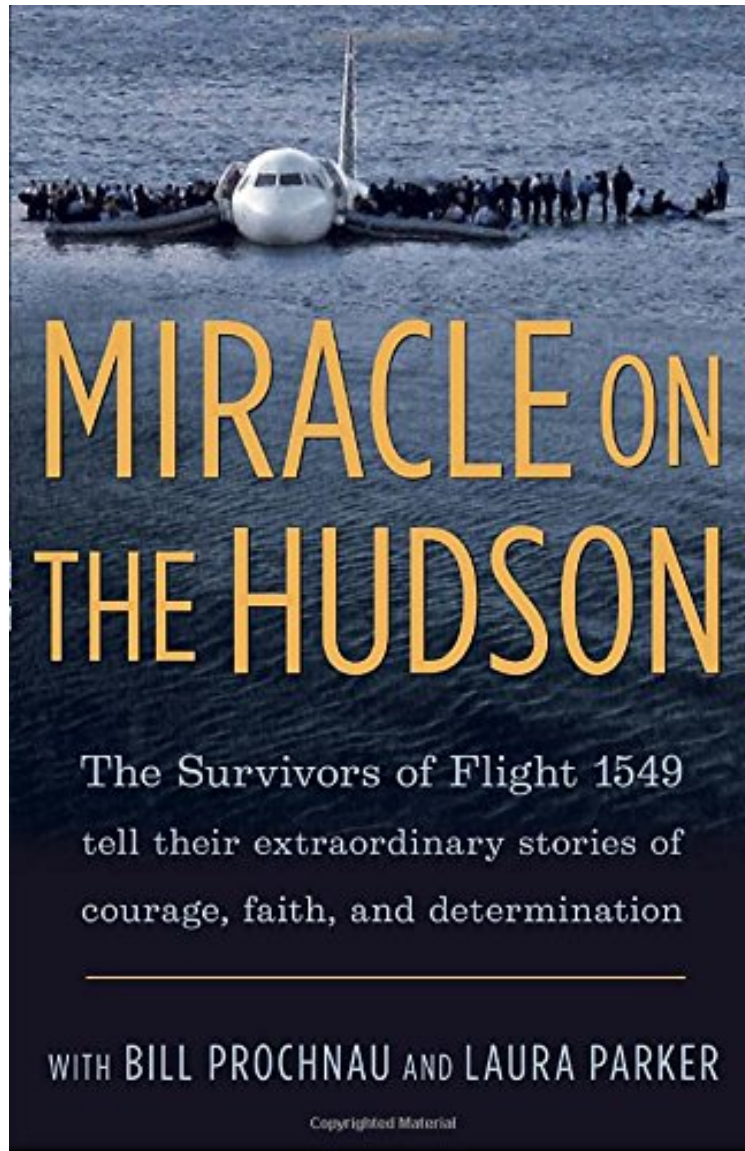


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**The Survivors of Flight 1549, William Prochnau, Laura Parker : Miracle on the Hudson: The Extraordinary Real-Life Story Behind Flight 1549, by the Survivors** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Miracle on the Hudson: The Extraordinary Real-Life Story Behind Flight 1549, by the Survivors:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Makes you feel like your one of the passengersBy Turney12Makes you feel like your one of the passengers. Told from the view point of all those in the aircraft. You will hear "heads down, brace, brace, a lot. From the time of the pilots announcement and knowing the plane was going to end up in the Hudson was 120 seconds. During that time it is interesting to see the humanity in assorted way's from those random passengers who were strangers. From the long announcement to when the plane hit the water seemed like eternity. The fact the plane was intact and the passengers managed to vacate the aircraft to the water and wings is a must read. You won't get much information on the pilot and next to nothing on the co-pilot. That is a separate book written by Capt. Skully.6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. THE book I hoped somebody had writtenBy AbbijoyAfter seeing the movie, "Sully, " I wanted to know more: surely there were some who prayed, who later thanked God, although this was entirely omitted in the movie. And what of the survivors since that day? Have their lives changed? Have they sought the purpose for a second chance at life? Thankfully, the authors have done extensive research. Not only are these questions answered, but I learned so much more. The harrowing rescue onto the boats are one hundred and fifty-five separate miracles, many told in this book, many requiring others who valued the lives of strangers. I learned there were many heroes that day. And, as a personal bonus for me, I have recently moved to the Charlotte area and the small hometowns of the survivors are towns where I now visit and shop and recognize. At the time of the event, I was thankful like others, but had not noticed that this was a story about North Carolina as well as New York. This book is excellent. Thanks to the authors for writing it.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Read!By Carolyn B.What a fantastic book; couldn't put it down. After I saw the movie, I had to read the book and wasn't disappointed in the least. A fascinating event that truly was a miracle! The product arrived promptly and well packaged.

The remarkable true story of Chesley Sully Sullenbergers heroic crash landing in the Hudson River, as told by the passengers who owe him their lives. Millions watched the aftermath on television, while others witnessed the event actually happening from the windows of nearby skyscrapers. But only 155 people know firsthand what really happened on U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on January 15, 2009. Now, for the first time, the survivors detail their astounding, terrifying, and inspiring experiences on that freezing winter day in New York City. Written by two esteemed journalists, *Miracle on the Hudson* is the entire tale from takeoff to bird strike to touchdown to rescue, seen through the eyes and felt in the souls of those on board the fateful flight.Revealing many new and compelling details, *Miracle on the Hudson* dramatically evokes the explosion and "smell of burning flesh" as both engines were destroyed by geese, the violent landing on the river that felt like a "huge car wreck," the gridlock in the aisles as the plane filled swiftly with freezing water, and the thrill of the passengers' rescue from the wings and from raftsall of it recalled by the "cross section of America" on board.Jay McDonald, a thirty-nine-year-old software developer, had survived brain-tumor surgery just two years earlier and now faced the unimaginable. Tracey Wolsko, a nervous flier, suddenly became other people's rock: "Just pray. It's going to be all right." Jim Whitaker, a construction executive, reassured a nervous mother of two young children on board, only later admitting, "I was pathologically lying the whole time." As the plane started sinking, Lucille Palmer, eighty-five, told her daughter to save herself: "Just leave me!"Featuring much more than what the media reportedmoments of chaos in addition to stoicism and common sense, and the fortuitous mistakes and quick instincts that saved lives that otherwise would have been lost*Miracle on the Hudson* is the chronicle of one of the most phenomenal feel-good stories of recent years, one that could have been a nightmare and instead became a stirring narrative of heroism and hope for our times.From the Hardcover edition.

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the chronicle of one of the most phenomenal feel-good stories of recent years, one that could have been a nightmare and instead became a stirring narrative of heroism and hope for our times. Look Inside Miracle on the Hudson Click on thumbnails for larger images Chris Cobb hands life preservers thrown from the ferry Thomas Jefferson to Warren Holland and Victor Warnement (in the white shirt) on the right wing. (Photo Tripp Harris) The final group of passengers to be rescued floats on an escape slide attached to the left side of the sinking Airbus as daylight fades. (Photo Eric Stevenson) The smooth nose of the Airbus A320 is cracked and dented after its collision with the geese. (Photo NTSB) From Publishers Weekly In a stunning display of skill and steely nerves, pilot Chesley Sullenberger managed a Hudson River water landing in freezing weather, with no engines, to save the lives of every single person aboard his aircraft. Aided by New York and New Jersey emergency responders steeped in post-9/11 training, Sullenberger and his crew did everything right when everything around them had gone horribly wrong. Interviewing survivors of flight 1549, husband-and-wife journalists Prochnau and Parker piece together a detailed, moment-by-moment account of the accident and its aftermath, getting inside the heads of ordinary people who demonstrated remarkable courage and humanity. Anyone who remembers the dramatic 2009 event will be riveted by this account, even with a forgone happy conclusion. Notably absent is the testimony of Captain Sullenberger, who saved his insights for his own book, *Highest Duty*, but this passengers'-eye-view narrative makes an absorbing, inspirational record. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist So far, in the publication of books about the dramatic ditching of US Airways Flight 1549, the pilot has told his story (Chesley Sullenbergers *Highest Duty*, 2009); the plane has had its story told (William Langewiesches *Fly by Wire*, 2009); and now most of the passengers tell their tales. Veteran journalists, the authors interviewed 118 of the 150 people onboard (but not the flight crew). Like the proverbial witnesses to a traffic accident, none, it seems, saw the same thing despite experiencing the same in-flight emergency, so fear and confusion in the passenger cabin are the dominating continuity in Prochnau and Parkers narrative. It is otherwise as kaleidoscopic as temperament and life experience make any collection of strangers. Some naturally made indelible impressions by their reactions to what seemed like imminent death: men cravenly shoving their way to the exits; others gallantly assisting the evacuation. These accounts of how people behaved will certainly prompt readers to imagine how they might have responded, so expect great interest in the audience that actually heard the words, This is the captain. Brace for impact! --Gilbert Taylor