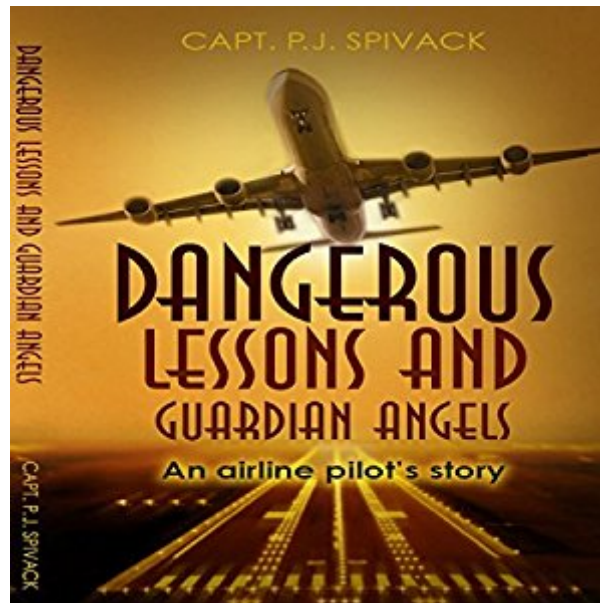




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# Dangerous Lessons And Guardian Angels: An Airline Pilot's Story



## 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

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 goes 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 chapter 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 upgraded 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-scheduled 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.

A great account of an aviation life well-lived ! Excellent writing style. Packed with excitement and insight into people and events. I met Jay and he is a delight to listen to. His advice to those thinking of a career in aviation should be followed carefully. I would love to re-read this book but it's been lent to my friends ! Best wishes to the good Captain !

Absolutely a good read. I am a Ham operator and spoke to the author in length, when he told me he wrote a book on some of the experiences we were talking about. I ordered it that evening when it arrived it was a cover to cover read in one day.

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

Few writings (let alone movies) accurately depict careers in the airline business. Most are technically so far out in left field that the true situations described are unrecognizable. In "Dangerous Lessons and Guardian Angels," author Spivack describes his career in a way that airline pilots can accept without reservation, and those not acquainted with the profession can understand. He succinctly explains technical terms, doesn't bog down in those explanations, and doesn't use jargon without bringing the reader along as a partner in his tale. He doesn't glorify himself; he just describes milestones in his career as a fond look-back. The reader can place himself in the situations without caring about the difference in Vx and Vy, or Fowler flaps and leading-edge slats. The book is also favorably reviewed in Air Line Pilot magazine by the author's peers. Recommended, and not just for airplane buffs!

I enjoyed the stories and the authors writing style. His adventures and characterizations are so true. I was part of that era and industry and it was very exciting times in commercial charter aviation.

write in the order of time and bring out the truth of a pilot's life from the beginning to the ongoing. Love the tone of honesty and passion. Love the book and thanks for sharing your precious experience.

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