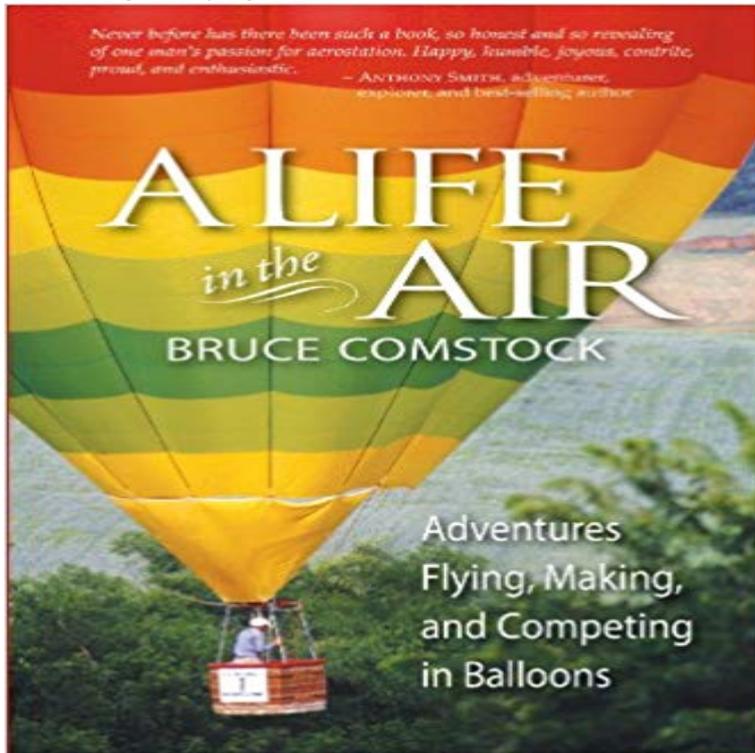


## A Life in the Air



A series of chance incidents diverted Bruce Comstock from a career teaching economics into a life of ballooning adventures. Not content just to enjoy flying with friends, over the following 35 years he won championships, guided the early development of the sport, resurrected Ballooning magazine, set world records, built a major balloon manufacturing company, created the autopilot that made possible the first solo nonstop balloon flight around the world, and made many remarkable balloon flights. Praise for *A Life in the Air* Never before has there been such a book, so honest and so revealing of one mans passion for aerostation. Happy, humble, joyous, contrite, proud, and enthusiastic, it will surely stimulate others just as he was immediately converted by the sight, no more and no less, of one airborne balloon, a road to Damascus event that has never let him go. ~ Anthony Smith, adventurer, explorer, and best-selling author This is a life-affirming booka fascinating insight into the mind and (often crazy) antics of a master of his craft. Bruce Comstocks achievements are extraordinary. In *A Life in the Air* he takes the reader with him on his adventuresbreaking worlds records, winning competitions, and achieving many first in the world of balloon flying. The pursuit of his dreams is recounted with humor and a refreshing modesty, while not disguising the strategic thinking and attention to detail that single Bruce out from the crowd. ~Judy Leden, adventurer, hang-gliding and paragliding multiple world champion and world record setter, author of *Flying With Condors* *A Life in the Air* is a look at the life of Americas greatest balloonist and the indelible mark he made on the sport and science of ballooning. ~Brian Lawler, editor, *Ballooning* magazine 1979-84 *A Life in the Air* is an engaging tale, especially of the evolution of competitive ballooning,

and of a talented and focused man who lived it. More than a collection of stories of Bruce Comstock, his family and their cadre of ballooning friends, this book reveals how one mans passion and creativity shaped a life that forever changed one corner of aviation. ~Al Nels, multiple world and U.S. national hot air balloon champion Perfection is unachievable, but dont tell Bruce! He never perceives a challenge to be too great. Experience, ingenuity, and astonishing analytical skills have led him to excel in all aspects of ballooning. Entertaining, inspirational, and insightful, this book eloquently chronicles Bruces adventures. More important, it gives the reader insight into his methods and thought processes, which have consistently produced world-class results. ~ Troy Bradley, transatlantic balloonist and prolific balloon record setter To read Bruces story of a life in the air is a true pleasure. When I started balloon competition in 1978, it was Bruce Comstock who set the bar. I strived to achieve similar accomplishments over a 25-year career. His tales of competition and record flights are riveting and a definite read for all LTA pilots, whether competitors, record setters, or just fun fliers. ~ David Levin, world and national hot air balloon and gas balloon champion What a story! In 1987, as the national championship rookie of the year, I stood on the stage next to Bruce Comstock, who had just won his sixth U.S. national hot air balloon championship. I resolved then to match that record, and it has taken 26 years to pull within one win of being the only person to do that. What makes the story told in this book even more amazing are Bruces many other equally remarkable achievements in ballooning. A fantastic life adventure!

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