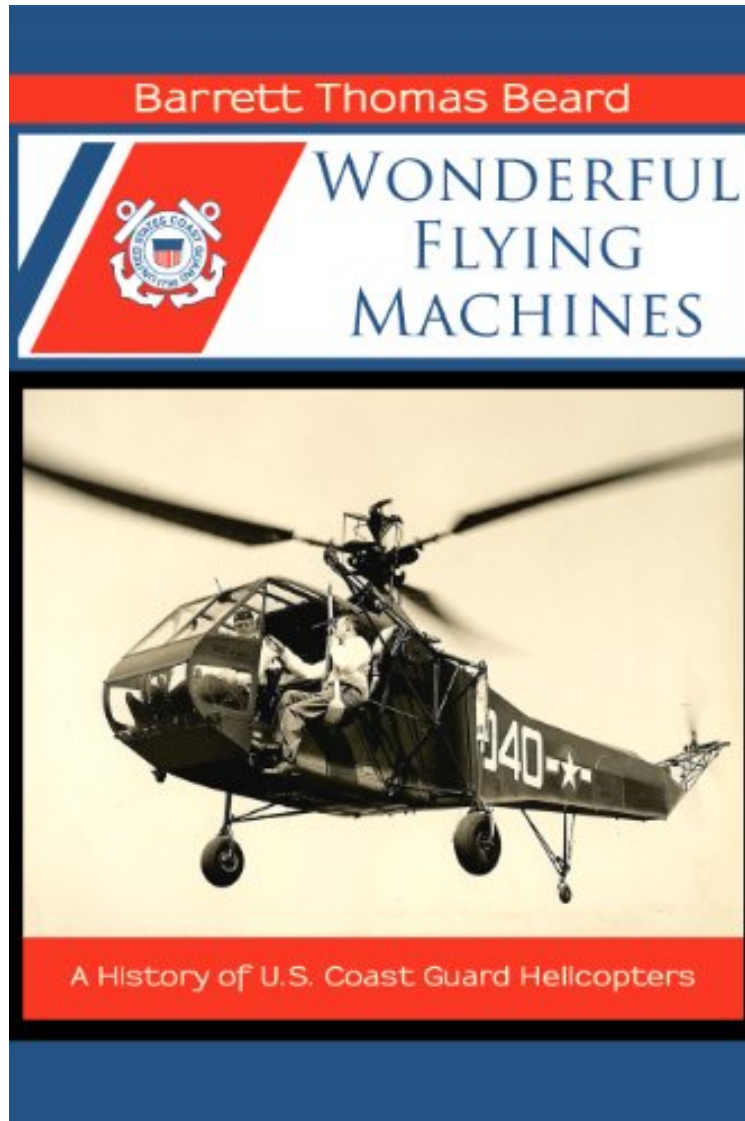


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December 7, 1941, saw sailors struggling in the waters of Pearl Harbor. He remembered an article about a small helicopter developed by Igor Sikorsky. Erickson felt here was the ideal rescue tool for the U.S. Coast Guard aviators to help those in distress. From this time forward Erickson worked toward this goal. In the end, it cost him his career. Erickson ran head-long into those officers who felt seaplanes were the ideal rescue device. The book traces the struggle to have the helicopter accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard. One of the interesting currents running through the book is that of strong-willed officers fighting for a cause and willing to sacrifice their careers to advance it. This is one of those rare histories that show the contributions the U.S. Coast Guard has made to naval history. The book is recommended to anyone interested in military and naval history, either in or out of aviation. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very interesting and enlightening about Coast Guard aviation. Von Ein Kunde This book kept me interested thru out. The story of LT Frank Erickson is one of persistence and will. I felt the book's ending is what really made it all come together "The Sum of All dreams". The story of Michael Odom is a book within itself. This author really did his homework and left me understanding the importance of helicopters and the U.S. Coast Guard.

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**Synopsis** The story of the helicopter and its creator, Igor Sikorsky, and chief promoter, a young Coast Guard lieutenant named Frank Erickson. Dubbed "Igor's Nightmare" in the early days of its development, the helicopter brought derision and ridicule on its supporters. Using Erickson's unpublished memoirs, archival records, and interviews, Beard shows how E