

Test Pilot Neville Duke: A Life of Adventure and Innovation

Neville Duke was one of the most celebrated aviators of the 20th century. He flew over 500 different aircraft, including the world's first jet airliner, and set numerous world records. This article explores Duke's life and career, from his early days as a pilot in the Royal Air Force to his groundbreaking work as a test pilot.



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Early Life and Career

Neville Duke was born in London, England, in 1922. He developed a passion for aviation at a young age, and joined the Royal Air Force in 1940. He quickly rose through the ranks, and became a fighter pilot during World War II. Duke flew over 100 combat missions, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery.

After the war, Duke continued to serve in the Royal Air Force. He was selected as a test pilot in 1948, and began working on the development of new aircraft. Duke was one of the first pilots to fly the world's first jet airliner, the de Havilland Comet. He also set numerous world records, including the record for the fastest time to fly from London to New York.

Test Pilot Career

Duke's work as a test pilot was groundbreaking. He helped to develop and test some of the most advanced aircraft of the 20th century. He was involved in the development of the Hawker Hunter, the English Electric Lightning, and the TSR-2. Duke also tested the prototype Concorde supersonic airliner.

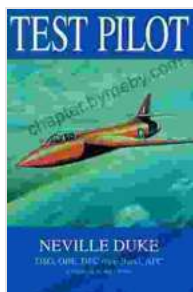
Duke was known for his fearless and innovative approach to test flying. He was always willing to push the limits of aircraft performance, and he often flew in dangerous and untested conditions. Duke's work helped to make air travel safer and more efficient, and he played a key role in the development of modern aviation.

Later Life and Legacy

Duke retired from the Royal Air Force in 1969. He continued to work in the aviation industry, and he wrote several books about his experiences as a test pilot. Duke died in 2007 at the age of 85. He is remembered as one of the most influential aviators of the 20th century.

Neville Duke was a true pioneer of aviation. He was a fearless and innovative test pilot who helped to shape the development of modern aircraft. Duke's work made air travel safer and more efficient, and he played a key role in the development of modern aviation.

Duke's legacy continues to inspire aviators today. He is remembered as a true hero of the skies.



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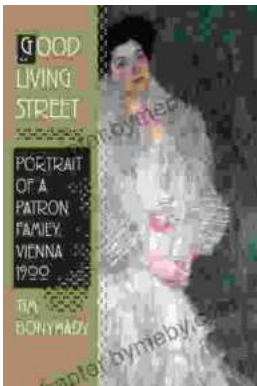
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