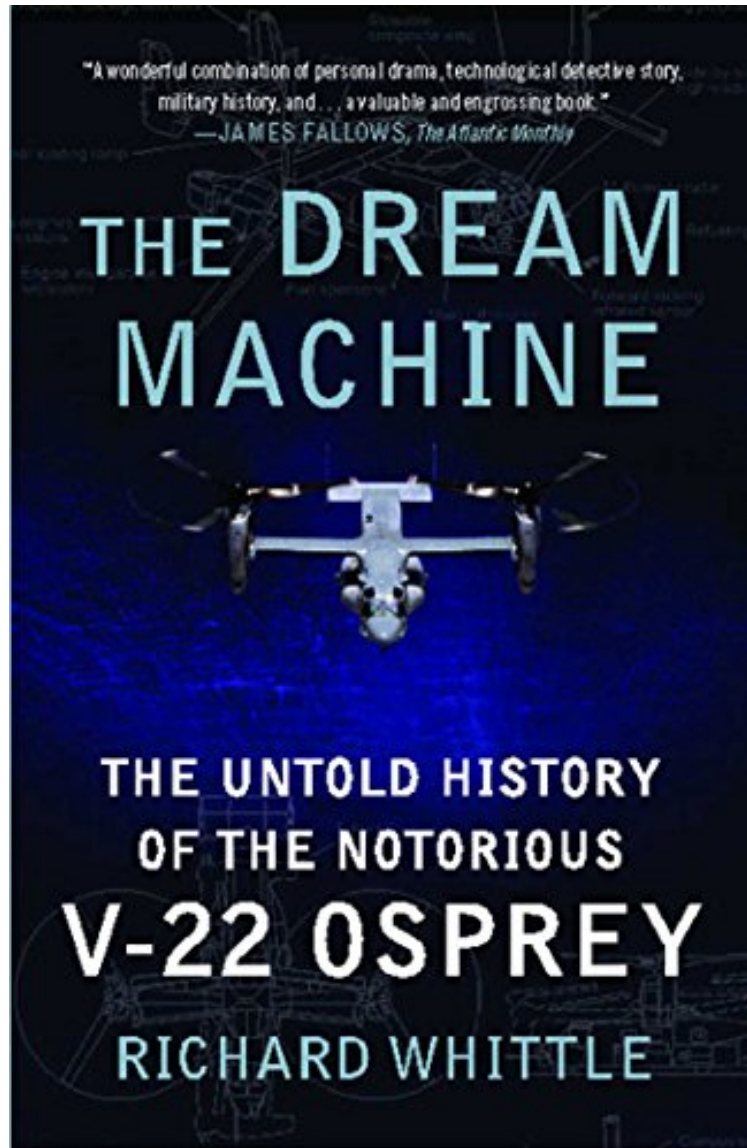


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They still refused to abandon the Osprey, even after the Corps own proud reputation was tarnished by a national scandal over accusations that a commander had ordered subordinates to lie about the aircrafts problems. Based on in-depth research and hundreds of interviews, The Dream Machine recounts the Marines quarter-century struggle to get the Osprey into combat. Whittle takes the reader from the halls of the Pentagon and Congress to the war zone of Iraq, from the engineers drafting table to the cockpits of the civilian and Marine pilots who risked their lives flying the Osprey and sometimes lost them. He reveals the methods, motives, and obsessions of those who designed, sold, bought, flew, and fought for the tiltrotor. 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