

Born into Air Force life in Malta during a RAAF deployment there, Ian Pearson's subsequent education included schooling at the RAAF School in Penang Malaysia, followed by a science degree from the Australian National University. Ian Pearson's forty-five-year career as an Air Force officer included four P-3 Orion flying postings and such associated ground postings as Director Coastwatch Operations, and Chief of Staff Joint Offshore Protection Command (now Maritime Border Command). With competing passions for overseas travel, aviation history, photography and travel, a little help from Covid-19 meant that telling the story of P-3 Orion operations won out against travel writing for his first book.