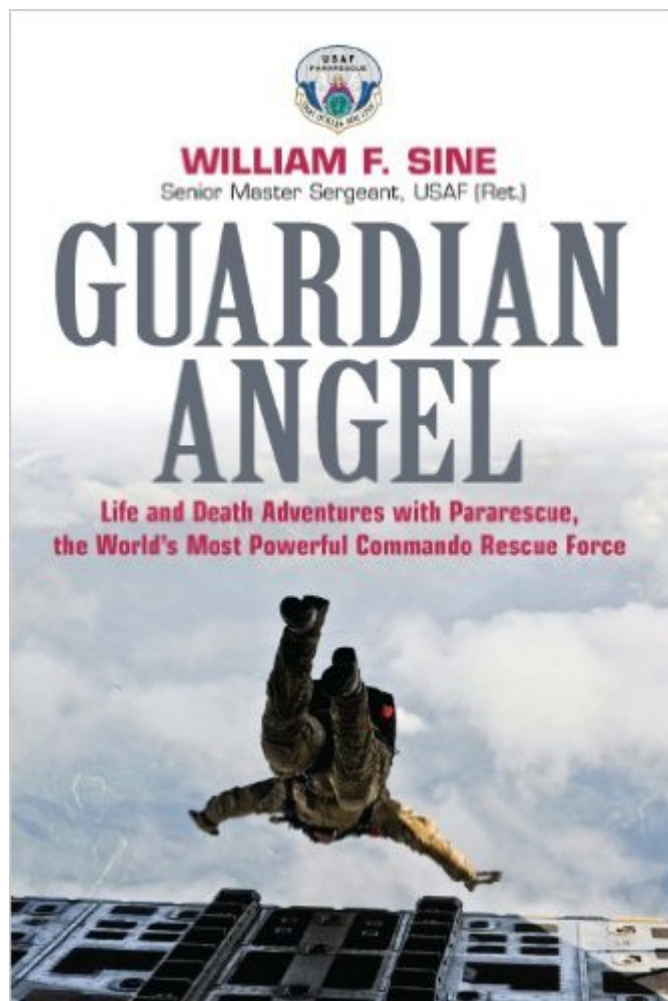


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Guardian Angel: Life And Death Adventures With Pararescue, The World's Most Powerful Commando Rescue Force



Synopsis

Award Winning Finalist in the "Non-Fiction: Narrative" category of the 2013 International Book Awards. U.S. 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 as well as recover shot-down jet pilots stranded deep in hostile territory. In the dead of night, the PJs parachute into ominous black waves that loom twenty feet tall to save distressed seamen, and brave the cruelest and most desolate deserts to recover victims. U.S. 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."

•REVIEWS "a fabulous read, filled with heroism, history and hi-jinks". Reading this book will give you a history of an elite group of servicemen that few have ever heard of. Writing style is fluent and dynamic.

•Readers' Favorite Rather than being a history of the Pararescuemen, Bill Sine has written a book which is a collection of extended vignettes about his career in the PJs. Some are very funny and some are (given the nature of their work) sad; all

demonstrate that combination of professionalism and calculated risk-taking that seems to be inherent in this trade. Some of the history is given as part of the stories but the focus is the men and the tale....brings his subject to life and most definitely explains why Pararescuemen can be regarded as a highly-specialised, highly-capable force. I recommend this book to anyone who might even be vaguely interested in the subject or who just enjoys stories from lesser-known parts of the military.Army Rumour Service (UK)

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PJ/s have always been the lesser know 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

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