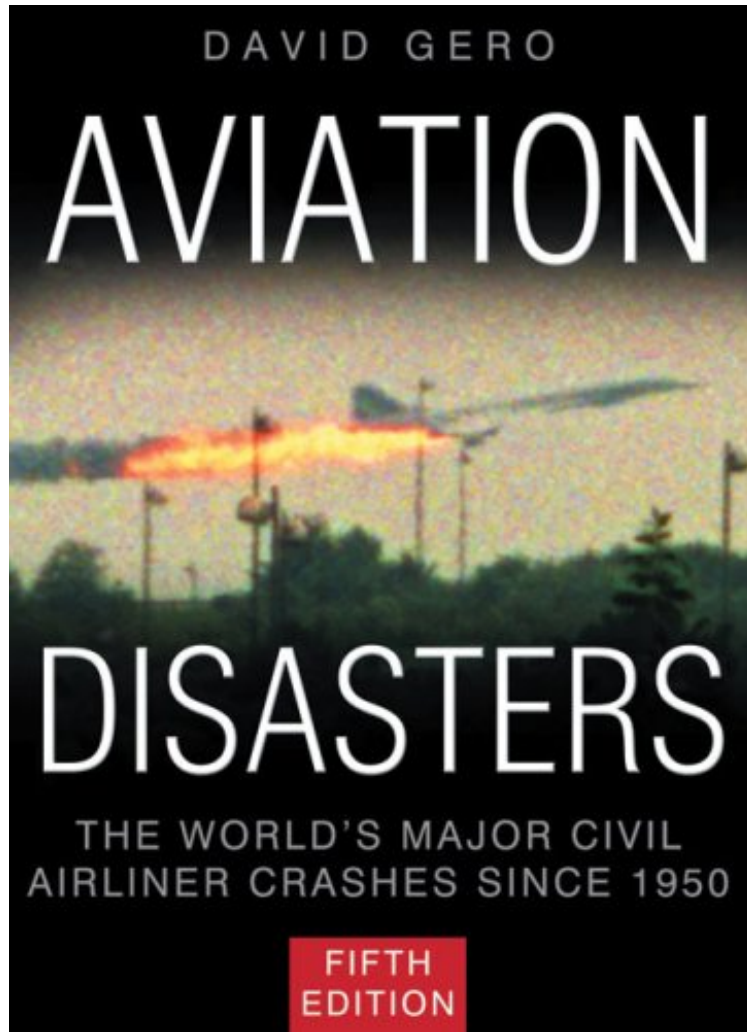


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David Gero is the author of *Flights of Terror* and *Military Aviation Disasters*.