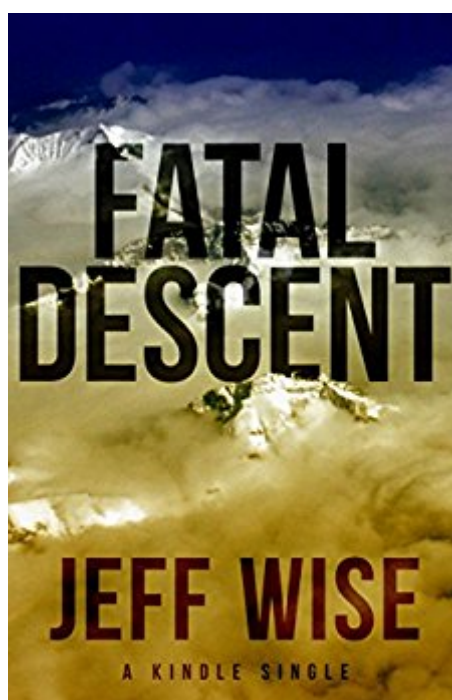


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Fatal Descent: Andreas Lubitz And The Crash Of Germanwings Flight 9525 (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

The definitive investigation into the crash of Germanwings Flight 9525 and the mind of the co-pilot who committed the most shocking crime in aviation history. On March 24, 2015, Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed into the French Alps. All 144 passengers and six crew members were killed. In the ensuing days, a picture of the flight's harrowing final moments began to emerge. Shortly after reaching cruise altitude, a 27-year-old first officer named Andreas Lubitz locked the captain out of the cockpit, took control of the plane and deliberately caused its descent. In *Fatal Descent*, journalist and aviation expert Jeff Wise travels to Lubitz's hometown in Germany and pieces together a definitive and haunting portrait of the killer and the system he betrayed, revealing in heart-pounding detail how a lifelong super-achiever like Lubitz could have committed such an unthinkable act, what actually happened inside the cockpit, and whether current airline regulations leave us vulnerable to similar attacks in the future. Jeff Wise is a science journalist specializing in aviation and psychology. He is the author of the bestselling Kindle Single *The Plane That Wasn't There*, about the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370. A licensed pilot of gliders and light airplanes, he also has stick time in powered paragliders, trikes, World War II fighter planes, Soviet jet fighters, gyroplanes, and zeppelins, as well as submarines, tanks, hovercraft, dog sleds, and swamp buggies. A contributing editor at *Travel + Leisure* magazine, he has written for *New York*, the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Businessweek*, *Esquire*, *Details*, and many others. His *Popular Mechanics* story on the fate of Air France 447 was named one of the Top 10 Longreads of 2011. His last book was *Extreme Fear: The Science of Your Mind in Danger*. A native of Massachusetts, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Harvard and now lives in New York City with his wife and two sons. Cover design by Kerry Ellis.

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Customer Reviews

The writer for this book is talented and I enjoyed his style. I actually read this book to the end even though about 80% of it is based on conjecture. Yes, we have the Cockpit Voice Recorder so we know what was said. That is public knowledge. Yes, we also have the Flight Data Recorder so we know what was done on the flight deck. That is also public knowledge. So if you are buying this book to find any "inside" facts that the public does not know about, you will not find them. I DID learn about the training and selection process that Luthansa uses to select their pilot candidates which is something I did not know and I found that interesting and very different to the way we in the United States select our candidates. In the United States our pilots are selected based on their experience, the amount of hours they have and of course they too must go through a rigorous interview, medical and psychological review. The difference between many of the European Airlines and the United States airlines is that most of the pilots that are hired at the major airlines already have years of experience flying the line and thousands of hours of flight time. Many are former captains for smaller airlines. My point is that they have had years of evaluation from their company and their peers and the ones who have severe mental issues are weeded out long before they get to the interview process with a Major Airline. This book would be very interesting to those who do, or wish to monitor pilot behavior but as far as the aviation enthusiast who wants to know a bit more as to what happened, and why.....there is no new information here. Having said that, again, it was well written, short and informational to a certain aspect if you are interested in the psyche of a "pilot" who "loses it" which after 30,000 hours of flight time for a major airline in the United States, I have never personally seen and of the many things I worry about on a particular flight, this is not one of them.

A well written book that anyone can read and comprehend. I agree with Jeff Wise in that it's impossible to know what people are thinking every second of everyday. There are always going to be a very select few of individuals who are capable of doing something horrific like this. Lubitz had

to have known in those last few moments what that collision was going to do to his own body. He had a front row seat. But he continued. I really can't think of any cause unless it was conditions set in motion to cause the perfect storm. God bless all the passengers and crew that suffered at the end and knew their fate. Thank you Jeff for all the information that you went to great lengths to provide us with the story. Also my heart goes out to Lubitz's family and all those that knew him. May God bring them some peace and forgiveness

Rational discourse on the probable cause of the deliberate crash, with details about Lubitz's preoccupation and familiarity with the spot selected as the crash site. Balanced discussion of the need to reform the approach to mental health in pilots in order to protect the public without destroying the careers of pilots. Very readable.

Very informative. Well written. This tragedy had madness behind it. A man who was not fit to become an airline pilot slipped through the cracks.

The author has written a thoughtful and very interesting book about a troubled young man, highly qualified to fly an aircraft carrying humans and whose deranged thinking turns him into a mass murderer. The writing is crisp and clean, no wasted words, no side trips off the subject. A look inside a sick mind that explains, as well as such a mind can be explained, what most likely went wrong with this young man. Highly recommended.

Learned a lot./ recommend it. Good insight into mass suicide and mass murder. So so so so so get the book.

Not at all as expected. Author became an "Expert" in psychology within the 2 month timeframe after the accident. Not really worth 1 star.

Good detail and informative. Kept my attention.

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