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**Erika Armstrong : A Chick in the Cockpit: My Life Up in the Air** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Chick in the Cockpit: My Life Up in the Air:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A beautiful story. And no, I don't mean the flying part. By CustomerI know nothing about planes except that they take you from point A to point B. That is the extent of my involvement in aviation. I read this book as an afterthought, after watching the movie Sully. As Elmore Leonard once said, "the title is 50% of the whole thing ": " A chick in the cockpit "? Why not Once started, I couldn't stop reading. This book is much more than a personal pilot remembrances. It is a fascinating story about determination, courage, and eventual survival; basically , about life. As the author would probably say : " Hey, if you can land a 727 in the middle of a huge storm, there is no reason why you can't land on your feet in the middle of your own life's storm". Erika Armstrong indeed proves it so. I recommend this book to anybody who is interested in that wonderful canvas, life and it's protagonists. Jose M Paredes MD1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The most heart wrenching, warming story ever By Candy Christmas I expected a story about aviation, about learning to fly as a woman pilot. I was surprised at the read. This is a book that all women need to read and think about. Think about women that are being abused that you can help. Ask what can I do to help her through this? There are far too many of us that relate to this story. Yes, it's a story about strong women in the cockpit and the every day struggle they face to be there as well as what it takes to get there. To me it's a story of courage, of hard work, of tests, but truly a story of love. Give yourself plenty of time to read this book, you won't want to put it down. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. interesting reading By Phillip E. Hunt Interesting reading. I would have liked to have seen more on flying and a bit less on her personal trials and tribulations. However my hat is off to this lady. Glad she got her life back together.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome aboard your flight. As you step onto my aircraft, take a quick glance into the cockpit. Yep, that's me sitting in the captain's seat, and that's my first officer laughing about how he accidentally locked himself out of his hotel room. Naked. Again. We're both a little ripe from flying for the last five days, but we're still smiling because we have spent years and thousands of hours training and living an uncommon lifestyle to be up here for you. For the next few hours, you have to turn your life over to us. It's hard to trust others, and there are moments when you don't have a choice about being in control. During those moments, you'll just have to tighten your seatbelt and trust that others will get you through the storm. Our route today will take you through a segment of my life up in the air, and you will see things you could never imagine. Since I have been locked in the cockpit with men for several thousands of hours over the years, I have been given a

perspective few get to experience. To help you see a different perspective, too, I am giving you a checklist to use as we move along our route. It will take you from gate to gate, and when we're done, we will have both learned a little more about what it takes to fly. Now... just sit back and relax. It's going to be a bumpy ride." Erika Armstrong has worked every aspect of aviation in her twenty-five years in the industry, including an international corporate airline captain. She is an award-winning staff writer for Colorado Serenity Magazine and is a professional pilot columnist for Disciples of Flight, NYC Aviation, Contrails, Flying, LinkedIn, and Business Insider and is the owner of Leading Edge Aviation Consulting.

"In the rarified atmosphere of flying, Armstrong's memoir of life as a female pilot gives us a fascinating glimpse into a world where men still rule. But it's her write-from-the-gut style of story-telling and the unexpected turbulence she meets, not just in her career but in her personal life, is what will captivate you. Riveting, informative, and break-your-heart funny." ~ Lee Woodruff – NY Times bestselling author of *In an Instant*; *Perfectly Imperfect – A Life in Progress*; *Those We Love Most*; contributing reporter for CBS This Morning "Captain Armstrong brings to her work originality and humor which is rare in aviation literature. Her success flying the 'heavy iron' for the airlines is a must read for any woman considering a career in aviation or facing the challenges of balancing work and home." ~ Darcy Vernier, 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, ATP, CFI, CFII, BA "Captain Armstrong's powerful message of keeping sight of ourselves and our own hopes and dreams is a winner." ~ Dorothy C. Westby, Captain, Boeing 727, retired, Artist, BFA, MFA Refreshingly smart and funny. Capt. Armstrong isn't afraid to show her humanity and her humiliating moments, and demonstrates deep courage and conviction. Figuring out how to 'have it all' is an ongoing question in most women's lives." ~ Kristen Moeller, MS, Author of *Waiting for Jack* Reading her work reminds you, just in case you forget, that life is about fun, even though we have to live through some despair. Through tragedy we sometimes find meaning." ~ David Lazaroff, Author of *Live It Up!*

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