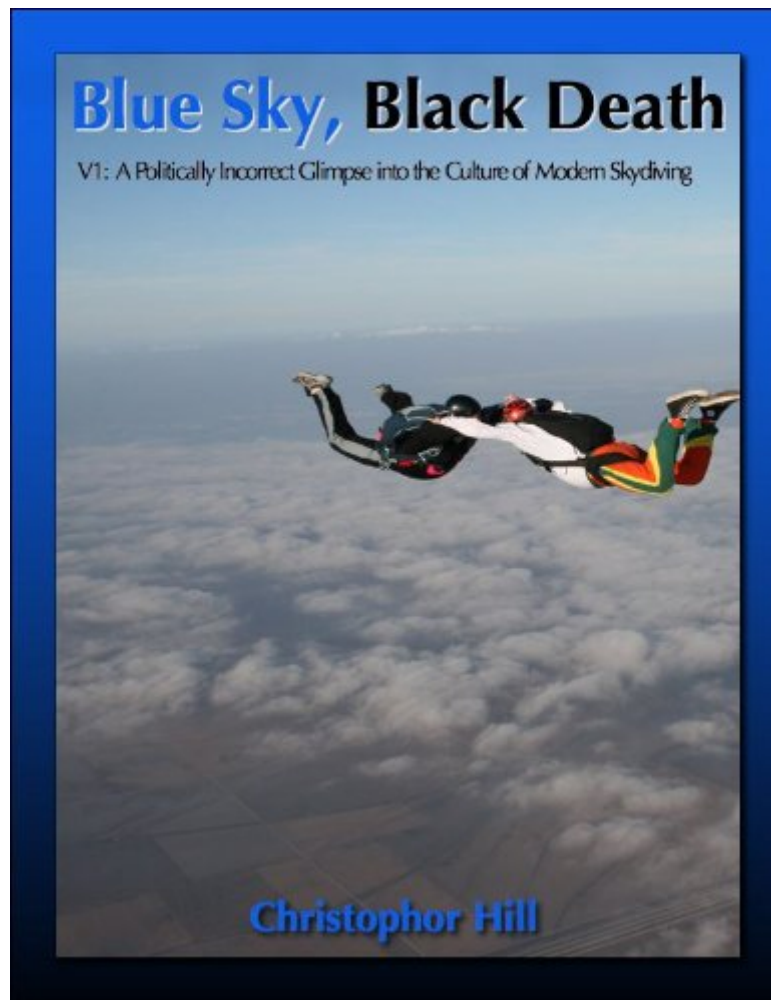




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Synopsis

Ever wondered what it's like to touch a cloud? An actively licensed Skydiver, Freefall Coach, and FAA Senior Parachute Rigger takes you inside an incredible sport, and introduces you to an extraordinary group of humans. You're invited to become a part of an exclusive band of amazing misfits—as long as you have enough money for beer after sunset. Deftly avoiding the impossible prospect of creating a skydiving “how-to” book, Christophor Hill provides a practical cultural guide for the prospective fledgling jumper, an unofficial orientation that pulls no punches, tells the truth, and checks attitude at the door. “The door is open, and you're invited—provided you weigh 225 pounds or less.”

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Customer Reviews

This book will not teach you how to skydive. Pretty much all of the material covered here is available for free on the internet with a little effort. But the author has an entertaining and easy to read style that make this book an enjoyable way to spend an hour or so learning a little bit about skydiving - why people do it and what it takes to learn to do it yourself. For me, the promise in the title of a

glimpse into the culture of modern skydiving was not fulfilled. When the book ended, I wanted more. What happens when skydivers aren't jumping is as much or more important as what happens in the sky. A few questions that I wish the author had explored - What makes skydivers hang out at the dropzone on obvious bad weather days? Why do they spend thousands of dollars to travel thousands of miles to camp next to an asphalt strip for a week? And if we're going to be politically incorrect, how can a woman get extra altitude for the whole load? What's a safety meeting? And who fills the beer fridge? Overall, this book is well written and a fast read. If you know nothing about skydiving, you'll learn a lot, find some resources for further information and have some laughs. If you are already a skydiver, there's not much new or special here for you.

Well done. I'm an old rock climber that took up this sport recently. Dealing with the ups and downs of high adventure sports, and becoming an adventurer with eyes wide open is what life is about. Buy the book if you want to undertake any sport beyond the ultra-safe. Good writer. Covers the emotion of jumping out of an airplane, or jumping out of a mundane, modern self-indicated life. Read, jump, climb, and know that there are some f...ing great people out there living life.

From my point of view as a person taking up the sport this summer I found this easy to read and informative about what to expect in the coming months. It highlights the realities of what can happen in the sport and why you have to approach it with respect and take the time to act like a sponge and absorb every bit of quality information you can, from the proper sources. It also gives you a glimpse into the unique culture that is skydiving and the wonderful experiences you can expect from the training to freefall and canopy flight to the bonfire. Well done and thanks

Way to short, should have been 50 cent to purchase. The information in the book is nothing you can't learn from a quick Google search. I'm kind of disappointed in spending money on this.

As a new guy jumper, I have to say that this book is more of a pamphlet than a book... It barely scratches the surface of the skydiving community... not worth the price of a pack job, much less the cost of a jump ticket...

The author is relatively new to the sport but offers generally solid advice. You'll learn more as you jump and gain experience. Then go back and reread this book to understand what I mean by "generally solid advice." Blue skies!

Short and easy read. It offers funny insight into the skydiver's life. I read this while I was going through the AFF program and it did clue me into a few skydiver cultural things that were baffling me when I was out at the DZ.

Great intro to jumping, even after I've been jumping for a while now. Short, but to the point. Good stuff.

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