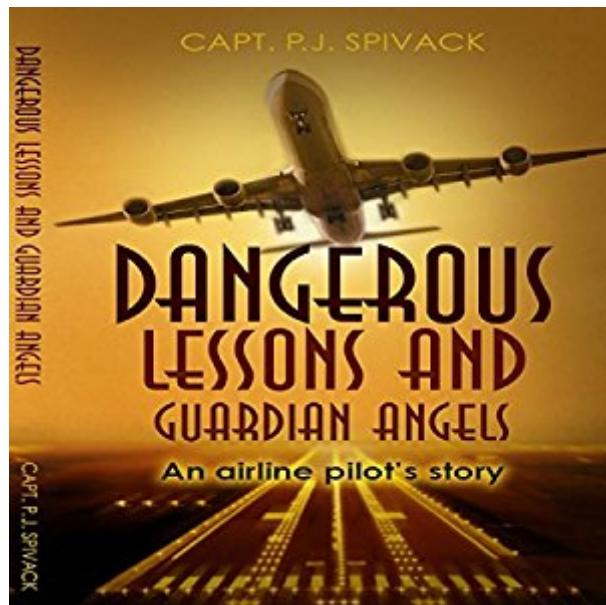


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# Dangerous Lessons And Guardian Angels: An Airline Pilot's Story



## **Synopsis**

This is an action-packed, true adventure book that spans 35 years of airline flying. There are stories about transporting guns to Biafra in order to help the Independent Nigerians, flying cargo up and down the Berlin Air Corridor during the Cold War, as well as missions deep into Russia. Many of the stories in this book will put you on the edge of your seat; for example, when the author is forced to make a death-defying landing of a four-engine jetliner in total fog. During that landing, the runway never seen until the airplane is brought to a complete stop. This exciting book also chronicles treasure diving with frightening visits by man-eating sharks, exploring the anchorages off dreamy Caribbean beaches, and fly-fishing for huge trophy trout high in the Andes of Argentina. These true adventures are told in a series of fascinating short stories. Besides featuring dramatic and sometimes humorous tales of adventure, this information packed book also has a chapter on how to become an airline pilot and land that airline job. Finally, there is an inspirational message to be persistent, focused and never give up, even when faced with overwhelming odds.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Jay's Book was a treasure to me. So much I had forgotten. There were not many dull minute's on a Capitol fly. Jay is truly a pilot's pilot. Anyone with the slightest interest in 'the way it was' should read Dangerous Lessons and Guardian Angels. Thanks Jay!

Capt. Spivack's book is very entertaining reading. I found myself wondering how one person could have so many exciting adventures all over the globe! To be right there in the cockpit as split second decisions had to be made was truly engrossing. Yet Capt. Spivak did not 'blink' or 'flinch.' He made

the correct decisions and was able to describe the events vividly, and with a steady expertise that made you feel you were indeed in the pilot's seat. I knew I was in for a treat from the first page on. The book also clearly presented the idea that most people, air travellers included, don't really appreciate how difficult and dangerous the pilot's profession is. A good book. Read it!

Being an Administrator of several airlines sites, I really thought this was one of the very best aviation books I have ever read and have ordered more copies of this great book for friends to read. I was very touched when I opened up the first page which listed pilot friends of his "In Memoriam". Several were pilots from my airline, Overseas National. I notified the wife of one of these pilots that I flew with. She was very grateful. I really like all his topics. He is an exceptional writer with a very smooth and creative style of writing. He has many incredible incidents that he has written about. Some are close calls and others are quite humorous. He does into great depth explaining about many different types of planes he flew. This book is extremely entertaining as well as highly educational. He has included many wonderful photos. my favorite chapters was "1975 Flying the Line." He writes , " I had the good life of a thirty-five year old airline captain piloting a 250-passenger , four engine DC-8 jetliner to international destinations, and getting great experience flying one thousand hours per year. My career, my dreams, had all come true." In 1981, he upgrades to Capitol's McDonnell Douglas DC-10. He remarks :" I loved the DC-10, as did almost every DC-10 pilot with whom I have ever spoken." This is not only a great book to read, but I highly recommend it for anyone who is an airline enthusiast and loves airline history. You will want several copies. I flew for another charter, ONA the same time, so I can really appreciate everything he has written. I have sent copies of this book all around the world.Treat yourself to one of the best aviation books you will ever read!

I read Captain Spivack's book and really enjoyed it. His variety of experience in civil aviation and the companies he flew for were interesting, to say the least. Even the era he flew in, Cold War, etc. was something to behold. I have no doubt the author's stories about his experiences were true, as I flew with him at one of those non-sked carriers he mentions in his book. I recommend this to anyone interested in civil aviation, especially the charter, cargo or foreign contract flying areas. The many people he met and places he visited are worth reading the book, alone. One small critique, not a criticism, (and the reason I give it 4 out of 5 instead of 5 out of 5 stars) was the detailed descriptions at the end of his Caribbean fishing tales. With all the fishing-related content, he may have decided to call his book "Dangerous Lessons, Guardian Angels, Fly Fishing and Hyperactive Tarpon" instead. Again, I seriously recommend this for aviation enthusiasts.

If you want to know what it is like to be in the cockpit of a DC-10 and many other planes, then you must read this book! Many of the author's adventures were dangerous, but his guardian angels saw him through every time all over the world. This true account of a pilot's life will interest anyone who flies and will inspire anyone who wants to become a professional pilot. This book has it all; danger, humor, drama and good reading from cover to cover. I highly recommend it for anyone interested in the world of aviation. Great reading for us on the ground too!

As we all fly to desired destinations one wonders what kind of pilot will get us there. Go inside Captain Spivak's mind in this book and see and feel how the level of experience, guts, professionalism and " THE RIGHT STUFF " can make all the difference. I want Spivak as my pilot.

I read this book with lots of interest , being a old stewardess of Capitol Airways. Entertaining with humor and lots of flying facts. It was a pleasure reading it to the last page!!

P.J. Spivak far outstrips most writers who recount the events of their life. Jay writes with great skill and discourse and covers his flying days from complete novice to retirement of a career that covers his days learning to fly to flying the DC-10 Heavy jumbo. Sharing the good, the not-so-good, and the scary events that made up his lifetime in the air and showing that commercial pilots have a constant learning curve and a need for a Guardian Angel to fly with them no matter how expert their skills. This is the book that, particularly for a pilot, puts you in peril with the crew and passengers and tells how fast you must be able to make crucial decisions. It dredges up events that may have happened in years past, with lessons learned, and moves them forward to a current event and more than once saves lives and multi-million dollar equipment. If you fly, if you plan to fly...you need to read this book and get a new perspective of the skills that a pilot must possess! We certainly recommend it to all! Capt. Lee Baker and Suzan Baker

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