

FINAL APPROACH

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Tragedy and Triumph



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This is actually the story of the first airline pilot ever arrested and delivered to prison for flying beneath the influence. This was an initial. He was fired by his airline, stripped of his FAA licenses, attempted, convicted, and sent to Federal government prison. Lyle Prouse came from a WWII casing task in Kansas and an alcoholic family members where both parents died because of alcoholism. It had by no means occurred before. He rose through the ranks of the United States Marine Corps from private to captain, from an infantryman to a fighter pilot. In another amazing event, the judge who attempted, sentenced, and delivered him to prison viewed his journey and reappeared eight years after the trial.. He became the traveling power behind a Presidential pardon although he'd never backed a petition for pardon in every his years on the bench.then lost everything. Today he's a recovering alcoholic with almost twenty-two years sobriety. This story describes his rise from the ashes of complete destruction from which he was never to fly again. It is filled with miracles which defy all manner of odds. He lives along with his wife of nearly forty-nine years and offers five grandchildren. He hardly ever fought his termination; he regarded as it good and appropriate. Miraculously, after almost four years, the President/CEO of his airline individually reinstated him to full flight status in spite of all of the adverse publicity and embarrassment. In place, the President/CEO gambled his very own career by firmly taking such a risk on a convicted felon and publicly acknowledged alcoholic pilot. He made his way to the pinnacle of commercial aviation, airline captain.. Lyle retired honorably as a 747 captain for the airline he'd so horribly embarrassed and disgraced. In a long and arduous journey, he eventually regained his FAA licenses. He continues to utilize all of the major airlines within their alcohol programs. He is also active in his Native American community, and he provides hope to those struggling with the condition of alcoholism, regardless of who they are or where they're.



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. I recall when this happened. I was in senior high school at that time. I viewed it on the news headlines and keep in mind judging the pilots harshly, and considering they deserved what they got. I did laugh at the late night comedian jokes as well. I will have a deeper knowledge of addiction, and also have seen close friends and other good people battle this. I'm a medical professional, and have noticed the devastating effects addictions have on personal and professional life of the addicted people. I'm glad programs exist that allow experts in recovery to resume their professional lives. I also have a casual curiosity in aviation and read quite a bit of aviation fiction along with true stories like this. I'm less than halfway through this book, and can barely put it down. Amazing man, amazing story! I admire his determination, contrition, power, honesty, and his ability to acknowledge how others had been impacted by his alcoholism in addition to his appreciation for his or her role in his recovery. It's such a raw and honest insight in to the incident and its own aftermath through the eye of Captian Prouse. Nevertheless, I am curious as to why the pilots were allowed to fly at all on the day they were arrested. Honesty, contrition, and bravery.. He sets an example for everyone. He's sentenced to prison, marking the low-point in his existence, and therefore begins his battle to climb from the hole he's place himself in, also to transform himself back to the positioning of respectability that he'd once earned/liked. This man's remarkable story can be a testament to belief in oneself, hard work, and a never-give-up attitude, and is must-read for anybody with an alcohol (or medication, gambling, etc.) addiction. I felt it provided me better insight in to the airline sector, the FAA and the pilots association. I really like airplanes and space travel books, so this would be one more aviation book I could get into and enjoy. The main theme of this book though is not about flying, or Northwest Airlines, but in regards to a guy who lost his career due to alcohol, recovered/recovering from alcoholic beverages, and went on to come back to his beloved career as a pilot. I significantly admire the integrity and perseverance that Captain Prouse demonstrated. Lyle Prouse, from the beginning to the end of the book, many times over assumes complete responsibility for what occurred to him. I gladly recognized it and took it with me when I continued a resent cruise. Most people want to blame their complications on everyone and everything, but never themselves. To me this was refreshing to hear Lyle blame himself. I came across it refreshing to read about people behaving honorably. I've by no means fulfilled a person with so much dedication to climb out from the pit he ended up in, in my own associations in existence. Lyle describes the sensation of unbelievable shame and the street back which now is a life beyond his wildest dreams. But, you may never hear him complain about it, he took the opportunity of learning also in his airline flight retraining. I think most pilots who were near the top of the hill, Airline Transport Pilot permit as Lyle was, would resent getting told they have to start over. I don't wish to go into information regarding the publication, because I think people should read this publication, and be inspired by Lyle Prouse, and in addition his wife who by no means left his side. solid encouragement for those currently coping with the pit of drug addiction. It'll cause you to laugh, AND cry. He goes between his previous in his early days in the Navy as an aviator in Viet Nam, then back again to the the theme of what this reserve is about. I'm a PhD professional, and have seen the devastating results addictions have on personal and professional lifestyle of the addicted people. Surely it had been interesting to hear about the details of his debacle but that which was really enjoyable was to listen to his words, the words which come directly from his heart. Serenity As a recovering alcoholic and sober for 28 years, I was moved by Lyle Prouse's story of defeat, discomfort, acknowledgement and recovery. While this is a great book for everybody undergoing recovery, it is an excellent testimony of courage and perseverance. From the top to underneath and back again This was a great story of redemption. It's a tale of how not to take factors for granted and how exactly to never give up on your dreams even though the road could be paved with struggles, set backs and disappointments. I remembered the story of the Northwest airlines air travel crew that was arrested for flying drunk but I by no means knew the entire story. Now I do. Captain Lyle Prouse-must-read for anyone I function with an

alcoholic beverages (or drug, gambling, etc.) .I have worked with Captain Lyle Prouse and have known him personally. We felt it gave me better insight into the airline industry Sincere and seemingly honest account of what Captain Prouse did wrong and the many, many things he did to improve the incorrect. I gladly approved by brothers reserve. Once I began reading I understood why Captain explained that our life tales where very similar.) addiction. Nobody would believe it. Even if you can't stand aviation, read it in any manner, because it's more about a man's struggle, than about aviation. An admitted alcoholic just like me and yet he is non-e the less to become admired. Actual integrity, gratitude and humility is usually rarely found in one nowadays. This man's remarkable story is normally a testament to belief in God , effort, and a never-give-up attitude, and is normally must-read for anyone I work with an alcohol (or drug, gambling, etc. I highly recommend this reserve to all. I've lost people I've caused and family members from alcoholism therefore I'm well alert to the tragedy of it. He sets an example for me personally and everyone I work with. It'll cause you to laugh, AND cry.God bless Captain Lyle Prouse - A existence beyond his wildest dreams A pal of mine described his alcoholism by "Alcohol taught me how exactly to fly and then it took my sky away" This is what happened to Lyle but this publication is about his road to recovery. This man had to start his flying career over again from the bottom up, I my self hold a private pilot license, underneath license, the first permit in flying, which is where Lyle Prouse got to start his flying over again. You can't make this stuff up. Captain Prouse's writing design is honest, expressive, and he tells his phenomenal story in a manner that can be fun and moving to learn. Once I began reading I had problems putting it down. That is something you by no means hear in today's world. Truth is higher than fiction Gene Carse Ft Myers,Fl A man to Be Admired I knew of Captain Lyle Prouse long before a good friend handed me his publication. Lyle, you've inspired me, and today I hope numerous others with browse this book and be inspired. The writer an admitted alcoholic can be none the much less to end up being admired. Such integrity, honesty, gratitude and humility can be rarely within one man. and from this lofty position, the author and subject of the amazing book finds himself in a life-altering scenario that quickly undoes all that he's worked well so hard to accomplish. I highly recommend this publication to all.After he finished my latest book Higher and Higher by Leonard Wayne, he handed me his publication and said browse mine please. A Publication About Great Courage and Perseverance I bought this book mainly because a Kindle book after trying it out.You may never catch a glimpse of self pity anywhere from cover to cover. The Story of a Remarkable Man Final Approach is an extraordinary story. Now for any one who wants to prejudge this man before reading the reserve, don't. I was equally impressed by the strength and devotion that Barbara demonstrated her spouse through their experience. From a hard childhood, this guy with Native American roots, joins the Marines, and sets his sights on learning to be a pilot, and he does so, initial, as an A4 Skyhawk fighter pilot for the Marine Corps (flying combat sorties out of Chu Lai , RVN) and next (as he's progressed through the ranks) as a 747 Captain for Northwest Airlines . Couldn't put it down once We started reading it! I recommend, both for aviators and for non-aviators. I also have to add that his design of writing is one which I really like. Captain Prouse's writing design is normally honest, expressive, and he tells his phenomenal story in a way that is fun and moving to learn. With humility and humor, Prouse recounts wire-ranging adventures in the cockpit of airliners, light aircraft, and helicopters, facing open public humiliation and prison, and his stories of recovery and solve that will challenge your perspectives on everything from aviation to addiction.



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