

A Boy Who Loved Airplanes

A memoir/autobiography of a boy who grew up in a military family surrounded by aviators and those associated with flying. The story covers a period from 1934 through 2010. From learning to ride a two-wheeler all the way to riding the back seat of a Mach 3 Blackbird, this is a tale of exciting times, joy, sorrow, and tragedy. The author has the rare ability to relate childhood adventures with a wonderful sense of humor. The difficult decisions we all face in life are conveyed with honesty and humility.

Donn A. Byrnes—Born in 1931 and still moving in 2011, the author tells it all. The good, the bad, and the ugly, all wrapped around an undying love for airplanes and airplane people. Following college, Donn flew the F-86D back in the 1950s and continued in an Air Force career that lasted for 28 years. *“I never would have made it if it hadn’t been for loving family and two wives who buckled down, picked up the pieces, and stood by me in spite of my ability for creative nonsense. I did good things and I did bad things. It’s all in this book.”*

Donn is also the author of *“Blackbird Rising”* and *“Air Superiority Blue—The F-15 Story”*. He resides in Albuquerque with his wife Sparks.

