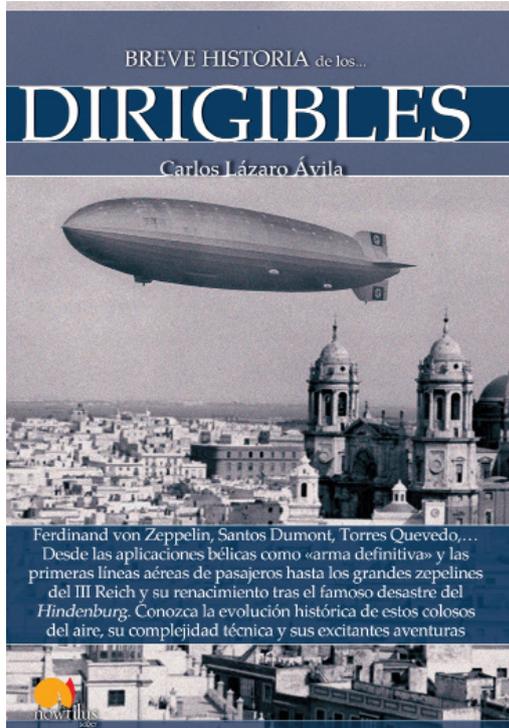


# BRIEF HISTORY OF AIRSHIPS

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## Historical essay

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Ferdinand von Zeppelin, Santos Dumont, Torres Quevedo... From military applications such as "the ultimate weapon", and the first passenger Airlines, up to the great zeppelins of the Third Reich and its revival after the famous last flight of the Hindenburg. Learn about the historical evolution of these air giants, their technical complexity and their exciting adventures.

## Synopsis

Dare to approach the history of airships, those air giants that sailed the skies over the last century, and discover why they are so closely associated to the invention of the German noble Ferdinand von Zeppelin. Discover the historical evolution of the airship and the extraordinary characters that were and are linked to this means of air transportation, from its initial war employment up to its current role as aircraft that can take over complementary parts of aviation.

Learn about the combat missions of these airships during the First World War, the great tragedies of post-war airships, the luxuries and comforts enjoyed exclusively by passengers of these liners of the air, and the enormous technical complexity that involved its development.

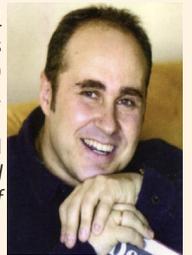
Carlos Lázaro offers the reader an overview of the airship, which appearance is closely related to the evolution of the technique and the mentality of Europe and America in the first half of the 20th century.

Discover why today, despite the famous disaster of the Hindenburg, airships remain as aircrafts that may be employed in various facets useful for mankind; air alternative in fields such as ecology, safety and air transportation.

## Biography

Carlos Lázaro Ávila holds a Ph.d. in Anthropology in America. He is an aeronautical technology specialist, area that has been the subject of his study since 1995. His publications include titles such as *Discovering women in Aeronautics* (Aena, 2009) and *Ignacio Hidalgo de Cisneros Brigadier General (25 soldiers of the Republic, Ministry of Defence 2011)*.

He has been the curator in several exhibitions dedicated to Aeronautics, and published in specialized magazines. He also published: *The borders of America and the Indians Flanders, Discover the air terminal and Heads of the 1st Squadron of Polikarpov I-16*.



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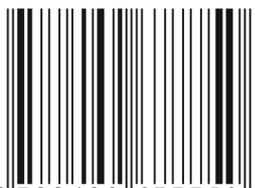
-*Brief History of Airships* is the first informative work on these means of transport, designed for the general public. Carlos Lázaro Avila achieves to develop and explain in a simple and understandable way the history and technology of airships in this title.

-This Brief History is a documented essay narrated with the rigour that characterizes the collection. In addition the author has ensured that this work include allusions to popular culture (film, literature) in which the airships have gained a special role that helps providing the necessary enjoyable reading for a Brief History; he has also included the use of airships by the nazis during the Third Reich.

-The work includes details of all Spanish developments in the world of airships such as Torres Quevedo or Herrera.

-Carlos Lázaro Avila reveals the contribution of these aircrafts to the 21st century and the spectacular rebirth of modern airships as for example in the "hybrid" hotel-dirigibles.

-Carlos Lázaro Avila is a renowned expert in aeronautics, has been a curator in several exhibitions dedicated to this topic and published monographs and articles in specialized magazines.

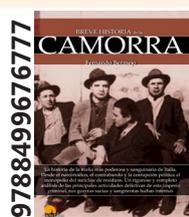


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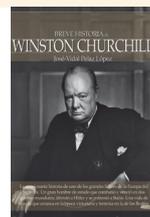
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