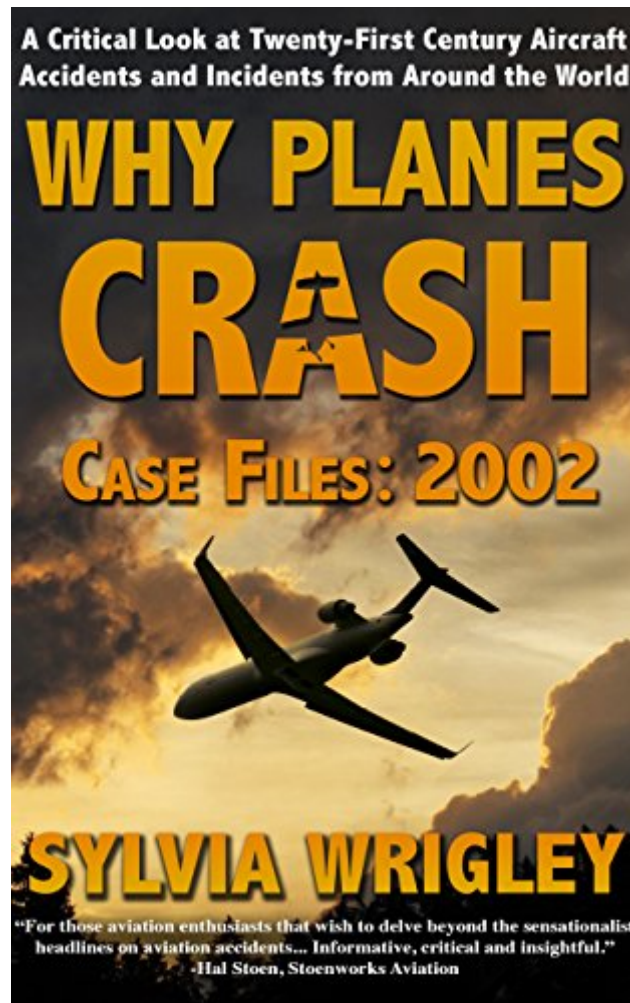




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Synopsis

Air travel is one of the safest modes of travel when we take into account the distances and freedom that it allows us. And yet, we still remain obsessed with aviation disasters. What caused these accidents? Whose fault was it? In her series of books, *Why Planes Crash*, Sylvia Wrigley investigates the worst aviation disasters of the twenty first century. Accidents are invariably a combination of factors, and pilot decisions and (in)actions can be the result of a culmination of those factors. A strong investigation will not only consider the cause but the contributing factors: those actions or inactions which could have saved the day but didn't. The objective in accident investigations around the world is not to cast blame, but to understand every aspect so that we can stop it happening again. The second book in the *Why Planes Crash* series covers incidents and accidents in 2002, including two in-flight suicides, the Sknyliv airshow disaster, how to write off a Saab 2000, an aircraft collision over the runway, a dramatic river landing, Air China 129's flight into a Korean mountain, and finally, an in-depth view of the Aöberlingen mid-air collision. Unravelling the mystery is the most important step.

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Interesting, but not in great depth.

This short book is difficult to put down. It is made up of many different true plane crashes recreated by this talented author. There is a lot of technical information often difficult to understand but easily overlooked since the book is so well written.

Good read

Sylvia Wrigley apparently went to great lengths to research this book and yet it is so well presented even a non-aviation person like myself can easily follow along and learn a lot. It was a fascinating and enjoyable read. Highly recommend to anyone who has even a passing interest.

Very interesting read in that it goes into as much detail as possible as to the reasons the flights crashed.

EXCELLANT READ

Very informative book.

This E-book is the follow-up to a previously published work by Sylvia Wrigley detailing both well-known and relatively unknown plane crashes during 2001. This book describes 11 accidents that occurred in 2002. Among these, the most tragic example of how badly things can go wrong, is the story of a collision between a Tupolev 154M carrying 60 passengers (most of whom were children) and nine crew members, and a DHL Boeing 757 flown by two crew members. But actually each story detailed in this book has a tragic background with fatal consequences. Sylvia Wrigley's accounts are professional and devoid of personal bias in her conclusions, whilst being sufficiently informative so as to allow the reader to draw his or her own conclusions. Like her previous book, this book too contains situational illustrations and photographs, although noticeably fewer than the first edition. It is also possible to view official reports by the crash investigation committees as well as supportive photographic and informative reference such as Wikipedia through hyperlinks (the great advantage of E-books). A few of the stories such as the crash of a Saab 2000 are highly educational. These are accidents that could happen to anyone of us, when we take poor decisions often under pressure of unexpected, adverse weather conditions.

As such, I can recommend this book to all pilots in lieu of the accidents related to the changeable weather conditions over Europe, as oftentimes these are the result of insufficient preparation prior to flying into bad weather. Sylvia Wrigley has published a good mix of well-known and lesser known crashes with a rich diversity of causes. All-in-all another fascinating book that leaves us wanting more.

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