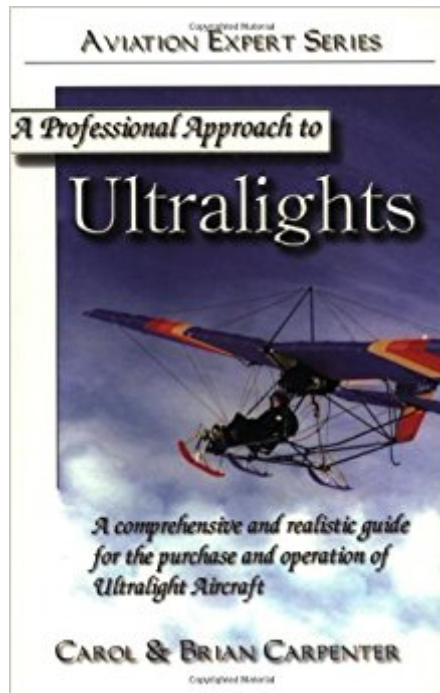




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# A Professional Approach To Ultralights



## Synopsis

A Comprehensive and realistic guide for the purchase, operation, and maintenance of your ultralight or light sport aircraft. This 254-page book contains ten chapters and a thorough appendix. The material in the book is comprehensive, well-illustrated, and easy to read. The chapters cover such subjects as, Choosing an Ultralight, Training and Instruction, Maintenance, Meteorology, Ultralight Aerodynamics, and Frequently Asked Questions. The material is valuable for both newcomers to ultralight flying and veterans. The book is certain to become a must-have addition to every ultralight pilot's library.

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Doug HagermanEvery pilot will save themselves a lot of time, effort, energy, and money by reading this book. -- Tim Styles (Rans Dealer, Private Pilot, Tail-dragger, EAA- UFI, EAA Tech

Counselor)The material is comprehensive, well-illustrated, and easy to read. . . valuable for both newcomers to ultralight flying and veterans. -- Jon Thornburg; Ultraflight Magazine

The Carpenters are uniquely qualified to write A Professional Approach to Ultralights. Brian is an ultralight instructor and examiner, an EAA Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor, an FAA Certified Flight Instructor, and an A&P aircraft mechanic with an Inspection Authorization rating (IA). He has constructed several ultralight and experimental aircraft and is the designer and builder of the "Ranger" airplane, featured in several aviation publications. Carol is an ultralight instructor, an FAA private pilot, an FAA certified ground instructor, and she holds a California teaching credential.

Although Carol was formerly a junior high school teacher, she and Brian now operate a full-time flight school in Corning, California. The school features instruction in both ultralights and general aviation trainers. Brian does all the maintenance on the aircraft. Their web site delineates the many services available at their flight school, including training, builder's assistance, aircraft sales, maintenance, and books for sale.

Of the three ultralight books I just purchased (they're basically the top three results on ), this is easily the most appropriate and useful for my needs. Those needs being information and advice on the pre-buy inspection, should I buy new or used, and situations I'll get myself into while flying. However, the editing is non-existent, which hurts it greatly. This would have been a five-star review had they done any rough draft editing, let alone final draft editing. You will find misspellings, random three spaces between the period at the end of a sentence and the following sentences, ENTIRE PARAGRAPHS that repeat on top of each other (like if I copy/pasted this review twice) and so on. It detracts from such a professional and enjoyable read that I just want to call the authors up and say, "Really? You couldn't fix this?" With that rant aside, it *is* a good book. Miss Carpenter writes clearly, honestly and bluntly. She walks you through the entire process of, "I'd like to buy an introductory flight" to "I HAVE to buy a plane, what do I look for" to "I have my plane. Teach me" to "I'm now flying solo, I don't want to kill myself." Everything is laid out clearly and accurately (minus the editing errors mentioned above). The many photos are appropriate and informative. The constant references to the aircraft they own and train students in just happens to be the exact same thing I purchased BEFORE I purchased their book, and their high regard for said aircraft puts me at ease (Quicksilver MXL II, 503 Rotax). They have strong opinions on what should be done/purchased and what should be avoided. And they back those opinions with equally strong reasoning. Of the three books I purchased, if I were to recommend only one to a person in my shoes and with my needs, I'd recommend this book over the others, even with all the editing errors included.

Absolutely THE BEST book about ultralights that I've read and re-read many times! So much great information about buying, flying and maintaining ultralights. It should be the FIRST book read by aspiring ultralight pilots and then by every other ultralight pilot! I've been flying ultralights since 1994 and learned so much that I sometimes wonder how I've stayed safe in the air for so long (got a little over 1,000 hours flying in Quicksilver MXL II's).

Overall, this a good text for anyone interested in getting into ultralights. It's a bit dated, as it was

published just before the Light Sport rule, but there is mention of how the rule will effect ultralight aircraft. The chapters are broken down into logical areas, and the information seems based on the author and her husband's many years of experience. I recommend it....but...This book definitely needed an editor and a proofreader. There are repeated lines of actual text, and many of the concepts are stated over and over again in the same form. Words are misused - "sight" was used for "site" in one sentence and then "site" used for "sight" later in the book. If these types of little problems don't bother you and you're getting ready to get started in UL flight then you'll benefit from reading this book.

Read this before you buy an ultralight or sport plane. Having a pilots license, I already had my mind set on what I THOUGHT i wanted, but after reading from front to back, I have made a better informed decision - things I had never considered were brought to my attention, and I think, saving me money in the long run.

I've read a bunch of material on this subject (for curiosities sake...) and I liked this title particularly much. I thought there was a little more "specifics" covered in this write-up; more than most, which I found enjoyable. I would recommend it for anyone interested in the subject.

this was a gift, for someone looking to start a business including ultralight business -- they seemed to be delighted with my choice of book

I am just getting intrested in the fascinating world of ultralights, and this, as the first book that I read on the subject, gave me a very wide insight on what to expect, where to start, and touched every subject just enough. It is a good guide for starters like me, it spells out what to do and not do and how to do it wright from the begining. The countless grammar erros are a little annoying, but I guess not nessesary to keep you in the air.

Every pilot or want-to-be pilot will save themselves a lot of time, effort, energy, and money by reading this book. Very easy writing style and this-is-how-it-is information. I recommend it to anyone interested in light-sport plane flying. The material is comprehensive, well-illustrated, and easy to read. . . The material is valuable for both newcomers to flying and veterans. (It) is certain to be a must-have addition to every pilot's library. I read a lot of aviations books. I, honestly, think this is the best book I have read. A tremendous job.

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