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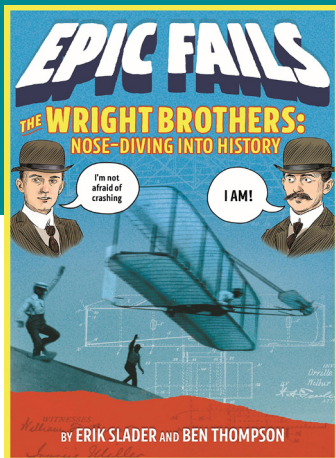
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Adult

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When it comes to the lessons learned from history, there was a lot more to learn than just physics from the Wright Brothers and their flying machine. Starting out as two bike makers, Orville and Wilbur Wright eventually become enthralled with the idea of human flight and spend much of their time brainstorming and creating prototypes to achieve this. After multiple failed attempts and crashes, the brothers are able to make a successful airplane, making them the “first in flight.” They refine their flier and demonstrate its abilities across the U.S. and Europe. Although there were many bumps and set backs along the way, the Wrights were eventually able to succeed and bring flight to the world.

This book is informative, yet easy to read. It starts with a brief history and explanation about some of the basic physics behind and experiments with flight. It contains a timeline at the back which is helpful for the reader to be able to quickly reference specific events in history. This book also talks a lot about the Wright brothers’ perseverance. Even with multiple crashes and a world of competition racing to accomplish the first human flight, Orville and Wilbur don’t give up. They are constantly reevaluating their plans and ideas to perfect their airplane design. It is because of this hard work and faith in their dreams, that they are able to accomplish such an amazing feat. This book will inspire the reader to do just as the Wright brothers’ did and not give up on their aspirations. Through the example of the Wrights, people have not only learned a great deal about flight and the science and physics behind it, but also the great strength there is in willpower and dedication to one’s dreams.