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Could the crash have already been prevented? On the afternoon of April 4, 1977, Georgia housewife Sadie Burkhalter Hurst looked out her front door to visit a frantic stranger running toward her, his clothes ablaze, and behind him the mangled fuselage of a passenger plane that had simply crashed in her backyard. The plane, a Southern Airways DC-9-31, have been carrying eighty-one passengers and four crew users on the way to Atlanta when it entered a massive thunderstorm cell that converted into a harmful cocktail of rain, hail, and lightning. Pressured down onto a highway, the plane slice a swath of devastation through the small town of New Hope, breaking apart and killing bystanders on the floor before arriving at rest in Hurst's yard. Southern Storm addresses these issues and many more, supplying a fascinating insider's look at this dramatic disaster and the systemic overhauls that adopted it. What triggered the pilots to fly into the storm instead of from it? The gripping true tale of a devastating plane crash, the investigation into its causes, and the race to prevent similar disasters later on. Ultimately, just twenty-two people would survive the crash of Airline flight 242, and urgent questions immediately arose.



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Great Companion to the TV Documentary This review is for the Audio CD version of the book. Although the author is a female, a man was chosen to narrate the audiobook. The reserve writer has followed the designs of the Southern Storm show and expanded additional through additional interviews and a stop by at the crash site. For me personally, this audiobook works well at having an increased emotional impact than reading. There is a large amount of emotion in this tale and since most people speak only fifty percent as fast because they read, there is definitely more time to dwell upon this content as you listen to it. The book itself is a companion to its documentary by the same name. The documentary is usually part of a series on air flow disasters that was originally possessed by National Geographic and afterwards bought by the Smithsonian Channel. This was a little surprising, however the narrator will a credible job with just a few areas where he provides wrong emphasis and one time where he says the wrong word ("desire" rather than "disaster" - this can be a typo in the text but I haven't seen it yet). The book does get somewhat graphic — most of the victims succumbed to burns — but it isn't over the top, and focuses even more on the human connections made after and during the most severe plane crash in Georgia's history. The author's capability to write an in depth heart-filled along with technical account of something that happened nearly 50 years is incredible.) Ms. Chittum implemented up with me and had taken pains to get a clearer understanding of what happened on Flight 242 by seeking out other survivors and specialized professionals. I consider the reserve to become a fitting tribute to the storage of the function she played on April 4, 1977 and later on. It is very unfortunate that certain of the primary "characters" of the 242 tale, Sadie Burkhalter Hurst, passed on only a few a few months before its publication. Although the format of a companion book doesn't enable exhaustive fine detail on every aspect and the type of the accident as a chain of events with critical gaps in details doesn't allow for anyone to claim the last word, she has carried out a nice job of providing a long overdue well-known counterpart to the "technicalese" of the NTSB record. Southern Storm: The Tragedy of Trip 242 (Air Disasters) A Multi-Faceted Reserve of Aviation History, the Individual Spirit to Overcome, and a Community of Healing The piece of history known as Southern Airways Airline flight 242 is well told by author Samme Chittum. "Here we move. This well crafted book touches the heart and opens the attention to the difference caring people could make in, and after, a tragedy. We get yourself a glimpse of the last hours of victims' lives, including the devastation of a whole family whose car was parked in the path of the beleaguered aircraft. This publication touches in various ways; The author is usually to be commended on her behalf skill in weaving together all the events before, during, and after the crash of Southern Airways Airline flight 242 while keeping the respect and dignity of survivors, victims, and their own families. It is more than yet another aviation book, additionally it is an edifying book on the condition of humanity since it was in 1977 and what sort of particular group of people still carry that banner today. Waiting to read more from Ms. Exciting Satisfies Informative in This Well- Researched Story A historical nonfiction book that is a thriller and detective story at once. Chittum. Five Stars This book is personal if you ask me having bben in the vicinity of that fateful day. Must read Accurate account of a disastrous plane crash with heroic crew and survivors. The author's ability to write a detailed heart-filled as well ... (Amusingly, the shortened version of the event gave my segment the scissors! It is almost as if these are interviews in the weeks following this tragedy. give it an opportunity to touch you, as well. Chittum. Their only wish was an emergency landing at the closest airport, but because of myriad circumstances which are relatively shrouded in mystery, Air travel 242 ended up attempting to land the substantial jet on a small two lane highway. The Day A Jetliner Crashed Into A Small Town And Changed Everything It was a stormy day. The writer takes the story through multiple facets of the crash, from climate to human mistake to aviation mechanics, and on to the specific lives of those affiliated to the crash of Southern 242, and on to the community of New Wish, GA, where a small group still provide healing and comfort and ease for all involved. Keep 'em cowboy". They were phrases spoken by Southern Airways Captain William Mackenzie as he and First Officer Lyman

Keele had been going to enter turbulent airspace that might be instrumental in sealing their fate and all of the passengers aboard airline flight 242. We couldn't put this book straight down. It's a riveting account of catastrophic proportions that was both spellbinding and heartbreaking and ultimately resulted in a barrage of blame and unspeakable grief. Instantly the aircraft was pelted and battered by baseball-sized hail, ravaging the turbine motors and reducing cabin occupants into startled silence. That they had no idea how debilitating conditions would become. Just finished this reserve, wow, what a thrill ride! Many lives were lost as a result, but many lessons and changes in aviation ensued as well. The latter arguably contributed to this passenger plane's doom. An excellent portion of this book targets the victims, and takes us through the events that precipitated the tragedy that took place on April 4, 1977. When Flight 242 took off from Huntsville, Alabama, the crew knew these were in for some bad weather. On the other hand, drama was unfolding in the cockpit as the frantic pilots made futile efforts to restart the engines while considering where to make a crisis landing. Passengers, including Annette Snells, an R&B vocalist on the threshold of stardom who had just wrapped up a successful hit-making recording session at Muscle Shoals Studio, had no proven fact that her life would be cut short in the conflagration that would consume a portion of a rural highway 30 miles outside of Atlanta. A must-go through, the reserve touches on the fragility of existence and follows with power of the human spirit, and a hope for overcoming and curing. The human toll is definitely poignantly relayed as a swath of destruction lays bare the fatalistic character of the heroic attempts to land a "dead-stick" aircraft within an impossible circumstance. As a survivor, I was interviewed for the original episode and acted as an unofficial specialized adviser. The final third of the book delves right into a year-long investigation of the plane crash that is replete with controversy, the blame game, outrage, and confusion. The main concentrate of the investigation was on both motors that stalled out, rendering the aircraft powerless since it glided while dropping altitude. Four Stars Factual and accurate while providing an individual perspective to the tragedy. 'Southern Storm' is normally an instant and easy read it doesn't require one to know about aviation mechanics and jargon or additional technical specifications. Rather, it focuses on the individual condition, and how quickly issues can unravel when a combination of inclement weather and mechanical failing will be the true flight path determinants. It is notable for the delicate portrayal of all people influenced by this tragedy and the very clear explanation of what went incorrect and how the knowledge gained changed aviation. ~ Kort Gleam nice human interest side as you follow a few of the ... The dangerous situations were exacerbated by way of a group of oversights including lack of communication, a radar that was "susceptible to attenuation" (decrease in signal power), and the FAA controller on duty's failing to put the distressed flight 242 on emergency status. So much attention to fine detail as well. The author really switches into absolutely everything, so that you can see how this tragedy unfolds. Gleam nice human interest aspect as you follow a few of the relatives of the survivors, you experience what they went through, albeit vicariously, which means you feel connected to them for some reason, as it enables you to think about the way you would cope if this sort of a tragedy occurred to a loved one. Congrats, Ms. Fleshed out with writing that is immediate and riveting, that is an airplane disaster tale that may nail you to its web pages. A FANTASTIC and Information Read This is a dramatic and well told tale of an airplane crash. Strongly suggested reading.



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