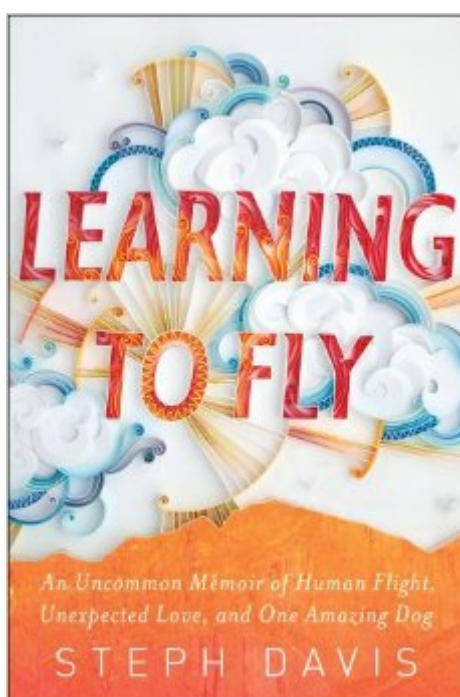


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Learning To Fly: An Uncommon Memoir Of Human Flight, Unexpected Love, And One Amazing Dog



Synopsis

When professional rock climber Steph Davis started skydiving, she discovered new love, hope, and joy in letting go. It's not so surprising that on the day of my fifth wedding anniversary I would be crouched in the open door of an airplane, thirteen thousand feet above the Colorado plains, about to jump out. That coincidence of timing really wasn't. • Steph Davis is a superstar in the climbing community and has ascended some of the world's most awe-inspiring peaks. But when her husband makes a controversial climb in a national park, the media fallout and the toll it takes on her marriage suddenly leaves her without a partner, a career, a source of income...or a purpose. In the company of only her beloved dog, Fletch, Davis sets off on a search for a new identity and discovers skydiving. Though falling out of an airplane is completely antithetical to the climber's control she'd practiced for so long, she turns each daring jump into an opportunity to fly, first as a skydiver, then as a base jumper, and finds herself indelibly changed. As she opens herself to falling, she also finds the strength to open herself to love again, even in the wake of heartbreak. And before too long, she fortuitously meets someone who shares her passions. Learning to Fly is Davis's fascinating account of her transformation. From her early tentative skydives, to zipping into her first wingsuit, to surviving devastating accidents against the background of breathtaking cliffs, to soaring beyond her past limits, she discovers new hope and joy in letting go. Learning to Fly isn't just an adventure but a woman's story of risk-taking and self-discovery, with love at its heart.

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I found this book to be very enjoyable yet gripping at times. There's adventure, there's humor, there's pet's, who doesn't like that ?...If you're a climber/skydiver/Base jumper I think you will enjoy this book...If not,..I think you're still in luck.This book had no trouble holding my attention. I rapidly tore through it, finding it very difficult to put down. If you're a climber or retired climber you will especially appreciate the climbing sections. While reading the free soloing sections I almost felt as if I was there....my heart would race a bit and I found my hands sweating....I'm still not sure if the anxiety I felt while reading was due to fear for her (despite her great talent and meticulous preparation) or that it just reminded me of various dicey situations I gotten my own self into on climbs years ago where I thought my doom was imminent ! ;-).. ... She goes in detail on her mind set and preparation for such climbs which I found great reading....and certainly could be applied to other facets of life...As for the sky diving, BASE jumping and wing suit flying ,...none of which I knew anything about,..I thought the author did a great job of explaining the process of getting involved in such endeavors. It was exciting to read as she rapidly progressed. I would think this would be great required reading for someone thinking of pursuing these sports... Wing suit videos are all over the internet,..but it was nice to read about some of the nuts and bolts and what it really takes to get going in that sport.....Again,... while reading the author does such a great job of describing everything,..you feel like you are there falling through space along with her....I bought authors earlier book, "High Infatuation" with this and recommend reading it first.

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