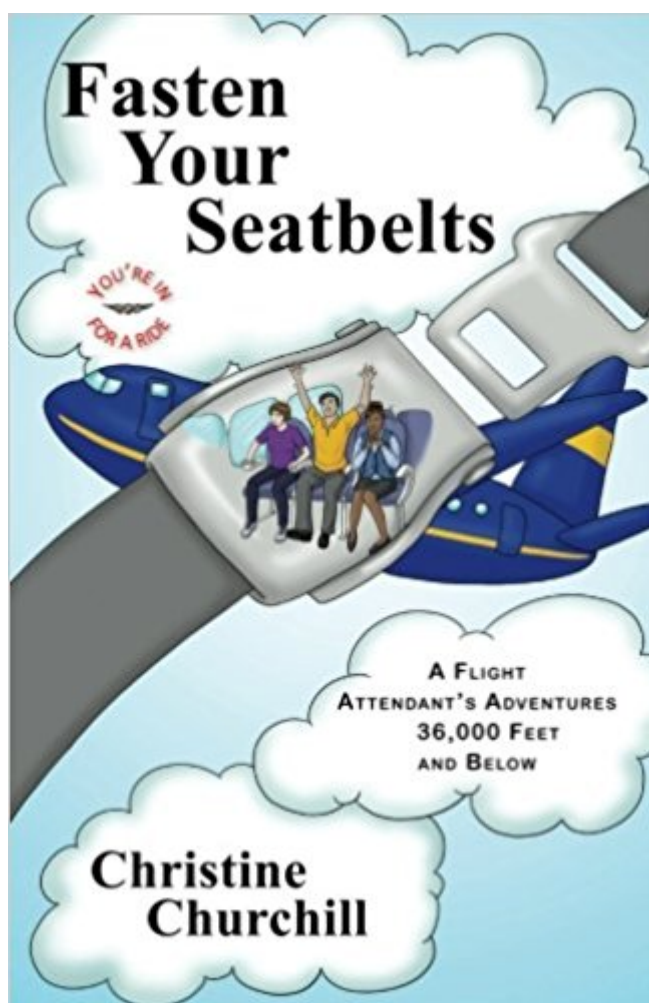


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Fasten Your Seatbelts: A Flight Attendant's Adventures 36,000 Feet And Below



Synopsis

After landing her dream job as a flight attendant, young Christine could never have imagined the eventful journeys that lay ahead. Set against the backdrop of majestic cities and exotic layovers, turbulent skies, thousands of passenger and crew members, *Fasten Your Seatbelts* immerses the reader into the private world of a flight service professional. Experience life as a flight attendant and the days when flying was fun, glamorous and sometimes a little naughty. Come fly with Chris through flight attendant training, (a.k.a. "the charm farm") to living the jet set lifestyle filled with laughter, romance and terror. From medical and mechanical emergencies, world travel and quirky passengers, to a SWAT team storming the aircraft on 9/11, *Fasten Your Seatbelts* will keep you on the edge of your seat. Relive two decades of harrowing and heartwarming personal stories and get an insider's view of travel and the changing airline industry. So, buckle up ladies and gentleman, and prepare for takeoff! This chronicle takes you on Christine's personal journey from the initial airline job interviews, her first flight, to international service and the dramatic events of 9/11 and beyond. Her engaging personality and adventurous spirit have fueled escapades that have enriched and endangered her life on more than one occasion. You will shed tears for a soldier of misfortune, laugh out loud from the effects of a giant burrito and gasps as she is assaulted on a Palm Beach layover. Meet the celebrities and movie stars, the many passengers, pilots and crew members that have contributed to a lifetime of adventure. Christine is a natural born storyteller. These compelling stories include ghostly encounters, emergency situations and conversations with air crash survivors. Life lessons are learned as she shares what it is like to fly the friendly and sometimes menacing skies.

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"A ride you will enjoy from beginning to end, fun, informative and a must read for the frequent traveler." - Dr. Eric Kaplan, #1 Best Selling Author, 5 Minute Motivator "...Christine has a wonderful way of sharing these experiences with her wonderfully positive attitude." ~ Ruth Anne Lyons "Every chapter tells a great story! Fun! Right from the heart. I loved it! (Retired CEO with significant travel time)." ~James S. "I found myself laughing out loud, reading about the paranormal, feeling horrified about the behaviors of some of the passengers, realizing the risks of flying daily and learning about what the entire crew experiences in general." ~Deborah Lewis

Prologue
Immediately after takeoff, the chimes rang signaling the flight attendants to pick up the phone. The captain asked with urgency, "Do you smell anything in the cabin?" A tiny window on the exit door beamed in a ray of sunshine filled with dust particles glistening in the air. The dust began to churn and thicken like fog. Then it dawned on me: That's not dust, that's smoke! In disbelief, I peered into the coach section and my worst fear came true. A gray haze floated lightly throughout the cabin. I quickly relayed the information to the captain. "We're turning around," he replied without hesitation. I said, "Terry, you grab the fire extinguishers and I'll find the source of the smoke..."
On the morning of September 11, 2001, while stranded on the runway for three hours in Chicago, the captain informed us a gate was finally available, but he would have to call the chief of pilots to brief him on our situation. A few minutes later the phone chimed, "We are a security risk and can't come to the gate. They are going to storm the airplane from the rear. Disarm your doors in the back of the cabin..."
I knew I should have trusted my instincts by not going out with a stranger on a layover. A tear fell down my cheek as I looked into his eyes. They were glazed over with an animalistic look to them. I thought to myself, I am either going to be raped or killed. No one knows where I am...
As the hour grew close to midnight, the trapped passengers who were once calm and subdued lost all dignity by definition. Call lights chimed in frustration. The passengers began to chant. "WE WANT OFF, WE WANT OFF!" I called the captain to let him in on the action. "You might want to hear this..."
After a long grueling day, I couldn't wait to take a short break. Unfortunately, the unwanted sound of the phone chimed. Shelly, the first class flight attendant, yelled, "Get up here, NOW!" I made my way through coach wondering what I was going to find. As I entered first class, the putrid smell of vomit permeated the air. I continued to where the commotion was taking place in the first row. There, a man's body lay lifeless, slumped to the left. Fluids seeped from his mouth and his face

was ashen. As I approached him, his eyes opened slightly. Thank God he's alive. I unlocked the oxygen from the bracket...***While filling my tank in uniform at the gas station, a young man opposite of me spoke up with curiosity, "You're a flight attendant, huh? I bet you have some stories to tell!"

This book reveals the ups and downs of working in the airlines industry. It is bursting full of stories that are seen through the seasoned flight attendant's eyes. Highly recommend it for anyone who flies or for anyone who is pursuing a career as a flight attendant. I gave it five stars because I could not put the book down! I found myself laughing out loud, reading about the paranormal, feeling horrified about the behaviors of some of the passengers, realizing the risks of flying daily and learning about what the entire crew experiences in general. Technical information was also described to acquaint the reader more about the functions of the airplane and what to actually do in case of an emergency.

If you are considering a career as a Flight Attendant or travel regularly on the airlines, this is a very good book for you. The author sheds light on some of the inner workings of an airline. She also reveals some typical, and not-so-typical life experiences of airline crews. I travel a lot and found this book quite entertaining and informational. I feel like I've experienced life as a flight attendant. Really enjoyed it!

Ah, I knew I would love this book. I'm a sucker for air travel stories, probably because I'm so fascinated by this mode of transportation. Plus, it's safer to read about crazy flights than to actually experience them. In this true tale, Churchill explores the drama of surviving several such air scares, as well as some on the ground that arose from challenging interpersonal relationships. She suggests, demonstrating through riveting explanation, that the supernatural played a big role in her getting over these obstacles. I felt saddened as that percentage inched toward 100, for the anticipation of diving back into those pages enlivened many a dull workday. I'd suggest you grab it, and see if you feel the same.

I read this whole book in one sitting. It so good and brutally honest! I, too, am a flight attendant with about the same seniority as Christine and have shared a lot of the same experiences. Christine has a wonderful way of sharing these experiences with her wonderfully positive attitude. You, too, will enjoy this book and learn some valuable life lessons in the process. Enjoy!

It was funny and full of adventures...i had to stop and travel in time remembering my similar experiences...good book...i really enjoyed it...hope you will too...

A very enjoyable read about a woman's experiences in life while being a flight attendant. I enjoyed reading about all the different adventures she had with drunk passengers, celebrities she met, the fun and scary and unique things she did while on layovers in exotic destinations. I also liked hearing about her personal stories too even if they didn't have to do with flying. I wish the story didn't end, I wanted to hear more.

Written. As a white knuckle flyer I so admire these who handle the flying as well as people who fly

Christine has a great way of putting herself out there for the world to see. She can laugh at herself and also not be afraid to let the truth pour out when telling of a very personal matter. I love the way she has a mixture of stories. They are funny, heartwarming, gruesome, fearful, informative and threw all that are so down to earth. I'm not a frequent flier but when i do fly I hope to remember to truly thank the flight attendants. Great job and hope the book is a big success!

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