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Sully: My Search For What Really Matters



Synopsis

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 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 starring 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. Cover art © 2016 WBEI. All Rights Reserved. Please note: This title was previously released as Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Mattered.

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Customer Reviews

Sully is the ultimate airport book. An airport book is something that is easy to read in the not-so-ideal locations of an airport lounge or on a bumpy plane ride. Airport books need to be clearly written and easy-to-read, but not boring; after all flying and waiting to fly are boring enough already..One might

suspect, that as flight 1549 lasted less than five minutes, trying to "milk" those five minutes into a full-length book would result in a repetitive, tedious manuscript full of minutiae. While there is some minutiae, it is largely confined to the two appendices and not in the narrative proper. In Sully, the book, there is the obligatory biography of the author himself. How he learned to fly, his career in the Navy etc., but the biography is more than just about and is surprisingly personal. Besides intimate family details, the reader learns much about the airline industry, how flight 1549 touched the lives of those not even directly related to the flight, and, most importantly, important details of the flight that were missed or reportedly inaccurately by the media. Sully was originally published under the title "Highest Duty." It was renamed (presumably) to help market the movie "Sully." While the new title is more accurate, had "Sully" been used as the original title it would have been perceived as self-serving and Captain Sully is better than that. I picked this book at the airport and finished before I landed. I had a smooth, on-time flight; may you have a similar experience.

Fascinating life story. Obviously the account of the crash was riveting, but as a frequent flier I also loved the "behind the scenes" tid bits about the airline industry. Amazing, candid reflections about his family and himself. Truly incredible book and an easy read.

This is a great book on flying. If you are thinking about a career in the military as a pilot or as an airline pilot, I strongly recommend it. One commenter, errantly said that Sully was a Navy pilot. Actually Sully was an Air Force pilot and graduated from the US Air Force Academy. Not a huge deal, but this is a book about what it takes to be a pilot. One of those things is not making very many mistakes. Sully does a terrific job of covering the attention to detail pilots need from constantly making quick and sometimes split second decisions, but also planning and preparation. He outlines some of the dangers of military and small airplane flying and also does a nice job of conveying what it is like to be a professional airline pilot. The dangers, the skill and the thrill, and what it takes along with the everyday life aspects. Typically, we only hear about the mistakes pilots make. During my training, I recall one of my Navy flight instructors telling me, "We don't want to read about you." Indeed, It is a job you typically don't want any notoriety from. I bought another copy for a friend's son who wants to be a pilot. To me, this book gives you an idea of what it's like and what it takes. It is not as easy as getting into an airplane and putting the auto-pilot on, even in the highly automated cockpits of today. That is the mistaken impression many people have these days. Thanks Sully for telling it like it is and making us all look great!

I really enjoyed this book. "Sully", of course, concerns the events of January 15, 2009 on Flight 1549, and the "miracle landing" in the Hudson River in which no lives were lost. The book provides a profile of a life-long commitment to the disciplined profession of flying, from his youthful start, learning on an Aeronca 7DC crop duster, through his military service and into his professional pilot career with U.S. Airways. Just as compelling are the insights into the history of air travel, close calls and notable events through the years, and a life-long commitment to safety. Captain Sullenberger's writing is exactly what you would expect from the world's best known pilot: laconic, thoughtful, modest, honest and direct. "Sully" is a quick read, but has enough variety of subject matter and depth to be worth your time. One of the most fascinating aspects of the book are insights into the airline industry, which has seen many changes and challenges over the past thirty years. Airline employees have had to deal with the aftermath of deregulation, pay cuts and give backs, pension degradation and a strict seniority system that prevents lateral transfers to other airlines. Sully's meditations on life (the book is subtitled "My Search for What Really Matters") also provide rich subject matter for contemplation. He says, "People who love their jobs work more diligently at them. They become more adept at the intricacies of their duties. They serve the world well." Sully is a pragmatic sort of philosopher who feels we should each do our part to contribute to the general welfare. He lives this philosophy, has demonstrated it in life-long commitment, and has indeed served our world well.

Just having seen the excellent movie "Sully" with Tom Hanks, the books fleshes out the life of this wonderful American and Hero. Great reading and very informative about the life of a pilot. It is such a great read I am having trouble putting it down. I can highly recommend both the book and movie as a great weekend!

This account of the miracle on the Hudson should be read by everyone. It's a testament to hard work. Honesty. Lady Luck Family values. And one fantastic pilot and crew. Read.

Throughout th book it's clear this story is much greater than one person or one moment. Truly a moving book.

A great book, step by step picture of his life and what he experience with his emergency landing in NY.

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