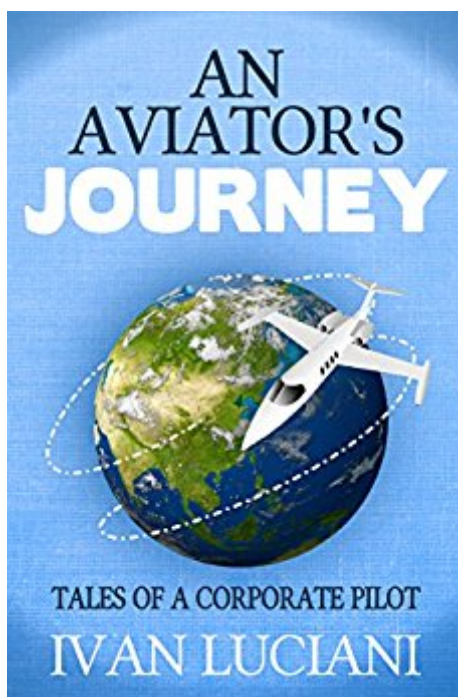


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# An Aviator's Journey: Tales Of A Corporate Pilot



## Synopsis

Aviators are passionate about aviation. Once you get the bug you are addicted for life and there is no need, or desire, to search for a cure. It is that passion and addiction that gives you the determination, perseverance, and motivation to pursue a career in aviation. This is the story of one such aviator who discovered his passion for flying as a young boy. Then, as a young adult, embarked on a journey to pursue and achieve his dream of becoming a pilot. This dream took him from Venezuela to Singapore, to Macao and Hong Kong, and everywhere in between. His journey offers those aspiring to become aviators a glimpse into the fascinating world of corporate aviation. For those individuals already following their own journeys in aviation this books offers them a chance to see the remarkable journey of one of their own.

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## Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, which I imagine will have broad appeal, not just for folks interested in aviation, but also who are interested in adventure, or even those who are

contemplating a career in the world of private jets, or even those who are interesting in getting a very different glimpse of a unique viewpoint of Asia (itself a very interesting part of the world), but from 45,000 feet and specifically about how VVIP's travel so efficiently. Although some passages from what happens in the air was fascinating, what is perhaps even more captivating is the author's description of what happens on the ground, at private jet terminals, and in his interaction with business and government leaders and their entourage. Once I started reading this book, I couldn't stop reading haha. The author writes with integrity about his experiences in being a private jet captain but also brings humor to the book. His passion for his chosen career really comes out, as does his commitment to safety and service and to mentoring those around him. I think people from the commercial airlines world may be surprised how much more personal business aviation is, how broad the responsibilities of a private jet captain really are, and how much difference they can make in helping VIP's, who no doubt rely on these captain's to reach remote places where numerous investments are made and jobs created. I will definitely want to read this book again!

• There are "Pilots" and there are "Aviators" | Captain Ivan Luciani is the latter! • A truly dedicated Professional, a Leader by example and Mentor to others. Any words spoken by Ivan is carefully chosen and considered | So is his approach to aviation and human relations. I met Ivan more than 3 years ago when I was being interviewed to succeed him in managing the Flight Training Department of a large Asian based Corporate Jets Management Company. His accessibility, his constant willingness to contribute ideas and promote safety initiatives make him a well respected figure in the small World of Corporate Aviation. His recollection of anecdotes encountered during an aviation career spanning 3 decades, was entertaining, funny and captivating. I would recommend this "easy-to-read book", to any student or aspiring pilots, while also suggesting to keep a Diary of your personal Journey. To the existing Professional Aviators, this series of short stories will make you recall some of the most memorable experiences that marked your own Career!

Ivan Luciani gives an unparalleled look into the daily business of corporate flying operations across the Globe. From the initial dream of becoming a pilot until reaching the pinnacle of his career, Ivan Luciani provides a no-nonsense perspective of the concerns and rewards of corporate flying. This is a great book and not just for aviation buffs. The book is often funny, sometimes sad, but always full of wisdom that comes from experience. I thoroughly enjoyed every little piece of detail, I often felt as if I was there flying on the right seat. And after a long and action packed journey that takes you from

South America to the jungles of Indonesia, to Europe, Middle East, Asia and life in bustling cities of Singapore, Macao and Hong Kong, this book will change your perspective on what is really important in life and answer the question "Who do you work for?" •

Right from chapter 1 of *An Aviator's Journey*, I was captivated, not just by the way the story of each chapter uncovers but especially by the lessons learnt which are gems, both from a professional and personal perspective. This must-read book is not just useful for aviators or those interested in business aviation (or aviation as a whole), it's an insightful read for anyone who enjoys good stories told in simple yet profound manner. Effortless to read, impactful, and just when you least expect it, heartfelt! On a personal note, Captain Ivan Luciani is one of the most professional pilot / training manager I have had the privilege of working with. I'm so glad he has taken the time to write this book which is a reflection of who he truly is; a wonderful human being who genuinely cares and is passionate about aviation, people, developing young aviators, safety and security, and most of all, a loving family man with solid integrity.

I have been a helicopter pilot for over 40 years and I have known Ivan since 1999. A Bizjet pilot's life and responsibilities, are totally different from that of an airline pilot. Ivan's book highlights this aspect very well. The scenarios described in the book are unique and fascinating. He has undergone an incredible journey, chasing his dream from the tender age of 8 years to what he is today: 69 countries and 14 states, 6 licences, Director Flight Operations. This makes it a very memorable journey. He has 11 more years and would probably add more to the list and make it into the Guinness Book of records. He has a very engaging style of writing. For example, his description of situations wherein he was refused a landing permit, planning to ditch in the Pacific with a 250 lb patient, and when he was told to, "descend to 10,100 metres, launching a rocket" • are very well written. As a pilot, when I put myself in his situation, I can well imagine what he and his F/O went through till they landed back safely on terra firma. This book is an inspirational read, for any young pilot wishing to join the Bizjet segment in the aviation Industry. I would like to wish Ivan many more "Happy Landings" •.

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