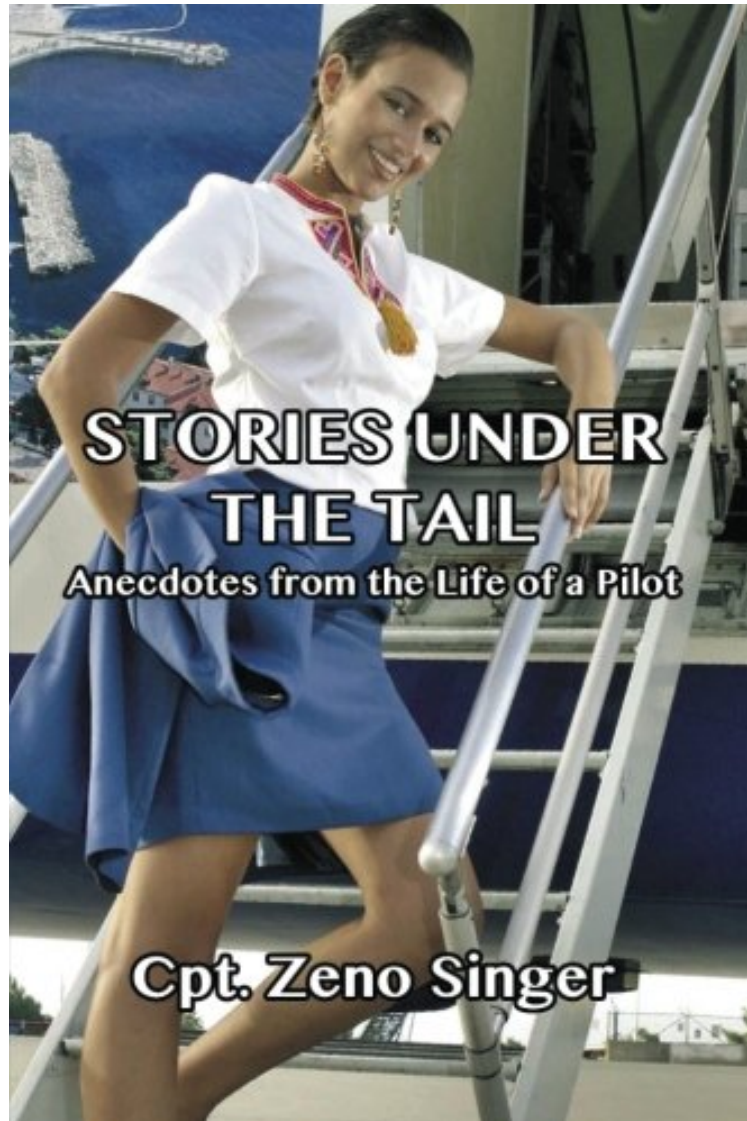


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Zeno Singer, an airline Captain and airline CEO from Croatia, shares the fascinating tales of his travels, experiences, and misadventures through his long career of exploring and learning. Just a few of Captain Singer's encounters include: Nudists, Inspectors, Dogs, Bulls, and the Pope. Learn about his opinions and experiences with Greeks, Israelis, Chinese, Germans, Japanese, Bedouins, and even Angels. Follow along as he and his crew visit Egypt, Croatia, Germany, China, England, and the USA among less well-known locales, exploring the food, culture, architecture, and people. Many strange characters are introduced, but the pilots alone are fascinating. Inside, you will meet the "Flintstones" pilots from Texas, the pilot who always looked drunk, the pilot who rang the wrong doorbell, the pilot who hid under the cockpit floor, and the pilot who hunted for bear. Over eighty stories are here, spanning multiple decades and dozens of countries. Captain Singer has experienced the world, and now he's brought the best to you!

RED CITY REVIEW. Stories Under the Tail: Anecdotes from the Life of a Pilot is the memoir of author Zeno Singer's experiences as a professional pilot. Covering several decades, Singer highlights the highs and lows of being a pilot. Singer visits some incredible places and immerses himself in different cultures. His detailed adventures may give some readers the itch to travel. Still, he does not skip over the sadness of fatal accidents or spare the reader the details of some unfortunate bowel accidents experienced by guests onboard a plane. Broken down into short stories, Singer comically introduces the reader to some interesting people. In one story, Singer tells of a pilot who control thinks is drunk and trying to fly a plane, when in reality the man is stone-cold sober. In another section, Singer introduces the touching story of the hopeful Georgina, a Greek woman who believes St. Michael is constantly watching over and providing for her. Because he balances the positive and the negative, the book is extraordinarily humanistic. Singer's book is broken down into quick stories so it's easy to pick up for rapid reading. His best stories, the ones given the most detail, are the comical ones. The stories about the pilot's mistresses and one about a prank played on a new flight attendant that caused the captain to fall out of the plane through the toilet are very amusing. Overall, Singer's book is an entertaining read for anyone who loves to learn about the world and is interested in stories about real people's lives. From the Inside Flap. HOW TO MAKE A PIE FROM SHIT. After purchasing my first plane and beginning commercial operations, I thought that it would be good to organize a "Promotional flight." All the "movers and shakers" in Dubrovnik, representatives of the majority owner, the mayor and other political figures, journalists and television, were invited. The idea was to fly, at low altitude, around Dubrovnik - Neretva County, so the passengers could see all the beauty below and to get familiar with the new company based in Dubrovnik. Following the opening speech and some snacks, we boarded the plane and slowly taxied to the beginning of the runway. We got permission to take off, and I pushed the throttles, so the plane could accelerate and take off for the sky. There have been several times in my life when I have been in an awkward situation, and I wanted to shout loudly: "Earth, open up!" And this was one of those situations. I pushed the throttles, but to my surprise, only one engine was accelerating, while the other still remained on "idle." In the next two or three attempts, nothing had changed. When I was a child, while watching some military parade, I often thought what might happen if a tank's engine sputtered to a stop just when passing the festive grandstand. I felt a chill sensation, just thinking of such a situation. And now, I am really in such a situation, in front of my "grandstand!" I called the mechanic into the cockpit, but he couldn't do anything or advise anything. Nothing which would fix the desperate situation that I was in, with a full plane of dignitaries, politicians, and journalists, to whom I supposed to boast about my new plane and its quality. There was no other solution other than to announce that we had to go back to the apron to correct a small fault. "Earth, open up!" And again: "Earth, open up and swallow me!" As soon as we parked on the apron and opened the door, despite my orders that all passengers remain on the plane, one journalist stormed out of the plane, with his face green from fear. The Purser later said that even before the boarding, the journalist could barely control his fear of flying, but when he heard that the plane had a malfunction, nothing could keep him on board any longer. I said to the passengers that we would continue with our flight in fifteen minutes, but in reality, I had no idea whether the mechanics could find and repair the defect in such a short time. Fortunately, after just a few minutes, mechanics found the problem and fixed it. One of the engines had some modification with an additional valve, which demanded slower acceleration before the first take-off. After a little extra lubrication and caution, we went for another take off. Of course, without our journalist. Nobody could assure him that there was no danger. I should have something clever to say to the other passengers, so that the

whole company and the crew and the plane did not turn out looking too bad. So I tried to turn the whole incident into proof of our quality, and actually "to make a pie out of shit." First, I explained that we returned to the apron because during take off we did not get the expected indications on one engine. Notwithstanding the importance of the entire flight, with all the guests on board, continuing and flying with any false indication was not an option because of our high professional standards. Safety first. Safety first. After returning to the apron, our technicians had also demonstrated a high professional level and experience, and in a very short time, managed to solve the problem. So, this whole embarrassing situation, actually gave all of them a chance to see that our new company had high-quality and professional people, who always put safety first. Well now, you tell me, wasn't that a good pie!

About the Author Zeno Singer was born in Zagreb, Croatia, where he studied Architecture, but after three years, his love for flying prevailed, and he enrolled in the newly-established Aeronautical College, with a desire to become a professional pilot. After his first job with Pan Adria, he moved to the Slovenian charter operator Inex Adria (later Adria Airways), and stayed there for 24 years. This good professional foundation, and a good knowledge of the specifics of the charter business, helped him later on when creating and managing two other charter airlines in Croatia. As Director of Flight Operations (DFO) for Air Adriatic, he helped to organize and lead the operation of the first private charter air carrier in Croatia. In Dubrovnik, he founded and ran the second charter airline, the Dubrovnik Airline. Progressing professionally as an instructor and examiner, he always fought for high professional standards. As a result, all the pilots who have graduated from the Dubrovnik Airline, from young co-pilots to captains, could apply to any company in the world with self-confidence. His inquisitive spirit and the desire to always see and experience something new have not abandoned him even today.