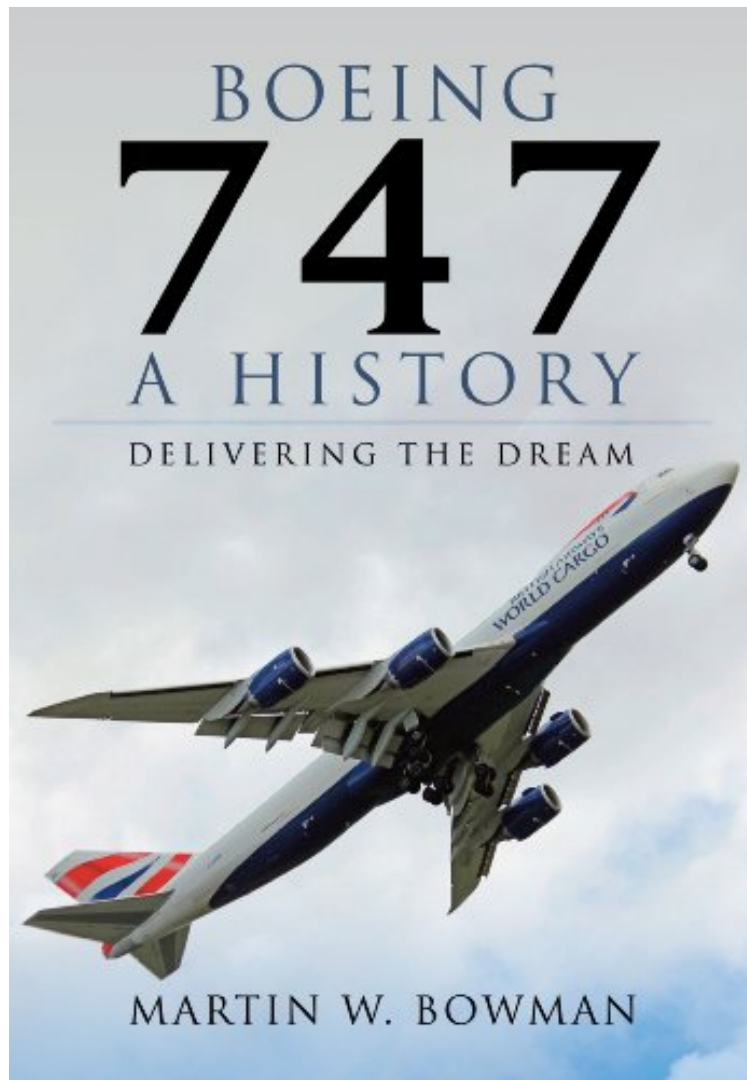


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About the Author Martin Bowman is one of Britain's best-known Second World War aviation historians and authors. His previous books have included works such as *Legend of the Lancaster*, *Confounding the Reich*, *Duxford and the Big Wings*, *Clash of Eagles*, *Mosquito: Menacing the Reich* and numerous titles in the exhaustive *Air War* series, providing extensive coverage of operations carried out on D-Day and during the Market-Garden offensive at Arnhem. He lives in Norwich.