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An unbelievable 30,000 flights &#150; When actually the tiniest thing does fail at 35,000 ft, the result 's almost always a fast-unfolding tragedy. arrive properly at their destinations every day. But a handful don'The book also details the often ingenious, always painstaking work carried out by air-accident investigators, while a glossary really helps to clarify the casual, inevitable bits of jargon. at least &#150;But generally there are incredible stories of heroism against the chances, too, such as that of Captain Chesley Sullenberger who successfully landed his aircraft with both motors gone on the Hudson River in New York, keeping the lives of everyone aboard, and of the American Airlines crew who prevented terrorist Richard Reid from exploding a bomb hidden in his footwear three months after 9/11.jThis extensive assortment of compelling real-life accounts of air disasters and near-disasters provides a sobering, alternative history of the just over 105 years that passengers have been traveling by air, from the very earliest fatality to recent calamities.t, while some come terrifyingly near crashing.



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Best Aircraft book I've ever read This book has my highest recommendation. It is remarkably well written. Larry Long Still there is NO HIGHWAY IN THE SKY ! The factual matter -where offered undistorted by the authors waffling narrative- can be interesting more than enough, particularly as the publication deals with mishaps/incidents that are relatively well known, within the aviation community. Very great treatment of aviation's tragedies and also its triumphs in the face of tragedy. Very great representation of the facts of every incident. The chapter on Runway Incursions is specially dull. I appreciated the stories of the pilots who performed miracles in the cockpit and those who must have never been in a cockpit. Even though I had read a few of . Now I feel like Jimmy Stewart in NO HIGHWAY IN THE SKY. Five Stars Cant put it down. Okay, read me the figures once again about the relative protection of autos and airplanes. The only correction I have is that wake turbulence is because of vortices generated by the wing tips, not the motors as mentioned in the book... However, to accept the entirety of what is written between these addresses as an "authoritative text" would be naive in the severe. Lots of situations of Suspicious Verified. There is so much information and it is presented in a fashion that is conveniently understandable and compelling to learn. With a loveable title like that.. Little new here A fairly tedious compilation of air crashes, most of which are familiar to any aviation buff. A must-read book that should be in the pouch behind every airplane seat in the world, for folks like me who hate flying. Even though I had read some of these accidents reports in various other publications, this reserve offered more details than I had read before. Two planes simply collided over San Diego today. A long time ago I had simply ended commuting between NORTH PARK and Berkeley whenever a aircraft and a student's plane collided over HILLCREST. I came within days of being on that airliner. In Hawaii, as I was boarding an island-hop plane with my children, I observed cracks in the light weight aluminum around the doorway and pointed them out to a stewardess, who most likely did NOT tell the pilot. That was the same plane that broke open and just managed to get back to the airport terminal, minus one stewardess. Great publication, I wholeheartedly suggest it. The publication is fraught with glaring errors of truth, compounded by the authors minimal understanding.) I my entire life so far, I count that I have been within a mile of 5 airplane crashes. No wonder I got paranoid. Excellent book. Don't waste your money. The writer clearly has small to no knowledge of aviation, apart from what he's been informed.. Especially liked the information about the legal battles after the event. I don't really care if some dental professional overshot a turnoff in a snowstorm. Author? Or journalist??? Seriously? This is really one of the most badly researched and created books I've ever wasted money and time on. Five Stars Excellent read Four Stars Good book about information on airplane disasters. (I really like that movie! It really is a gem of a book. Excellent book. At least an automobile can be stopped to the side of the road when something fails.



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