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For more than 75 years NASA Langley Research Center has been involved in "cutting-edge" research and development on "the problems of flight, with a view to their practical solution." Much of this vital work has been known only to the aerospace industry's insiders.

This publication, NASA's first aeronautics history book, describes and analyzes the story of one research aircraft, Langley's Boeing 737 and its role in furthering aeronautical technology. The author quickly cuts to the core of the larger questions revolving around the publicly-funded expansion of aeronautical technology and its transfer to those who can use it.

*Airborne Trailblazer* presents important case studies which detail the political and budgetary aspects of significant research programs, as well as revealing the debates among scientists, engineers, and managers.

This colorful and interesting book is intended to convey the historic work of NASA Langley's most prolific research aircraft to a broad audience.