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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bert Kinzey, author and president of Detail & Scale, Inc., was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1945. The following year his family moved to Blacksburg, Virginia where his father became a professor of architecture at Virginia Tech (VPI). Until he was about six years old, Bert was often frightened by the loud piston-driven military fighters that sometimes flew low over his home while he was outside playing. On more than one occasion he came running into the house extremely frightened by an aircraft that had just flown over.

His father took him to the VPI airport, where cadets were learning to fly on J-3 Piper Cubs, and arranged for him to go for a flight. Bert sat on his father's lap for a short trip around Blacksburg, and that forever ended his fear of airplanes. Later, Bert's father built a balsa and tissue model of the J-3 Cub, and Bert's interest in modeling began.

Bert's fear of aircraft soon gave way to a love of aviation, and he began scale modeling. Bert looked at modeling (and still does) not as a hobby in and of itself, but as a small facet of his overall interest



*The author in the rear seat of an F-5F after returning from a Red Flag mission.*

in aviation.

In 1959 his family moved to Gainesville, Florida, where his aviation interest took second place to his trumpet playing in high school. In 1964, he graduated from P.K. Yonge High School and returned to Virginia Tech specifically to fulfill his lifetime dream to be in the Virginia Tech Regimental Band—The "Highly Tighties."

Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army, and he spent almost eight years as an army officer. During this time he commanded a Hawk guided missile battery in Korea and later wrote and taught classes in airpower, the Soviet air threat, and air defense suppression at the Army's Air Defense School at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

In August 1976, he resigned from active duty in the Army, but his reputation as being knowledgeable in all aspects of military airpower led to a job offer as a civilian with the Department of the Army. He served in this position for four years as a "subject matter expert" in military airpower and was responsible for the development of the Army's new program on aircraft identification, the first in the world to feature dynamic simulation. During this time he started Detail & Scale as a part-time business to provide detailed reference material on military aircraft.

Detail & Scale became so successful that Bert resigned from his position with the Army to devote full time to his new company. Since then he has written several books as well as articles for several magazines. He is also an avid modeler and member of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS). In July 1982, he was presented with a special award by IPMS/USA in recognition for his contributions to the society. He is also a member of the American Aviation Historical Society, and the Aviation and Space Writers Association.

As a youngster who feared airplanes, it is ironic that Bert should now be so involved with aviation. He is a licensed pilot, and lives with his wife, Lynda, and their two children, Jan and Chip, in Peachtree City, Georgia, near Atlanta.