

# The Wright Brothers (Thorndike Press Large Print Popular and Narrative Nonfiction Series)

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Chronicles the dramatic story-behind-the-story about the Wright brothers, sharing insights into the disadvantages that challenged their lives and their mechanical ingenuity. By the Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award-winning author of Truman. (biography & autobiography). Simultaneous.

## An Amazon Best Book of May 2015:

Most people recognize the famous black-and-white photo of the Wright brothers on a winter day in 1903, in a remote spot called Kitty Hawk, when they secured their place in history as the first to fly a motor-powered airplane. That brilliant moment is the cornerstone of the new masterful book by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough, who brings his deft touch with language and his eye for humanizing details to the unusually close relationship between a pair of brothers from Dayton, Ohio, who changed aviation history. Bicycle shop owners by day, Wilbur and Orville taught themselves flight theory through correspondence with the Smithsonian and other experts. But the brothers soon realized that theory was no match for practical testing, and they repeatedly risked life and limb in pursuit of their goal-including when Orville fractured a leg and four ribs in a 75-foot plunge to the ground. McCullough's narration of ventures such as this-their famous first flight at Kitty Hawk; the flight in Le Mans, France that propelled the brothers to international fame; the protracted patent battles back at home; and the early death of elder brother Wilbur-will immerse readers in the lives of the Wright family. Like other great biographies before it, *The Wright Brothers* tells the story about the individuals behind the great moments in history, while never sacrificing beauty in language and reverence in tone. - Manfred Collado

David McCullough has twice received the Pulitzer Prize, for Truman and John Adams, and twice received the National Book Award, for *The Path Between the Seas* and *Mornings on Horseback*. His other acclaimed books include *The Johnstown Flood*, *The Great Bridge*, *Brave Companions, 1776*, *The Greater Journey*, and *The Wright Brothers*. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. Visit [DavidMcCullough.com](http://DavidMcCullough.com).

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