

Angel on the Wing: A Tale of Survival and Resilience in the Face of Tragedy

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Flight 320....Come In!



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San Francisco, California Nov 8, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - In a gripping memoir, “Angel on the Wing,” Joan Zeller recounts her harrowing experience as a survivor of a tragic plane crash that claimed sixty-five lives in February 1959. This astonishing true story offers a vivid and heart-wrenching account of a night that changed her life and the lives of those who were on American Airlines Flight 320, on their way from Chicago to New York.

On that fateful evening, as the clock neared midnight, the foggy and cold atmosphere over the East River turned into a scene an unimaginable horror when the plane crashed during its approach to LaGuardia airport, Joan Zeller, a stewardess on that ill-fated night, courageously shares the gripping details of the crash, the perilous moments following impact, and the nightmarish ordeal of surviving in the frigid, dark waters before their miraculous rescue, Joan’s story is one of resilience, hope, and the enduring human spirit.

What inspired Joan Zeller to tell her extraordinary story was her discovery of a website documenting the events of that tragic evening, listing the names of those who perished alongside the eight survivors. Touched by the heartfelt pleas from the families of the deceased, she recognized her unique opportunity as an eyewitness and survivor to provide solace and closure to those who lost loved ones that night.

“Angel on the Wing” is not only a tale of survival but also a testament to Joan Zeller’s lifelong adventurous spirit. Her journey has been one of daring choices and unbridled exploration, from abandoning a stable, career-oriented job to joining the world of aviation. This book serves as a reflection of her free-spirited nature and how she confronted an overwhelming tragedy.

Today, Joan Zeller is a retired adventurer living a quiet life in a picturesque New England town, She has channeled her artistic inclinations into watercolor painting, capturing the beauty of pets and wildlife. A stewardess turned author, she has come full circle in her incredible journey.

“Angel on the Wing” is a remarkable narrative of survival, bravery, and the enduring human capacity to triumph over adversity. Joan Zeller’s tale will inspire and captivate readers, offering a profound and poignant glimpse into the indomitable spirit of the human soul.

Copies of the book are available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and more online book retailers.

In *Angel on the Wing*, Joan Zeller shares how she survived a plane crash that took sixty-five lives in February 1959. She was a stewardess on American Airlines Flight 320, returning to New York from Chicago. Close to midnight on that foggy, cold evening, the plane crashed into the choppy waters of the East River on approach to LaGuardia Airport. Joan Zeller's memoir vividly brings to life the events of the crash, the peril passengers and crew experienced following impact, the time spent in the frigid waters in total darkness before their dramatic rescue, and her recovery from traumatic injuries sustained in the accident. The author was inspired to pen her story when she came across a website that chronicled the events of that evening, listing the names of those who perished, as well as the eight survivors. Following the story was an opportunity to respond in an open letter. After reading pleas from family members of the deceased she recognized an invaluable opportunity as eyewitness and survivor, to help bring solace and closure to the families of those who lost loved ones that fateful night.



JOAN ZELLER has been a restless soul for as long as she can remember, seeing the world as a breathless land of new experiences to be explored. Quitting a stable, career-oriented job and going in the airlines was her stepping off point. She threw caution to the winds and left herself open to whatever opportunities came her way. Her book is an expression of her free spirit and how she handled a terrible tragedy. After a colorful life, she is now retired and resides in a quiet New England town and has taken up watercolor painting of pets and wildlife.



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