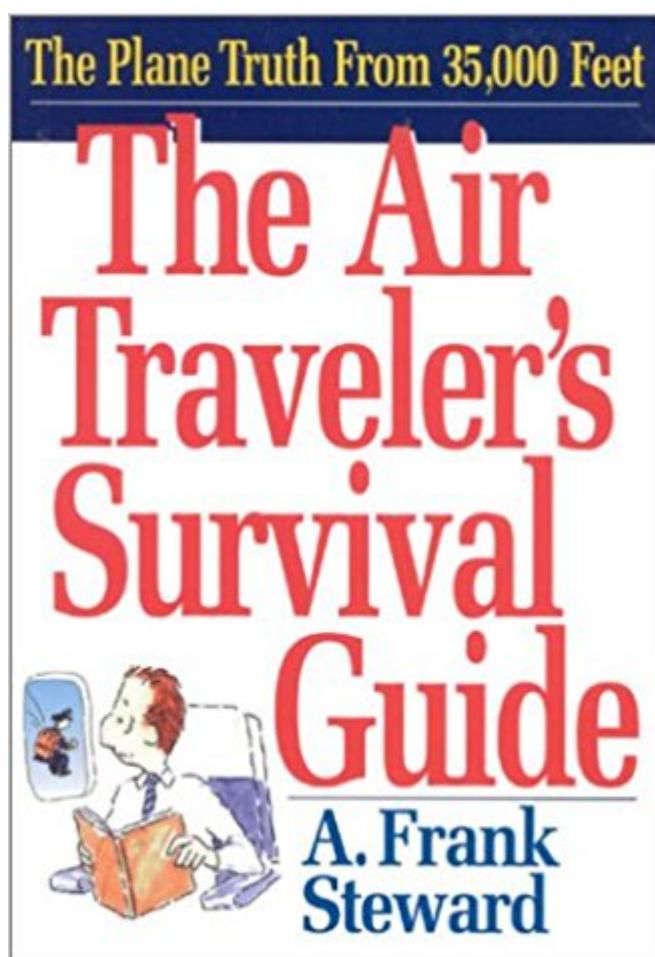


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Synopsis

In 61 short two- and three-page stories of what really goes on in the air, this book covers everything from observations on the intriguing in-flight behavior of different nationalities to handling passengers with special requests. One of the most entertaining books ever written on air travel -- guaranteed to keep readers laughing and crying for hours!

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Customer Reviews

This is a very enjoyable book. Read it. If you love to fly, as I do, or hate to fly, you will enjoy "A. Frank Steward's" book and his experiences. It is funny, sad, and a quick read. I wrote him a fan letter and said I'd post something on .

Written by A. Frank Steward (ha, ha), this volume is a little bit of memoir, a little bit of advice by a seasoned veteran of the skies, but mostly a collection of stories about the life of a flight attendant. Tales of hijacking are conspicuous by their absence and security procedures are dealt with in bland admonishments to remember that it's for the traveler's good, thus instantly dating this book as pre-9/11. Talking about coach-class meal service is another dead giveaway. It was probably funnier before last fall to read about people on planes who get sick, drunk, loopy enough to take off all their clothes in the john, or who get stuck there. Still, amid the tiresome dross (there is WAY too much vomit flying around) there are scattered gems. I was moved, for example, by the tale of a double amputee determined to see the world, and the flight attendant who quit the business but could never find his place in life. Since the book has no plot or organization it's easy to skip over the lesser

parts, at least. I'd say this one is a reasonably good way to pass the time on an economy class flight.

This book made me laugh, cry and intrigued me to no end. I always wondered what it would be like to be a flight attendant and now I know, and have gained a greater appreciation of their job. I read the book on a ten hour flight and it made what would have been a boring trip, thoroughly enjoyable. A Frank Steward is a pen name for an open honest(frank)flight attendant(steward) who tells it like it is. I finished it unfortunately the day of the Twin Towers tragedy and feel for the people that risk their lives everyday. It was kind of spooky that there is a chapter in the book called "Insecurity" that outlines the lack of security in US Airports and the need for dramatically heightened regulations in America. He goes on to say that it is going to take some major terrorist event to wake up the world and change security measures. Unfortunately he was right and things will now have to change. This book is a glance into the various cultures, bizarre travel experiences, and a closer look into the people who get us from one point to another. Great read and I hope there is more.LF

This wonderfully written book was a lucky find. I had seen a couple of people on a recent flight reading this book and they never put it down. I asked both of them if they would recommend it, and they said absolutely! I had never heard of the author A. Frank Steward before, but that was because it is a pen name for an honest flight attendant, who tells it like it is. Full of fascinating airline stories (funny and sad), helpful traveling and inflight advice, and insights on the traveling public from a flight attendant's view. It's the perfect book to read on a flight or at the airport, but the only problem was that I couldn't put it down at home and finished it before my next flight. If you are feeling a bit apprehensive about flying, especially these days, I would recommend this for your next flight. A healing period is needed for the air travel industry and this is the perfect start. My only criticism is that it didn't come out earlier, there is an insightful chapter that outlines the desperate need for change in security at America's airports. Great book for all.JM

I recently read and really enjoyed A. Frank Steward's latest book The Plane Truth: Shift Happens at 35,000 Feet, so I decided to read this one and absolutely loved it. I don't normally write reviews but this book stood out to me. It was a humorous, fair and often times touching representation of air travel and some of the bizarre occupants along the way. Granted it was obviously written before the 9/11 tragedy but that is what makes his latest book so poignant. I would recommend both books to anyone who wants to laugh and enjoy their flight more, not to the grumpy frequent flyers who take

out their frustrations on a constantly changing career field. I hope that this is the beginning of a new series of air travel books. It honestly saved me from a horrible flying experience, instead of suffering through it, I laughed, uncontrollably at some points. This is a major point for me as I am not a calm flyer to say the least.

I found relief in the air from this book. I hate flying (especially after 9/11) but it is necessary in my line of work. I always try to make the best of it and bring along a couple of books, but they never did any good until now. Instead of trying to pretend I was in another place, this book actually showed me how to enjoy the flying experience from a totally new perspective. A flight attendant tells of his experiences, offers helpful advice and presents a wonderful human touch to this "Air Traveler's Chicken Soup" book. Instead of my normal miserable trip, I actually enjoyed myself. I don't know if authors ever read these reviews, but if they do, I want to thank "Frank" for an enjoyable trip and a great book!

I enjoyed this author's writing style and loved the content. It was fun to read it on the airplane and compare as the flight progressed. This book is the first by a flight attendant that doesn't end up whining about his job or the passengers. In fact, he pokes fun of everyone but reserves the biggest punches for himself. My only criticism is that occasionally he bleeped out some of the more harsh words, which I can understand but it made me feel juvenile. It's not really an air traveler's survival guide but more of an air traveler's observation guide. Verdict: Two thumbs up! My favorite travel book this year so far.

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