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JUMP! : Skydiving Made Fun & Easy



Synopsis

To jump or not to jump--this book answers the question! Here's just the thing for anyone who has ever toyed with the idea of skydiving and wants to know more before deciding if the sport is right for them. Writing for those with no real skydiving knowledge, the author provides a complete overview of the sport, discussing the thrill, the risk, the basics, jump training, safety training, the cost, the time, where to go, what to do, questions to ask, and much more. THE book to read before enrolling in a skydiving class. * Explains the types of skydiving: Tandem, Accelerated Freefall, and Static Line * Tells how to go about selecting a school or training program * Provides a series of questions to ask when comparing skydiving centers by telephone * Includes Frequently Asked Questions * Beautiful 8-page color insert

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Customer Reviews

This is a first rate for book for getting a general overview on skydiving. It is primarily geared toward first time and less experienced jumpers. Mr. Buchanan writes in a very easy readable style. He covers the major areas involved in skydiving ranging from the parachute equipment, the types of planes used, the type of training and instructors available and how to pick the right drop zone for your jump. There are also chapters on risks and overcoming the fear of jumping. Buchanan does not sugar coat the dangers of skydiving. However, he does go into detail on ways to avoid the risks. He points out what someone should look for and the right questions to ask when contemplating your first jump. Particularly helpful are the FAQ, at the end of the book which covers most major questions

a first time jumper would have about the sport, and the glossary which helps with all the abbreviations and specific terms used in skydiving. But most of all throughout the entire book Buchanan conveys the sheer joy, fun, excitement and enthusiasm that he has for the sport.

Skydiving Instructor Tom Buchanan takes the student (and the reader) by the hand from the first jump on up. He tells you what to expect and shows you what to do so that you will progress up the skydiving ladder faster while having even more fun. See the Table of Contents under Editorial Reviews, above. See the back cover description of the book under From the Inside Flap, above. They describe the book's coverage well. Books like this contribute to the proliferation of skydiving knowledge and are responsible for the orderly development of the sport of parachuting. As the co-author (with Mike Turoff) of Parachuting, The Skydiver's Handbook and six other books on parachutes and skydiving, I recognize a good skydiving book when I see one. Highly recommended.--Dan Poynter, D-454, ParaPublishing.com.

A great read! Extremely well written! The information that the writer shares with his readers is invaluable for the first time skydiver, anyone who ever thought about jumping and everyone who is curious about the sport. The information is well organized and it is easy to find the answer to any question the reader might have. The writer has a great ability to captivate the reader and put the reader in the moment of the jump. Tom Buchanan clearly knows and loves his sport and shares his enthusiasm with the reader. I highly recommend this book.

I haven't made my first jump yet, but this guy does seem to know his stuff. Recommended by my instructor. Includes what one can expect to spend, what to look for in an instructor you can trust, types of equipment, whether to go solo or tandem, etc.. Also provides material to assuage one's anxieties, if one so needs it. Full of suggestions. One of them made me laugh out loud: "Do not yell 'Geronimo' when leaping from the plane." Good book for both the curious and those actually planning their first jump.

Once my wife decided she was going to make a tandem Skydive, there was no stopping her. She was hesitant about having her cheering section, 3 grand children and daughter in law watching her, but the manager at Pacific Skydiving at Dillingham Field, North Shore, Hawaii, held her load until all were there. When she landed, it was, "I'm going to do that again!!!" And she has, not from beautiful Dillingham Field, but from another family friendly Drop Zone, SkydiveGeorgia.com -- Five times

tandem. FYI: Hawaii 50 ran a segment from Dillingham last week and Lost sites can be found within a few miles) Although she has done a zip line, the Jamaican Bob sled, a hot air balloon and 3 or 4 glider rides, she is not yet ready for solo skydiving -- this book is good beginning for her. Not too short, not too long. For me as an ATP rated former AF and Airline pilot, 'Parachuting -- the Skydiver's Handbook' is almost just right, except when it it too long. I've read 'Jump' cover to cover and am passing it off to my wife while I finish 'Parachuting' and a couple other related books...PS. According to all the instructors I've talked to, once you've jumped once, tandem or otherwise, You are a Skydiver. So. Go do it.

Bought this book after my 3rd jump, so most of the info wasn't new to me, although book had some interesting topics that weren't discussed during my AFF class. This is an excellent book for somebody with 0-1 jumps; anybody with more than that would benefit from a book that focused more on safety training and "tips" or advice. But good starter book none-the-less.

I wish I had read this before my first tandem jump-everything the author said he felt is exactly what I felt-would have made the first jump a little less stressful knowing what to expect. But this book is a great read even for the seasoned jumper!

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