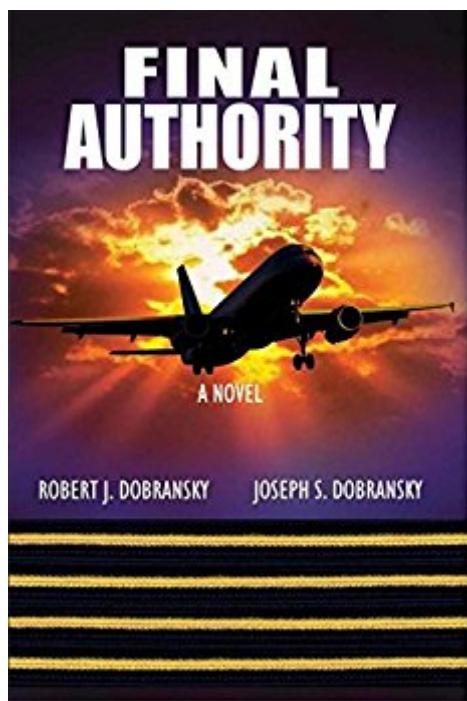


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Final Authority



Synopsis

Bruce Bannock is a senior captain for Global Alliance Airlines, the world's largest carrier. He has a job he loves, a vivacious, pregnant wife, a young son and a beautiful home in Evergreen, Colorado. Bruce's life is rewarding, full, and his position is seemingly secure. Suddenly, an accident in Reno, Nevada, threatens to snatch away everything he cherishes: his family and his career. Bruce was in command of the ill-fated flight, and the airline and FAA blame him for the catastrophe. Bruce soon finds himself fighting against powerful enemies: the airline's bosses, the government, his wife's wealthy mother, and other unseen but dangerous adversaries. Just when Bruce's situation seems hopeless, help arrives from several sources: David Goldstein, an investigative reporter, reveals that there is much more to the accident than meets the eye. Mike Barrow, a retired Marine colonel and close friend of Bruce's, joins the investigation only to find himself thrust into the corporate intrigue at the highest level. Ava O'Kane, a thirty-eight-year-old executive within the circle of power at the airline, makes a shocking discovery of corruption within the organization and she has to choose between evil and good, love and money. Finally, pushed to the limit, Bruce takes control of his predicament in an unprecedented and decisively violent, though legal manner. It's the only way he can stop the conspiracy. In the process of saving himself, his career and his company, can an airline captain get away with murder?

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Customer Reviews

This is one of those airline mysteries that is filled with authentic details. You'll feel like you boarded a flight and can't get off until you've landed at your destination. Written by two brothers who fly for competing airlines their experience with the large complicated industry is revealed in their realistic look at fictitious Global Alliance Airline and several of the key people who run it. I would have given this book a five star rating instead of four except for a couple of issues. The authors would bring the story to a stop to go into a lengthy tale of a character's backstory, when I feel this could have been layered in throughout the novel, or left out. I also felt the authors overly dramatized several of the characters who weren't pilots. A couple I questioned how they rose to their lofty position within the airline, an issue many pilots have with their airline's management, but in this case it came across as exaggerated. Lastly, I questioned the need of the prologue. It showed the trouble the protagonist Captain Bruce Bannock faced at some point in the novel, yet it wasn't until the very end of the novel its purpose was revealed. I read the majority of the book questioning what the prologue had to do with the story. That aside, the authors did an excellent job showing the lengths some within an airlines hierarchy will do to seek power and wealth. Offsetting this group were some qualified, hard-working individuals who did the real work at keeping the airline operating while it faced the crisis portrayed. The authors showed this latter group realistically. And, extremely important to this reviewer, the flying details were exacting. Readers interested in an airline mystery that could potentially happen will enjoy this book. I look forward to reading more from these authors.

As soon as you start reading this book, you know it was written by someone who really knows his stuff. The airline terminology, action, and events are technically perfect. More important, the reader gets insight into the mood, the dynamics, and the politics of working for an airline. More than just a technically accurate book, Final Authority has suspense, drama, and even romance. The conflict is palpable. The character development is excellent, and I was rooting for Captain Bannock from the outset. And I really hated his adversaries. Reading chapters in this book is like eating peanuts - it's really hard to stop once you start. At the end of each chapter, I found myself saying, "Okay, just one more chapter and then I'll go to bed." The author really knows how to spin a great aviation yarn. I'm

really looking forward to his next book.

I was glued to this book which, while fiction, was full of factual aviation knowledge. One poignant scene depicts a senior Captain arriving for his final flight before he retires, walking around the aircraft for the pre flight inspection (which is usually not done by Captain) describing the 850 thousand pound 747-400 and reflecting on his memories as he ceremoniously kicked the front tire. Descriptions of rudders, fuel-oil heat exchanger, asymmetric thrust, titanium engine blades ,etc are throughout the story and educational to those of us who are not pilots. Also there is wit in this book as when a disgruntled passenger at the gate demands a better seat saying 'Do you know who I am?' (as if his importance will get him the seat) and the airline gate person goes to the microphone and says to all assembled' Ladies and Gentlemen, this man does not know who he is. Do any of you recognize him?" The aircraft mechanic's important job, corporate finance angle, as well as news media tactics are all a part of the plot. If you are looking for a diversionary novel that will hold your interest, this is it. It should be a film. It is difficult to not have an outpouring of profound respect for the exacting, detail-oriented, dedicated men in uniform who safely take us to our destination, as well as those who keep the aircraft maintained.

I really liked this book. An exciting, edge of your seat thriller, and I mean thriller, from start to finish. Bruce Bannock is a senior Captain flying for Global Alliance Airlines when there is an accident in Reno that turns Bruce's world upside down. This is a must read, and I am not going to spoil it by going into details, except to state that you have it all here. A corrupt airline, a rush to judgement by just about everyone surrounding this pilot, a not so nice mother-in-law, and you name it. Wonderful read. Watch when Bruce Bannock is forced to take matters into his own hands. You will not be disappointed.

Fasten your seatbelt, as these authors give you a ride you won't forget ... and hang on tight, as there's lots of turbulence to ride out, before reaching your final destination! A great read that will make you appreciate why such rigid standards of aircraft maintenance are utilized by today's airlines.

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