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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Online doesn't always translate well to paper!By Chris SterlingThere is little question that Provan knows his topic--there is a lot of useful information here, some of it not found elsewhere. But the book was clearly designed as an ebook first, then simply printed without any attempt at formatting, pagination, or other print book niceties. Given their similar cost, then, the potential reader has a ready choice of going electronic, or obtaining a sometimes frustrating print version of what you can also see on a screen. The photos are few and poorly

captioned. In sum--there are many other books that cover this ground more successfully, even at its low price.

75 years ago, the explosion at Lakehurst marked a dramatic end to the Golden Days of Lighter-than-Air. The crash of LZ-129 Hindenburg was the first disaster to be documented in pictures (one photographer even had Kodak color slide film, which had been developed one year prior), filmed by several national camera teams and recorded on records with the famous words of reporter Herb Morrison. For its short existence, the LZ-129 Hindenburg was the largest, most luxurious flying object, that mankind ever built. The sheer size, of an airship that was three football fields long and over 16 stories tall, dwarfs our imagination of anything we have ever seen fly. Even the new Airbus A-380 or the advertising blimps of today, such as the Zeppelin NT, the largest airship operating today can not compare. The 25 such airships would fit inside the Hindenburg. The passengers were offered a spacious social rooms, a music room with piano, a writing room, sleeping quarters with running hot and cold running water, a shower, a bar in which one could even smoke (despite the flammable hydrogen gas), and even real china and silverware, with fresh cooked meals provided three times a day. No aircraft today, can offer compare. This book covers in detail, the construction, early test flights and later regular passenger flights up until that fateful day. The appendix includes not only a short list of all these flights, but also includes the most complete passenger list ever compiled. Yet, faith in superior technology was short lived. Just like the passenger ship, Titanic, a quarter century prior; the Hindenburg marked yet another disaster that would shake that faith and remain embedded in our memories.