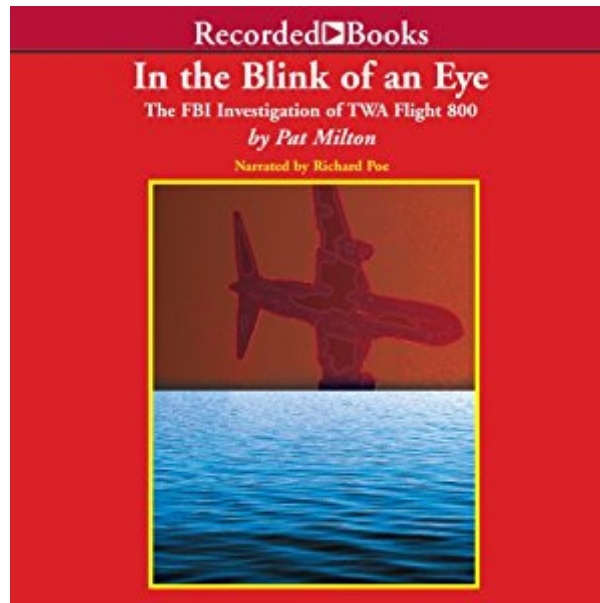




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In The Blink Of An Eye: The FBI Investigation Of TWA Flight 800



Synopsis

July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800 mysteriously fell from the sky, claiming the lives of all 230 people aboard. Associated Press reporter Pat Milton offers a rare inside look at the investigation of the unexplained explosion and the experts who struggled to find the truth behind one of America's most disturbing aviation disasters. Early in the evening, fishermen off the coast of Long Island, New York watched in astonishment as a commercial plane burst into flames, then plummeted into the ocean. While the country reacted with shock and sorrow, the FBI set in motion an exhaustive search for answers that would last two years. *In the Blink of an Eye* takes you through the sequence of events surrounding the tragedy and reveals those most affected by it: rescue workers, investigators, and the victims and their families. Pat Milton, who covered the chilling disaster from day one, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her work. Richard Poe's thoughtful performance brings you as close to the real cause of the crash as possible.

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Customer Reviews

Maybe I am gruesome, but I really like books and documentaries like this. About tornadoes and hurricanes and the perfect storm, etc.. This particular disaster intrigued me because there was a write-up in the Houston paper about a wife and 2 children who died and they were wealthy and from Houston. But later in a documentary I learned about a young man who helped his father run their family business, who was going to Europe to meet his girlfriend for a wedding (I think), and I think he was going to ask her to marry him. Stories like these touch my heart to the core. Just the everyday families and people with such wonderful plans, and then they are gone. What no

documentary or article ever said was that there were about 25 kids from one school, going to France, (I think). Such touching and sad stories, and stories of resilience and how it happened and why. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Just briefly, The author certainly did her homework and research. But, unlike other books I've read on the subject, it was sort of an apologia for the FBI and the Feds. One thing I found extremely annoying and distracted me from the thread of the story: the author has certainly never gone scuba diving. Having dived for years myself, it was infuriating to repeatedly have to read her description of the divers' "oxygen tanks" and "oxygen hoses" and how they kicked their "flippers" through the water. Divers breathe air, Pat. Oxygen would kill them. They wear fins on their feet. Only an amateur would refer to them as flippers. There are better books about the tragedy than this one.

Good read, and shows the conflict between the FBI, NTS, and other agencies during the after crash investigation.

It is a amazing book, hard to put down!!Mystery and intrigue, heart-warming and passionate!!

This documentary of the crash of flight 800 is very well written and researched. Focus in on the personal disaster with valuable information regarding the physical aspects of the crash that were never reported in the media. Was hard not to have wet eyes during the reading of this tale of human drama and the search for the truth. Jim Kallstrom, who headed the investigation for the FBI, is a true hero and leader.

This book was meticulously researched, and written so well, that you can follow in the footsteps of the investigators, be at their meetings and discussions, and draw your own conclusion, if you choose to. It showed the great detailed investigation, the emotions of the people involved, the politics of a crash investigation, and the unique talent of the author to capture all of this. Great book for anyone interested in aviation. I highly recommend it.

AS MS. MILTON SAYS, IT IS NOT ENCYCLOPEDIA, BUT YOU SHE DID NOT MENTION THE COVER-UP BY THE NTSB, IE. THE WHISTLE BLOWERS THAT RESULTED IN THE DVD BY THE "TWA 800 PROJECT" GROUP.

In the Blink of an Eye is a spellbinding, page turning, must read for anyone who has interest in a human tragedy, real individuals affected by it, and a meticulous investigation by the author, a veteran Associated Press correspondent, who obviously only sought the truth wherever it might lead. The reader should be impressed with the author's skill in conveying extensive research meticulous reporting, and overall command of the facts that detailed the FBI investigation into the cause(s) of this tragic event, while at the same time, producing a book that reads more like a novel than a compendium of statistical data. Others, who have reviewed this book, have pointed to the author's obvious respect for Jim Kallstrom and the work the FBI did while conducting the investigation into TWA Flight 800, as in some manner reflecting a non-partial bias by Ms Milton. This reviewer would express disagreement with any such opinion. In my view, Ms Milton's exhaustive discussion of the controversy surrounding this crash (i.e., whether the crash was the result of mechanical malfunction vs. some act of terrorism) is indicative of the author's fair and unbiased approach to the subject matter. Upon finishing this book, one concludes that respect and admiration for Mr. Kallstrom by the author were earned rather than given from one (Ms Milton) who was assigned to report the accident from the first day through the last Senate hearings, a period of almost 3 years. Probably no other correspondent stayed with this story more than the author and thus, has been witness to every detail of the investigation as it developed and unfolded. This is a remarkable, well written book. It is one that tells a true story which reads like a suspenseful novel. It is told with humanity and compassion such that every reader can identify with the families involved. Mr. Kallstrom, is portrayed as a powerful personality. Only such a person could have had the personal conviction to pursue the investigation into this crash as long as the FBI did so that there could be no unanswered questions. To do less than what the FBI did would have done a disservice to every American who steps on a plane and should be entitled to knowing that safety is guaranteed. Well done Ms. Milton, please continue to write!

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