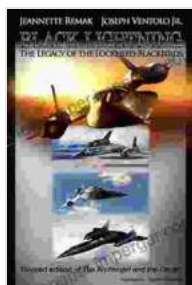


# Black Lightning: The Legacy of the Lockheed Blackbirds

The Lockheed Blackbirds were a series of high-altitude, supersonic reconnaissance aircraft developed and operated by the United States Air Force. They were designed to fly at speeds of up to Mach 3 and altitudes of up to 80,000 feet. The Blackbirds were used for a variety of missions, including surveillance, reconnaissance, and electronic warfare. They were also used to set a number of world records, including the record for the fastest speed ever achieved by a manned aircraft.



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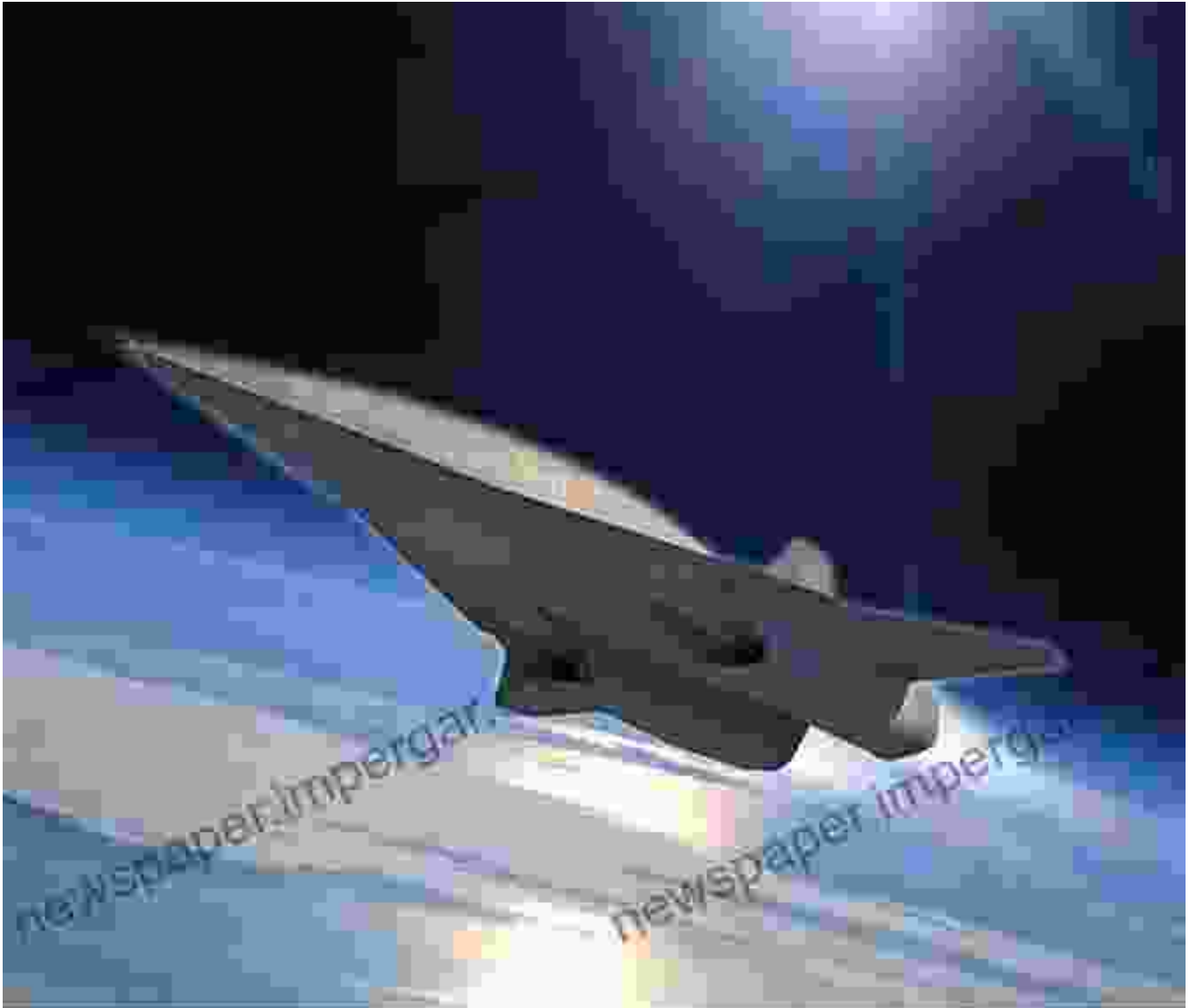
The SR-71 Blackbird was the most famous of the Blackbird family. It was a long-range, high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft that was developed by Lockheed Skunk Works in the 1960s. The SR-71 was capable of flying at speeds of up to Mach 3.2 and altitudes of up to 85,000 feet. It was used for

a variety of missions, including surveillance, reconnaissance, and electronic warfare. The SR-71 was retired from service in 1998.



## **The SR-72**

The SR-72 is a next-generation reconnaissance aircraft that is being developed by Lockheed Martin. It is intended to replace the SR-71 Blackbird. The SR-72 is expected to be capable of flying at speeds of up to Mach 6 and altitudes of up to 100,000 feet. It is also expected to be equipped with a variety of advanced sensors and weapons.



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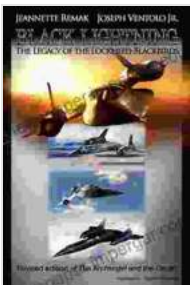
### **The U-2 Dragon Lady**

The U-2 Dragon Lady is a high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft that was developed by Lockheed Martin in the 1950s. It is still in service today. The U-2 is capable of flying at speeds of up to Mach 0.8 and altitudes of up to 70,000 feet. It is used for a variety of missions, including surveillance, reconnaissance, and electronic warfare.



## The Blackbirds' Legacy

The Lockheed Blackbirds were a revolutionary series of aircraft that pushed the boundaries of aviation technology. They were used to set a number of world records and played a vital role in the Cold War. The Blackbirds' legacy continues today, as they inspire new generations of engineers and scientists to push the limits of what is possible.



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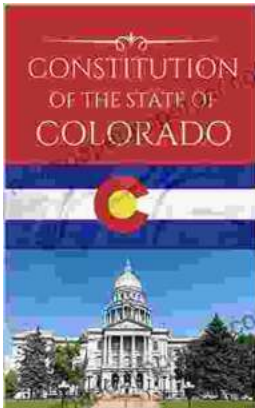
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