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Airlines of the Jet Age

Shark Bait: The "Misadventures" of an Oceanic Ferry Pilot is the saga of the dangerous world of ferry flying: piloting small, single-engine airplanes across the ocean. Why is it hazardous? Because there is only one engine, at least the airplanes I flew. If it quits, well, you are just in the water. Plus you are sitting there surrounded by cabin fuel tanks filled with volatile 100 octane aviation fuel. And what is it like when the engine actually stops at night, mid-ocean? Your heart stops with it. What are the sea conditions below? Twenty foot waves? At night you will not know. Maybe you will have time to declare an emergency. Then what? Your survival chances in that cold North Atlantic: slim and none. You think of these things at night, alone over the ocean. The number of night sounds the engine makes is downright frightening. Is it about to quit? And what is it like to arrive in a foreign country at midnight where you don't speak the language or understand their money? You don't have to be crazy to be a ferry pilot, but it helps!

Nine Lives of an Alaska Bush Pilot

The true story of a man who flew for Air America the secret air line for the CIA during the Cold War The stress drove him into descent of character until he reached the bottom-where he could no longer fall and then finding redemption turned and began his rise.to the surface.

A Cargo Pilot's Life- Tails from Corrosion Corner

Drawn to Alaska in 1938, Ken Eichner became one of Alaska's best-known rescue pilots, famous for taking a helicopter wherever it needed to go to save lives-often at the risk of his own.

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A Pilot's Story

When a skeleton is discovered, wrapped in a blanket, in the hidden crypt of a deconsecrated church, everyone is convinced the bones must be those of Conor Devitt, a local man who went missing on his wedding day six years previously. But the post mortem reveals otherwise. Solicitor Benedicta 'Ben' O'Keeffe is acting for the owners of the church, and although an unwelcome face from her past makes her reluctant to

get involved initially, when Conor's brother dies in strange circumstances shortly after coming to see her, she finds herself drawn in to the mystery. Whose is the skeleton in the crypt and how did it get there? Is Conor Devitt still alive, and if so is there a link? What happened on the morning of his wedding to make him disappear? Negotiating between the official investigation, headed up by the handsome but surly Sergeant Tom Molloy, and obstructive locals with secrets of their own, Ben unravels layers of personal and political history to get to the truth of what happened six years before.

Flight of Passage

Only in America could Walter A. Soplata, the son of penniless Czech immigrants, accomplish so much single-handedly saving historic aircraft from World War II and other periods. After a childhood spent building model airplanes while dreaming about having his own airfield, Soplata worked in a large scrapyards taking apart hundreds of warplane engines. Shocked to see a rare engine or sometimes a complete warplane on its way to the recycling furnace, he began collecting whatever he could find and afford. He eventually collected nearly 20 complete airplanes and countless pieces of others. One of his Corsair fighters included the experimental F2G Corsair #74 that won the Cleveland National Air Races in 1947. Among other priceless airplanes he rescued was an experimental XP-82 Twin Mustang, an F-82E Twin Mustang, an X-prototype Skyraider, a stainless steel BT-12, and an F7U Cutlass--Soplata hauled the Cutlass fuselage home by stuffing it inside a junked school bus for its 600-mile journey. The story of a workaholic father and his aviation-obsessed son, this book records the accomplishments of a rare bird, just like the many airplanes he saved.

No Man's Land

This book is about flying small cargo loads in an aircraft known as the Beech 18.

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The Crowd Pleasers

One of America's most daring and accomplished test pilots, Tex Johnston flew the first US jet airplanes and, in a career spanning the 1930s through the 1970s, helped create the jet age at such pioneering aerospace companies as Bell Aircraft and Boeing.

The Doughnut Boy

Nine Lives-

The Map of My Dead Pilots is about flying, pilots, and Alaska, the beautiful and deadly Last Frontier. Author Colleen Mondor spent four years running dispatch operations for a Fairbanks-based commuter and charter airline, and she knows all too well the gap between the romance and reality of small plane piloting in the wildest territory of the United States. From overloaded aircraft to wings covered in ice, from flying sled dogs and dead bodies, piloting in Alaska is about living hard and working even harder. What Mondor witnessed day to day would make anyone's hair stand on end. Ultimately, it is the pilots themselves—laced with ice and whiskey, death and camaraderie, silence and engine roar—and their harrowing tales who capture her imagination. In fine detail, this series of stories reveals the technical side of flying, the history of Alaskan aviation, and a world that demands a close communion with extreme physical danger and emotional toughness.

The Sky Beyond

From the acclaimed author of *Enduring Patagonia* comes a dazzling tale of aerial adventure set against the roiling backdrop of war in Asia. The incredible real-life saga of the flying band of brothers who opened the skies over China in the years leading up to World War II—and boldly safeguarded them during that conflict—*China's Wings* is one of the most exhilarating untold chapters in the annals of flight. At the center of the maelstrom is the book's courtly, laconic protagonist, American aviation executive William Langhorne Bond. In search of adventure, he arrives in Nationalist China in 1931, charged with turning around the turbulent nation's flagging airline business, the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC). The mission will take him to the wild and lawless frontiers of commercial aviation: into cockpits with daredevil pilots flying—sometimes literally—on a wing and a prayer; into the dangerous maze of Chinese politics, where scheming warlords and volatile military officers jockey for advantage; and into the boardrooms, backrooms, and corridors of power inhabited by such outsized figures as Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek; President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; foreign minister T. V. Soong; Generals Arnold, Stilwell, and Marshall; and legendary Pan American Airways founder Juan Trippe. With the outbreak of full-scale war in 1941, Bond and CNAC are transformed from uneasy spectators to active participants in the struggle against Axis imperialism. Drawing on meticulous research, primary sources, and extensive personal interviews with participants, Gregory Crouch offers harrowing accounts of brutal bombing runs and heroic evacuations, as the fight to keep one airline flying becomes part of the larger struggle for China's survival. He plunges us into a world of perilous night flights, emergency water landings, and the constant threat of predatory Japanese warplanes. When Japanese forces capture Burma and blockade China's only overland supply route, Bond and his pilots must battle shortages of airplanes, personnel, and spare parts to airlift supplies over an untried five-hundred-mile-long aerial gauntlet high above the Himalayas—the infamous “Hump”—pioneering one of the most celebrated endeavors in aviation history. A hero's-eye view of history in the grand tradition of Lynne Olson's *Citizens of London*, *China's Wings* takes readers on a mesmerizing journey to a time and place that reshaped the modern world.

So You Want to Be a Ferry Pilot

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Shark Bait

Airlines of the Jet Age provides the first comprehensive history of the world's airlines from the early 1960s to the present day. It begins with an informative introductory chapter on the infancy of flight and the development of air-transport craft used during the First and Second World Wars, and then wings into the "first" Jet Age--the advent of jet airlines. It continues through the "second" Jet Age of wide-bodied aircraft, such as the Boeing 747 and DC-10, and closes with the introduction of the "third" Jet Age, which begins with the giant double-decked Airbus A380. This reference book is an unparalleled reference for aviation buffs, covering airlines around the globe and throughout the modern eras of human flight. The last book written by renowned airline historian R.E.G. Davies, Airlines of the Jet Age is the ultimate resource for information and insight on modern air transport.

Tornado Down

Historical biographies and aeronautical tales-make room for this incredible airplane book. Experience open-cockpit flying with the men and women who flew the antique Waco UPF-7, NC29923, a 1940 biplane still flying today. Enjoy true escapades as you soar with a noted aviatrix, War II pilots, a freight dog, a tax evader, a crop duster, a missionary dentist, a prominent woman sculptor, and a drug smuggler through their flying careers. Learn how Waco '923 nearly met total destruction only to be rebuilt several times---from basket case to show piece. As the Prop Turns, by John Wood, fits well with other adventure books for adults, and few airplane books contain as many engaging stories about the Waco UPF-7. A chapter for pilots describes the Waco's handling and provides operational tips. With thousands of research hours, 228 pages and more than 130 photographs, drawings, and maps, this airplane's memoir is sure to top the true adventure list.

Boeing 747. Queen of the Skies.

Now a major motion picture from Clint Eastwood, starring Tom Hanks—the inspirational autobiography by one of the most captivating American heroes of our time, Capt. ‘ Sully ’ Sullenberger—the pilot who miraculously landed a crippled US Airways Flight 1549 in New York ’ s Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 passengers and crew. On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed a remarkable emergency landing when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger skillfully glided US Airways Flight 1549 onto the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 passengers and crew. His cool actions not only averted tragedy but made him a hero and an inspiration worldwide. His story is now a major motion picture from director / producer Clint Eastwood and stars Tom Hanks, Laura Linney and Aaron Eckhart. Sully's story is one of dedication, hope, and preparedness, revealing the important lessons he learned through his life, in his military service, and in his work as an airline pilot. It reminds us all that, even in these days of conflict, tragedy and uncertainty, there are values still worth fighting for—that life's challenges can be met if we're ready for them.

Air Vagabonds

Air Vagabonds is the story of the amazing, true (mis)adventures of a band of rogues piloting aircraft alone into exotic and deadly destinations. In the late 1970s and through the 1980s the demand for light aircraft eclipsed anything seen before or since. This created the need for a small air force of pilots—ferry pilots—willing to fly thousands of planes to clients in every corner of the globe. Long-range solo flying is not for everyone, and it attracted a cast of eccentric, unforgettable mavericks who flew from one misadventure to the next, battling storms, desert winds, aircraft malfunctions, primitive navigational aids, loneliness, chemical imbalances, and dangerous Third World politics. Some carried on international scams and love affairs, some were lost at sea, some imprisoned by African despots. They ’ re all here, described with humor and high drama by one of their own, a survivor with phenomenal recall, a knack for distinguishing character from bluster, and a great ear for dialogue and aviation lore.

Not Necessarily Rocket Science

A young commercial pilot from California, who thinks he knows it all, moves to Alaska and becomes a bush pilot. He learns the hard way how to fly in the unforgiving weather and terrain. Actual stories from the pilot's log book are an exciting and informative read.

Tex Johnston

The Aspiring Astronaut's Guide to Getting Lost in Outer Space It's not rocket science or at least it doesn't have to be because according to aerospace professional Kellie Gerardi, it's passion that drives space exploration. Follow Gerardi's non-traditional path in the space industry as she guides and encourages anyone who has ever dreamed about stars or galaxies far far away. Ever wondered what it might be like to work in space? In this candid guide, Gerardi offers an inside look into the industry beginning to eclipse Silicon Valley. Whether you have a space background or are just looking to learn about stars, Not Exactly Rocket Science confirms that there's room for anyone who is passionate about space exploration. Ready to contribute to humanity's next giant leap? With a space background and a mission to democratize access to space, this female astronaut candidate offers a front row seat to the final frontier finally proving that it's not rocket science. From her adventures training for Mars to testing spacesuits in microgravity, this unique handbook provides inspiration and guidance for aspiring astronauts everywhere. Look inside for answers to questions like: Will there be beer on Mars? Why do I need to do one-handed pushups in microgravity? How can I possibly lose a fortune in outer space? If you enjoyed books like Letters from an Astrophysicist, An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth, or Packing for Mars, then you'll love Not Exactly Rocket Science.

China's Wings

SO YOU WANT TO BE A FERRY PILOT is made up of nineteen true short stories about ferrying airplanes from one part of the world to another. Each flight has something about it that wasn't planned. Unexpected heart stopping engine failures, weather that went from CAVU (Clear and Visibility Unlimited) to Oh MY God!!, interception by armed foreign fighters, arrest by third world police or anything that old Mister Murphy can throw your face. I had several pilot friends read the manuscript, here are some of their comments. "Ferry pilots are nuts, everybody knows that." Captain Cal Harman, 20 years with Continental. "These stories are unbelievable, I thought flying combat missions was dangerous." Captain Curt Briggs, shot down in Vietnam while flying an F-4 Phantom, rescued after spending more than 24 hours hiding from the North Vietnamese. "When we were cell mates in Hanoi I suspected that Spike was a little crazy, suspicions confirmed." Lieutenant Commander Larry Friese, USN Retired. POW in Vietnam 51/2 years.

Map of My Dead Pilots

The Boeing 747 is more than an airliner - it is the Queen of the Skies. From flights over Antarctica to carrying a spare fifth engine beneath the wing, award-winning aviation writer and airline pilot, Owen Zupp, has detailed the varied journeys of the magnificent Boeing 747.

Chasing the Four Winds: The Incredible True Story of a 45-Year Professional Flying Career Filled with Adventure and Danger

When the United States was attacked by Japan Irwin Lebow worked as a tool and die makers apprentice in a defense plant. Not willing to wait to be drafted, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps to fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot. In his diary, Lebow chronicles his 93 missions, as a P47 Thunderbolt pilot in the European Theater in World War II. This is a story written by a 22 year young man being exposed to life and death

situations on a daily basis, but also living with the thrill and excitement of doing things that movies are made of. These are the memories of the highs of climbing out of the cockpit after returning from successful missions destroying enemy targets. And the lows of losing a friend in combat.

Ferry Pilot

This is a story how I got into aviation as a pilot, and the direction my career path took. I flew cargo from the 1980's to the present time. From older planes and pilots that are no longer around, to the more modern cargo jets up to today's Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

Death at Whitewater Church

Many aviation enthusiasts have found the book 'The Sky Beyond' by Sir Gordon Taylor highly inspirational. With his evocative writing style he brings the reader into the cockpit with him, sharing his adventures as he pioneered trans-ocean flights, with only the sun and stars to guide him. On one memorable occasion Sir Gordon saved an aircraft from ditching in the Tasman Sea by his brave actions, for which he was subsequently awarded the George Cross.

Jorgy

Get the Most from Flying Your Cessna 210! This all-new primer on owning and flying the Cessna 210 Centurion is dedicated to helping all who own or want to fly a Cessna 210 master the art of piloting this complex airplane. Author Chuck McGill covers the wide gamut of 210 models, accessories, and modifications, offering his wisdom on optimum performance and safe operations based on his thousands of hours of flying and teaching in the airplane. Flying the Cessna 210 contains 114 full-color photographs and illustrations in 196 pages, as well as abundant facts, tips, and techniques to help anyone command the Centurion for the best performance and safety. So often, people purchase complex go-fast airplanes but don't have a good understanding of the airplane's systems and flight characteristics. McGill has written this book to extend pilots' knowledge far beyond a POH and to help them get optimum performance, safety, and longevity from their airplanes. While offering some background on the C210, T210, and P210, the book is much less about history and mechanics, focusing instead on systems and operations. Its 11 chapters and extensive Appendix offer insight into common operational issues during preflight, taxi, takeoff, climb, cruise, descent, and landing operations unique to each model of the 210. Additionally, it goes a long way to help pilots of airplanes with STC'd mods, accessories, and new avionics understand how those enhancements can be best used to make the most of safe flight operations. The book also highlights the versatility and utility of this multi-talented aircraft.

WASP of the Ferry Command

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The B-25 in the Backyard

Proceeds donated to the Douglas Bader Foundation. A desire to become a professional pilot against the odds and without the benefit of wealthy relatives leads to a journey through some unusual jobs including theft investigator, car salesman, personal loans agent, telephone salesman and finance company repo man. When the opportunity to join an airline is abruptly halted by bureaucracy, a determination to continue flying results in an accidental career as one of the busiest oceanic ferry pilots in the world. Fly along on nine different

delivery flights and experience the literal highs and lows of these dangerously exciting journeys across our oceans. Read about flights from dirt tracks in Russia, fuel leaks in Iceland, mechanical issues in Africa, low fuel across the Pacific and flying through the waves of the Atlantic Ocean! Meet some of the people, machines and cultures encountered as a risky game against ever diminishing luck is played out in some of the most remote and lonely places on earth.

Pilot Math Treasure Bath

Kerry McCauley has the job most pilots can only dream of: delivering small used aircraft to locations around the world. In his 30 years as an international ferry pilot, Kerry has delivered almost every kind of airplane you can name to almost every location you can think of. In his long career Kerry battled fuel system malfunctions over the Atlantic, a total electrical failure at night over the Sahara, getting lost over Africa and getting struck by lightning off the coast of Portugal. Not to mention losing his engine and having to fly dead stick in a thunderstorm. Kerry's almost insatiable, reckless quest for danger and adventure also led to putting international smuggler and bank robber on his resume. Kerry found the answer to the question "What could possibly go wrong?" time and time again. But his skill, ingenuity and a heavy dose of luck were what allowed him to survive the countless mishaps, catastrophes, close calls and a nearly fatal plane crash. While *Ferry Pilot* is a riveting account of one man's crazy thirst for thrills and adventure, it's also a portrait of a brave and devoted family man who lost many close friends, including his first wife, to the dangerous skies.

Highest Duty

Writer Rinker Buck looks back more than 30 years to a summer when he and his brother, at ages 15 and 17 respectively, became the youngest duo to fly across America, from New Jersey to California. Having grown up in an aviation family, the two boys bought an old Piper Cub, restored it themselves, and set out on the grand journey. Buck is a great storyteller, and once you get airborne with the boys you find yourself absorbed in a story of adventure and family drama. And *Flight of Passage* is also an affecting look back to the summer of 1966, when the times seemed much less cynical and adventures much more enjoyable.

Memories from My Logbook

WASP of the Ferry Command is the story of the women ferry pilots who flew more than nine million miles in 72 different aircraft—115,000 pilot hours—for the Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, during World War II. In the spring of 1942, Col. William H. Tunner lacked sufficient male pilots to move vital trainer aircraft from the factory to the training fields. Nancy Love found 28 experienced women pilots who could do the job. They, along with graduates of the Army's flight training school for women--established by Jacqueline Cochran--performed this duty until fall 1943, when manufacture of trainers ceased. In December 1943 the women ferry pilots went back to school to learn to fly high-performance WWII fighters, known as pursuits. By January 1944 they began delivering high performance P-51s, 47s, and 39s. Prior to D-Day and beyond, P-51s were crucial to the air war over Germany. They had the range to escort B-17s and B-24s from England to Berlin and back on bombing raids that ultimately brought down the German Reich. Getting those pursuits to the docks in New Jersey for shipment abroad became these women's primary job. Ultimately, more than one hundred WASP pursuit pilots were engaged in this vital movement of aircraft.

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Our profession promises us untold money and quality of life. Yet, I'm shocked at how many pilots I meet who are unhappy, overworked, and poor. This book aims to change that. *Pilot Math Treasure Bath* helps pilots look at Why they're doing what they do, what they can expect to earn over a professional pilot career,

and how to save and invest to make sure they have everlasting wealth to show for themselves after all is said and done. If you are or love a pilot, this book is for you!

Arctic Bush Pilot

Chasing the Four Winds is an aviation memoir that recounts the incredible true story of a forty-five year professional flying career filled with adventure and danger. Mike Stock has flown as a combat pilot, a test pilot, and as a bush pilot in Alaska and Saudi Arabia; a varied flying career that few others can claim. He is the survivor of two helicopter crashes, the in-flight breakup and crash of the world's largest experimental aircraft, and three engine failures in single-engine aircraft. Come along as a veteran pilot with over 15,000 flight hours relives his many adventures piloting over 100 different models of aircraft ranging from supersonic jets to airships. Whether you are a pilot or an aviation enthusiast, this fast-paced, often humorous account, will leave you hanging onto your seat. Welcome aboard!

Address Book

In 1948, then newcomer James "Andy" Anderson, started his career as an arctic bush pilot with a sense of adventure and a year-old Taylorcraft plane with no starter, no generator and no battery. He didn't know he'd become a pioneer. Anderson went on to establish a post-World War II bush service to Alaska's vast Koyukuk River region, backed by Wien Airlines. After seventeen years and more than 32,000 hours of flight time, Anderson offers a unique and historic view of living and flying in Alaska. Arctic Bush Pilot captures the spirit of Alaska and her hearty people while capturing the drama and adventure of Arctic flying, all from the historic perspective of this pioneering pilot.

Flying Vagabond

This endearing tale is a unique work of historical fiction for cat lovers. It follows the life of a Japanese farm boy named Isao, who befriends a remarkable cat. Together, they experience Japan's transformative Meiji period. The journey begins in the peaceful farmlands at the foot of Mount Fuji, and then takes the reader through upheavals of war and cultural revolution. Isao comes to know great adventure, great love and great loss. Like Japan, he is transformed, his life taking a new turn with each of the nine incarnations of his dear companion.

The Nine Lives of Ichiban

"Jorgy" Jorgensen is a legendary Alaska Native bush pilot, but his life is much more than a great flying story. He was raised by his Inupiat Eskimo mother and his Norwegian gold-miner father in a tiny mining camp in interior Alaska. After his father's death during the Depression, when Jorgy was only seven, they lived a subsistence lifestyle: Jorgy worked in the gold mines, ran a trap line, and mushed dogs. He served in Mukluk Marston's Alaska Territorial Guard and was a sergeant by the age of 17. After Pearl Harbor, he became Sig Wien's fire potter and gas boy, and learned to fly. He operated a dragline in the summer, he was a boxing champion, and he singlehandedly desegregated Nome's movie theater. His flying career was equally varied: he flew all across Alaska, from the T-3 ice island delivering scientific equipment and supplies, to delivering cargoes of fresh fish in King Salmon, to moving reindeer from Hagemeister Island; he flew in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, Canada. He flew from 1943 to 2001, logging more than 35,000 hours of flight time, with only one--minor--accident. Telling his extraordinary life story in spare, no-fuss fashion, this book allows a vivid glimpse into a tumultuous and exciting period in aviation from the point of view of one of Alaska's early Native bush pilots.

Flight

At thirteen years old, Beth's heart was broken when her father died suddenly. But there was a bigger challenge ahead when doctors told her she probably had multiple sclerosis at 22 years old. Beth vowed that this new challenge would not put restrictions on her life and embarked on a lifelong dream to fly for the airlines. Starting at the small local airport, the aviation world swallowed her whole, and the next five years of her life were as turbulent as an airplane in a thunderstorm, never knowing when, how or if she would emerge. An agonizing love affair with her flight instructor, dangerous risks in the sky and flying broken airplanes for shady companies all intertwined to define her road to the airlines. Beth made it to her goal and was hired by Trans World Airlines in 1989. *Flying Alone* is told with soul-baring candor, taking readers on a suspenseful journey through the terror, romance and ultimate victory of those years.

Rubber Suits & Lukewarm Soup: Surviving Life As an Oceanic Ferry Pilot

To celebrate his recovery from heart surgery, I took Dad to the coast to fish for salmon. We drove home in the wee hours of the morning, and unprompted, cloaked in night's anonymity and possibly mellowed by his recent brush with death or the drugs they had him on, he began to talk. "Mike, I know you're curious about my life before you. The stories I told you are true but incomplete. I wasn't part of the Jedburgh program; I was recruited for something a little different, and offered big money to learn German. I discovered why, later." I thought so; there has to be more. "How'd you learn so many dialects, so quickly?" "Good question. I was sent to the Midwest to stay with a German-speaking family who wouldn't let me eat until I could say 'pass the potatoes' in perfect German. Starvation is a good motivator. The finishing school for language was at Fort Bragg. For the final exam, the instructors came into the barracks while we slept and tipped over our beds. Anyone who woke up swearing, in any language other than German, washed out. In England, the British S.O.E. decided, because of my age, language skill, and special training, I'd go to Germany." "Germany? Why, what for?" I blurted. No longer a child smitten by the idea of adventure, I added, "So, you were a spy?" "Yes, of sorts." "What sort?" I asked, expecting a story of secret radio transmitters, maps printed on silk, a miniature button compass, life on the lam in enemy territory, and unprepared for his answer. "I was just a kid, seventeen, too young to serve in anyone's army when the French underground smuggled me into Berlin, where I lived in the home of a baker and his family. The baker, an anti-Nazi spy, passed me off as a refugee cousin. Hitler had a sweet tooth and a standing order of pastry for his Army Headquarters. Every morning, I delivered the order, hung out a while, talked, listened, and reported back what I'd heard. Who doesn't love the doughnut boy? I made a lot of friends." Hippocrates is said to have coined the phrase, "desperate times call for desperate measures." When nothing less than the fate of the free world hung in the balance, there were few rules. Fourteen years old, underage, and alone, The Doughnut Boy, whose official records are still locked under a presidential seal, was a perfect candidate for an audacious plan. Obscure his existence behind a blizzard of confusing records while he's trained to mimic his enemy, kill him with bare hands, and become an inconspicuous fly on the wall in the most dangerous place on earth. Before the last act was played out, fate played a trump card, and The Doughnut Boy who knew too much became a liability. Don't believe everything you read in official documents. "History is written by the victors." - Winston Churchill

Flying Alone

A gripping account of how a major air disaster was averted, by the captain and former Top Gun pilot. Instinctively, I release my pressure on the sidestick. Out of my subconscious, a survival technique from a previous life emerges: Neutralise! I'm not in control so I must neutralise controls. I never imagined I'd use this part of my military experience in a commercial airliner. On routine flight QF72 from Singapore to Perth on 7 October 2008, the primary flight computers went rogue, causing the plane to pitch down, nose first, towards the Indian Ocean - twice. The Airbus A330 carrying 315 passengers and crew was out of control,

with violent negative G forces propelling anyone and anything untethered through the cabin roof. It took the skill and discipline of veteran US Navy Top Gun Kevin Sullivan, captain of the ill-fated flight, to wrestle the plane back under control and perform a high-stakes emergency landing at a RAAF base on the WA coast 1200 kilometres north of Perth. In *No Man's Land*, the captain of the flight tells the full story for the first time. It's a gripping, blow-by-blow account of how, along with his co-pilots, Sullivan relied on his elite military training to land the gravely malfunctioning plane and narrowly avert what could have been a horrific air disaster. As automation becomes the way of the future, and in the aftermath of Ethiopian Airlines flight 302 and Lion Air flight JT610, the story of QF72 raises important questions about how much control we relinquish to computers and whether more checks and balances are needed.

Flying the Cessna 210

An adventure-filled romp through one of aviation's most notable, dangerous and entertaining pursuits: airshows! In the early days of aviation, all flights were airshows. Spectators gathered whenever a new flying machine attempted to leave the ground—the trick was to get them to pay. Takeoffs and landings did not sell tickets but people lined up, money in hand, to watch a “dip of death,” in which an aviator would dive from as high as he or she dared and pull up at the last second. Risk always sells and flying was man's riskiest endeavor yet. From the start the “exhibition pilots” stood out. Everything about an aerobatic routine requires a degree of skill and a commitment to practice inconceivable to even most pilots, presenting innumerable risks to life and limb. And with risk, often, comes tragedy. *The Crowd Pleasers* is a sweeping history of air show accidents beginning in 1910 with the death of Charles Rolls, co-founder of Rolls-Royce, and ending in the present day. It brings to light some of the most notable air show accidents of all time and explores the aviators behind them. Their stories, their motivations. In so doing, it illuminates the role played by choice, social circumstance and fate in these often devastating accidents, and the lives attached to them. A must-read for all aviation buffs.

As The Prop Turns

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