

# 10 Lone Survivors and Their Harrowing and Incredible True Stories of Plane Crashes

Plane crashes are often horrific events, with few survivors. However, there have been some incredible cases of lone survivors who have managed to cheat death and tell their harrowing tales. Here are 10 of the most remarkable stories of lone survivors of plane crashes:



## The Day They Fell From The Sky: 10 Lone Survivors and Their Harrowing and Incredible True Stories of Plane-Crash Survival by James C. Kearney

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## 1. Juliane Koepcke



Juliane Koepcke was just 17 years old when she survived a plane crash in the Amazon rainforest in 1971. The plane she was traveling in was struck by lightning and broke apart mid-air. Koepcke was thrown from the plane and fell over 3,000 feet to the jungle floor. She suffered a broken collarbone and other injuries, but she managed to survive for 11 days in the rainforest before she was rescued.

## **2. Vesna Vulović**



Vesna Vulović was a Serbian flight attendant who survived a plane crash in 1972. The plane she was traveling in exploded mid-air, and Vulović was the only survivor. She fell over 33,000 feet to the ground, and she suffered severe injuries. However, she managed to survive and went on to live a full and active life.

### **3. Bahia Bakari**



Bahia Bakari was just 12 years old when she survived a plane crash in the Indian Ocean in 2009. The plane she was traveling in crashed into the ocean, and Bakari was the only survivor. She clung to a piece of wreckage for over 9 hours before she was rescued by a passing ship.

#### **4. Ruben van Assouw**



Ruben van Assouw was a Dutch pilot who survived a plane crash in the Andes Mountains in 1972. The plane he was traveling in crashed into a mountain, and van Assouw was the only survivor. He suffered severe injuries, but he managed to survive for over two months in the mountains before he was rescued.

## **5. Cecilia Cichan**



Cecilia Cichan was an American woman who survived a plane crash in the Andes Mountains in 1972. The plane she was traveling in crashed into a mountain, and Cichan was one of only 16 survivors. She suffered severe injuries, but she managed to survive for over two months in the mountains before she was rescued.

## **6. Nando Parrado**



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Nando Parrado was a Uruguayan rugby player who survived a plane crash in the Andes Mountains in 1972. The plane he was traveling in crashed into a mountain, and Parrado was one of only 16 survivors. He suffered severe injuries, but he managed to survive for over two months in the mountains before he was rescued. Parrado later became a motivational speaker and author.

## **7. Roberto Canessa**



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Roberto Canessa was a Uruguayan rugby player who survived a plane crash in the Andes Mountains in 1972. The plane he was traveling in crashed into a mountain, and Canessa was one of only 16 survivors. He suffered severe injuries, but he managed to survive for over two months in the mountains before he was rescued. Canessa later became a cardiologist and author.

## 8. Adolfo "Fito" Strauch





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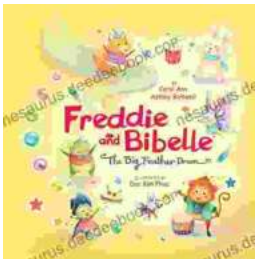
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