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Great book. I certainly had no problem understanding the (very few) terms that are uniquely British. No other aerobatic book comes close to the level of the "why" that Mr. Cassidy provides.

I thought I had the best books on aerobatic until I found this one. The differences in this one and the others are the details and explaining the difference between competition and show maneuvers from basic to the unlimited class. It describes the mechanical control movements, the aerodynamics of the aircraft(s), and what the judges are seeing and scoring for competition. It also describes the differences among the aircraft types from the basic training type aircraft to the specifically designed for aerobatics aircraft for each maneuver. For even those that have received acro training to the sportsman level, the exercises and cautions for more advanced maneuvers are covered very well. Will be a long time if ever before anyone tops this book for basic and advanced aerobatic knowledge and training.

This is an excellent reference for the aspiring or seasoned aerobatics competitor. The first part of

the book covers the basic aerobatic figures and the later parts explain the more advanced combined figures in detail. Alan covers the finer details of flying the aerobatic figures with charts and sketches showing the horizon image and the coordination between the stick and rudder during various parts of each figure. There is a section on reading the Aresti symbols and information on what the judges look for. The aerobatic competitor has to create the illusion of a perfect figure as seen by the judges while flying into a headwind and crosswind or flying in calm air. Alan explains how all of that is done in great detail. You have to digest the information in this book in small doses, there is a considerable amount of information in it.

I don't have a lot of other books to compare this one to, but it is pretty well written and seems to have a fairly good explanation of all maneuvers. I could see that it could be even further improved on but it's a very decent book.

If you want to fly competitive aerobatics, this is the book. I have a few thousand hours racing gliders and this book is the work of somebody who really understands what you have to do to win. The guy is a thinker as well as a pilot.

Loving this book so far! Very helpful to master the skills in Aerobatics!

Extremely well written. The best book on aerobatics I have found. You will not be disappointed.

A very comprehensive book, with advanced explanations and techniques. I've flown acro for 20 years, but still find new stuff in this book. Highly recommended.

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