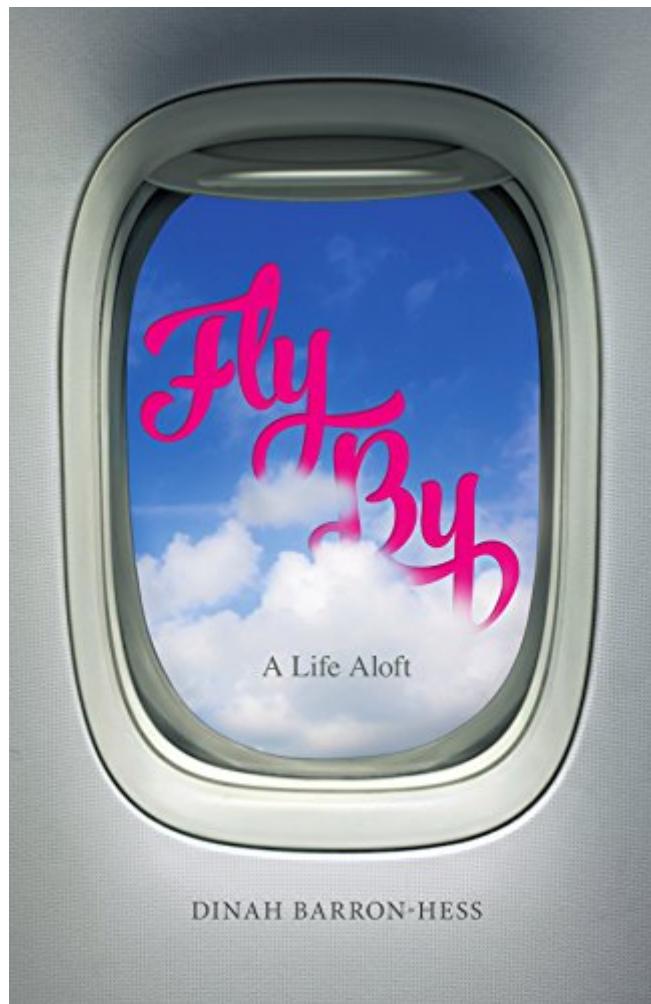


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Fly By: A Life Aloft



Synopsis

For a flight attendant, every flight brings its own specific challenges. Dinah Barron-Hess vividly remembers the time that she ran into her childhood bully flying in first class. What do you say to someone who made your life miserable in fourth grade and now doesn't even recognize you? Other amazing adventures include flying with her beloved cat (not recommended when you are also working the flight), dealing with a thief and a bomb threat, and satisfying a bevy of often demanding, drunk, and kooky customers. One of Barron-Hess's most incredible flights included a once-in-a-lifetime meeting with actor Cary Grant. The encounter didn't end there. She had one magical date with him in New York City and is now sharing every detail with you! Handsome actors and weird passengers aside, Barron-Hess also looks at how the airline industry has changed since 9/11. She considers the seventies, eighties, and nineties to be the halcyon days of air travel. Now, since her airline crashed into one of the towers, everything has changed. Barron-Hess mourns the loss of the glamour of the good old days and celebrates the amazing work flight attendants still do on every single trip.

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Customer Reviews

What a tremendously enjoyable read! I downloaded the book about 24 hours ago...only the need for

sleep made me temporarily quit reading it well after midnight. I could hardly wait to get back to it today! What a fun, funny, sensitive, evocative, uplifting story; what a great story teller is this author! I laughed and laughed...often out loud, I chuckled under my breath, I read portions to my husband, and appreciated Barron-Hess's sometimes clever, sometimes hilarious "turn of phrases." I cried...with her as she shared those moments as a flight attendant that were worthy of tears, (particularly her experience of 9/11); and I cried tears of joy at other times...especially while reading the romantic scenes describing meeting and falling in love with her husband. Fly By: A Life Aloft is...as I think she said at the outset, a love story from beginning to end. She clearly loved her job, her co-workers, most of her passengers, and certainly her husband and daughter. I will never look at another flight attendant in quite the same way!

Though I am not a flight attendant, I have spent my share of time flying over the years... 90% for pleasure. I have always wondered how often flight attendants are able to enjoy the "perks" of their jobs and Dinah did such a great job storytelling her tales. Since I am the passenger who sleeps on most flights my few interactions are brief and mostly involve exchanging pleasantries. I was blown away both by her generosity and passion for her career and colleagues.... Heartfelt, palpable and admirable! Great read and really draws you in... Enjoy!!!

Dinah did a great job of crafting stories that anyone in any walk of life would enjoy and could relate to.....there was a line where she said..." I wanted to be with my tribe again...to talk the talk we talk." (or similar) that just gripped me. One doesn't have to be a flight attendant to get this. Just missing your family, any family ,you know....I would highly recommend this book...it is easy to read and funny when appropriate. I could hear her voice in every word. Lola (aka Moe)

Being a flight attendant at United during the same time as, Dinah, I can relate to so many of the stories. This book helped me fondly remember my 30 year flying career. It was a great career and life, and I was so blessed to have flown when it was indeed fun to fly. This book is a great read, and very entertaining. Thanks, Dinah, for the memories!

A very truthful book about being a Stewardess then and a Flight Attendant now from the 70's till the present. Everything you ever thought it to be and more. It is wonderful to have a job that agrees with you and travel is one of the best.

I really enjoyed this book. I flew from 1966 to 2012 for this airline. I remember the Holiday Inns, the short layovers and I would never take a moment back. Thank you for a fun read. Patti Jacoby

Dinah Barron-Hess is a born story teller and she has some great ones. Fly By: A Life Aloft is a fast and enjoyable read: sometimes laugh out loud funny, sometimes poignant and absolutely never dull. Well done!

I'm a retired FA and this book is fun

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