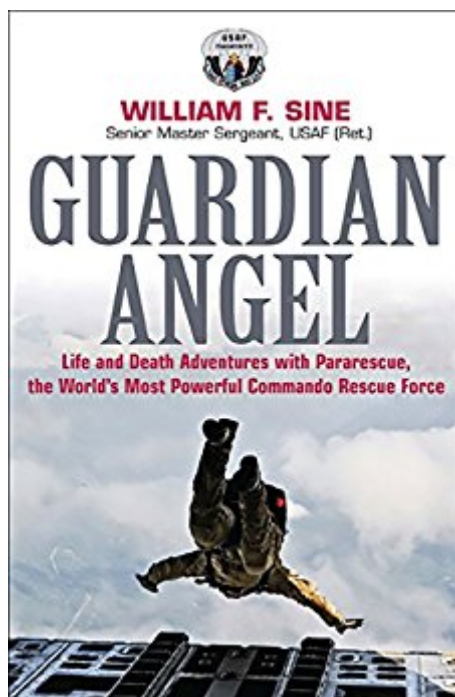




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Guardian Angel: Life And Death Adventures With Pararescue, The World's Most Powerful Commando Rescue Force



Synopsis

US Air Force Pararescue is the most skillful and capable rescue force in the world, taking on some of the most dangerous rescue missions imaginable. PJs (short for para-jumpers), are members of an elite unit whose commando skills are so wide-reaching they often seem like something out of science fiction. They routinely tackle perilous operations that are beyond the capabilities of other rescue organizations, and sometimes dare the seemingly impossible. Since their inception in 1947, PJs have saved more than thirty thousand lives. They can pluck near-frozen climbers off jagged mountaintops and recover shot-down jet pilots stranded deep in hostile territory. In the dead of night, the PJs parachute into ominous, black, twenty-foot-tall waves to save distressed seamen, and they brave the cruelest and most desolate deserts to recover victims. US Air Force pararescuemen have played a prominent role in every armed conflict since the Korean War, rescuing thousands of soldiers from behind enemy lines. Guardian Angel provides a rare glimpse at a PJ's mind-blowing adventures. You follow Sgt. Sine's trek across exotic lands and share his encounters with mysterious cultures. Learn what it takes to lower from a helicopter onto the slippery decks of storm-tossed ships to rescue dying sailors. Feel what it's like to be caught in the middle of a bomb blast so powerful that it tears high-rise buildings in half, and flattens armored vehicles hundreds of yards away. Soar high above towering jungle trees and experience the danger of swinging on a slim cable below a helicopter, while performing a mid-air rescue of a pilot, dangling from his chute a hundred feet above a mountain slope. Go to war in Afghanistan and parachute onto a nocturnal battlefield, surrounded by land mines, to help a mortally wounded soldier. This is a deadly serious business: When things go wrong, they can go terribly wrong. Aircraft crash into mountainsides, killing all onboard, while some PJs live through horrendous helicopter crashes only to struggle with freezing temperatures, snapped limbs and torn flesh in a desperate fight for survival. This book presents true stories of uncommon courage told from the perspective of the actual men in the arena. PJs belong to an exclusive brotherhood and forge unbreakable bonds of loyalty, commitment, and sacrifice. They do these things for their country, to protect their brothers in arms, and to honor their motto: "That Others May Live."

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Customer Reviews

Bill did an incredible job describing the exciting high speed, low drag life of a USAF Pararescueman. I could not put it down and I lived the life for nearly 20 years! This book brought back many good memories (and some bad) of an incredible career I wish I could relay as well as he did. When people ask me about that previous life I tell them, "it was like being in the boy scouts but without adult supervision and an unlimited budget". For any young man considering Pararescue, this is a must read. Great job, great book, excellent read!!!

PJ/s have always been the lesser known of Special Operations. This is a ten star book on what America will do to preserve life of a fellow man. For the few who can complete the two year "pipeline" to becoming a PJ it can be a high speed low drag life style. The SEALs are America's renowned naval commandos. Special Forces (Green Berets) The quiet professionals. Masters of unconventional warfare. Delta Force the Army's elite counter-terrorism experts. 75th Ranger regiment, Army Rangers lead the way. 160th SOAR The Night Stalkers - On time anyplace, anytime +/- 30 seconds. Marine Force Recon- Elite Reconnaissance Marines who carry out deep reconnaissance operations. All of the above forces put fear into they strike. Now who do you call when you have a man down in really bad shape in a mine field or you have a vessel in high seas with a sick or injured crewman. The Air Force have a highly skilled small group of

men. Pararescuemen, or Pararescue Jumpers (PJs), of AFSOC Special Tactics Squadrons and Air Combat Command Rescue Squadrons, are special operators tasked with retrieving personnel from hostile environments. A typical Pararescue mission would entail insertion by helicopter behind enemy lines in order to find, treat and extract friendly forces such as a downed pilot or wounded special operator. PJs train to jump into water from hovering helicopters. They can also insert by parachute. This is the Story of on Senior Master Sergeant William F. Sine, that did his whole career as PJ. You will learn what it take to become a PJ and what it take to stay on top of your game to save others. The injuries they are trained to treat would make so ER doctors cringe and then do this on a turbulent aircraft or almost alone in the middle of nowhere. SMSgt Sine also does a wonderful job of sharing exploits of fellow PJ's and it not all about him. I think is smart choice of the Air Force now higher retired PJ's to help in the training of the next generation of PJ's. It is not hard to see why PJ's fit into the Special Operations mold. Hats off to all PJ's were every you are for your commitment to saving a life. May your Guardian Angels always look after you now and forever.

If you've ever dreamed of what it's like to be a real-life superhero, this gripping and exhilarating memoir by former PJ legend William Sine is as close as you'll ever get without actually hurting yourself. As a member of the world's most elite rescue squad for more than thirty-years, William Sine and his colleagues live a very uncommon but incredibly amazing and rewarding lifestyle in the select fraternity that is Pararescue. U.S. Air Force Pararescue teams see action in a variety of diverse and dangerous environments: From the sweltering jungles of the Philippines, to the malevolent seas and crevasses of Iceland, to the terror of experiencing the bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia and rescuing downed aircrews behind enemy lines in Afghanistan. This is the reality of what it truly means to live by the creed, "That Other's May Live." However, the life of a PJ isn't all adrenaline and testosterone, there are times spent training for future emergencies, customizing special equipment to rescue astronauts out at sea after reentry, outrageously funny moments with Pararescue teammates, and light-hearted family moments such as becoming a father for the first time and raising a rambunctious child as a single parent who eventually grows into a crazy young teen later on in life desperately in need of a stable and straight path into adulthood. If you loved Michael Hirsch's "None Braver: U.S. Air Force Pararescuemen," William Sine's riveting memoir makes for a great companion book.

This was a really interesting book. The author has an obvious love of adventure and adrenaline, and a taste for exotic locales, that was infectious. It's not the most sophisticated writing and there's a lot of careless typos-no proofreading? However, Sine's enthusiasm for his subject carries the day. I would have enjoyed more photos of Sine and his fellow PJs in action instead of the two full pages of training "hell week" type photos. A great read.

A wonderful introduction to the amazing warriors who are the Guardian Angels of battle. They save lives and bring home other warriors who would be lost without them. The hardest training I ever did was a vacation for them. They were scary fit, and that's just the physical side. Reading this redoubled my admiration for these battlefield emergency doctors who make house calls by parachute into active firefights.

William Sine puts the reader in the action with him as he describes some of the harrowing adventures he has been through during his USAF Pararescue career. One does not have to be a military buff to appreciate his edge-of-the-seat story-telling ability. You will be laughing one minute at one of SMSgt Sine's pranks and holding your breath the next minute hoping he lives through a near-death experience (no spoilers here). I highly recommend this book!

Military history fans know about the green berets, the rangers and the SEALs but these guys may be more badass than all the others. The Pararescue guys not only are badass special operators but combat medics too.

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