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"Medusa's Child" is a captivating science fiction thriller from the John J. Nance Collection, chronicling a high-stakes mission focused on saving Cascadia from an impending catastrophe. This gripping novel combines Nance's signature suspense with an expansive narrative set against the backdrop of a crucial orbital endeavor, promising readers an intense journey through risk and discovery. It's a must-read for fans of space adventures and intricate plotlines.

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## Orbit

The bestselling author of "Pandora's Clock" returns with a riveting thriller set in the world of commercial spaceflight. The year is 2009, and when a micrometeorite punches through the wall of a just-launched spacecraft, killing the pilot, passenger Kip Dawson discovers he is truly alone.

## Medusa's Child

For Scott McKay, a routine transport run from Miami to Denver turns horrifying when he learns that he's actually carrying a fully-armed Medusa a thermonuclear device that could disable every computer chip over an entire continent. And it's set to go off within hours!

## Lockout

A passenger plane is electronically hijacked—and may be aimed at a target that could kill millions: "A wild ride through the night sky." —Capt. "Sully" Sullenberger, #1 New York Times—bestselling author  
Over the Atlantic in the dark of night, the electronic brain of Pangia Airlines Flight 10 quietly and without warning disconnects all the cockpit controls and reverses course on its own. The crew of the huge Airbus 330 at first senses nothing, the flight displays still showing them on course to New York. But with puzzled passengers reporting stars on the wrong side and growing alarm over the sudden failure of all their radios—not to mention armed fighters pulling alongside to force them to land—the confused pilots discover that Flight 10 is streaking back toward the hyper-volatile Middle East, and there is nothing they can do about it. An alphabet soup of federal agencies struggle for answers. Messages fly between Washington and Tel Aviv as suspicions grow about a plot to spark a nuclear war. The presence of a hated former head of state in first class fuels fearful speculation. As time and fuel run low, flying at full throttle toward a hostile border, Capt. Jerry Tollefson and First Officer Dan Horneman have to put

their personal animosities aside and risk everything to wrest control from the electronic ghost holding them—and perhaps the world—on a course to certain disaster. And in the war room in Tel Aviv, the interim Prime Minister of Israel grapples with a horrifying choice between three hundred airborne lives and the probability of millions more casualties . . . “King of the modern-day aviation thriller.” —Publishers Weekly

#### Thrilled to Death Volume Two

Buckle your seatbelts for three high-flying aviation thrillers—written by experienced pilots including a New York Times–bestselling author. *Lockout* Whoever has electronically disconnected the flight controls of Pangia Flight 10 as it streaks toward the volatile Middle East may be trying to provoke a nuclear war. With time and fuel running out, the pilots are forced to put animosities aside and risk everything to wrest control from the electronic ghost holding them on a course to disaster. “A wild ride through the night sky.” —Capt. “Sully” Sullenberger, #1 New York Times–bestselling author *Paper Wings* When a boat is found adrift off Fort Lauderdale, the investigation leads to more than murder—the evidence points to an “accident” that downed a passenger jet in Bermuda. Capt. Hart Lindy’s role in the NTSB investigation puts him on a flight path to danger trying to determine what really happened to Flight 63. “A masterful melange of deadly mysteries and desperate acts.” —John J. Nance, New York Times–bestselling author *The Strait* Upon learning that Swede Bergstrom, the hero who saved his life, has been killed during the commission of a crime, pilot Jake Silver agrees to follow Swede’s mysterious and beautiful sister, Christina, on a search to clear her brother’s name. Their odyssey will take them into the heart of darkness itself, dodging death every step of the way . . . “The Strait interrupted my normal sleep cycle . . . a page-turner for sure.” —Donald J. Porter, aviation historian and author of *Flight Failure*

#### Blackout

In the wake of what looks like the terrorist bombing of an airplane, FBI agent Kat Bronksy investigates reports of a “Global Express” plane sighted on the runway near the target jetliner before takeoff.

#### Final Approach

A government investigator looks into the cover-up of a deadly plane crash in this aviation thriller from the New York Times–bestselling author of *Lockout*. In the control tower at Kansas City International Airport, all the radar displays are red. But for the experienced pilots of North America Airlines, the thunderstorms aren’t the problem: NAA has been cutting costs to stave off bankruptcy, and will do anything to keep their planes in the air. Unfortunately, no matter what they do, one is on its way down. After the aircraft collides with another plane on the Kansas City runway, in one of the worst aviation disasters of the decade, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Joe Wallingford arrives on the scene. As he studies the wreckage and pieces together the events that led to the tragedy, he realizes there’s far more at play than pilot error or equipment malfunction. Wallingford will have to risk his career—and perhaps even his life—to solve the puzzle of the crash.

#### Pandora's Clock

A plane carrying a supervirus searches for a place to land in this “combination of *The Hot Zone* and *Speed*” by a New York Times–bestselling author (USA Today). On a snowy road in a German forest, Ernest Helms sees a man trying to break into his car. After a scuffle, Helms escapes with only a cut on his hand. Hours later, he collapses aboard a flight from Frankfurt to New York. The pilot, Capt. James Holland, radios London to plan an emergency landing to save Helms—and then the nightmare begins. Heathrow denies Holland permission to land: Helms has been stricken with an ultracontagious pathogen that threatens the entire planet. When Germany also refuses to let him land, Holland and his passengers are prisoners of the sky, caught between a deadly disease and a world that would rather shoot them down than risk contamination. Written by a former aviator known as the master of mile-high suspense, this is a pulse-pounding thriller about infectious disease in the tradition of *Outbreak* and *The Andromeda Strain*. Threatened by hostile governments on the ground and disease in the sky, Captain Holland is in for the flight of his life.

#### Books Out Loud

A pilot races through the sky to stop a nuclear catastrophe in this “compelling” thriller by the New York Times–bestselling author of *Pandora's Clock* (People). Vivian Henry hasn’t heard her ex-husband’s

voice in three years, but it still fills her with fear. Dangerous and brilliant, Dr. Rogers Henry is calling because he's dying. He offers Vivian a fortune in insurance money if she'll carry out one final task for him: Take the Medusa device to Washington, DC. The Medusa is his life's work—a thermonuclear bomb capable of knocking out all modern technology in the country—and he wants her to deliver it to the Pentagon before it falls into the wrong hands. Cargo plane captain Scott McKay is miles above the ground when the Medusa begins to speak. A recording of Dr. Henry's voice announces that the device is active and about to explode. With nowhere to land, Captain McKay must rely on his instincts and fly like he has never flown before to prevent a worldwide apocalypse. Medusa's Child proves once again that John Nance is the "king of the modern-day aviation thriller" (Publishers Weekly).

#### Medusa's Child

Born in the blazing crucible of war, but sworn to fight for peace, the mysterious obsidian aviator known only by the codename Captain Midnight flies again! An ace pilot, super secret agent, and astounding scientific genius, the heroic Captain Midnight ruled the radio airwaves and starred in comic books, film serials, and a classic television series. Now, when we need him most, he has returned, along with his legendary Secret Squadron, to battle spies, saboteurs, and the mercenary armies of the evil warmonger Ivan Shark and his delectably deadly daughter, Fury. Featuring New York Times bestselling aviation novelist John J. Nance, the Captain Midnight Chronicles boasts a squadron of talented contributors, including Stephen Mertz, Robert T. Jeschonek, Mark Justice, Chuck Dixon, Robert Greenberger, Trina Robbins, Tim Lasiuta, Win Scott Eckert, Howard Hopkins, and Christopher Mills.

#### Captain Midnight Chronicles

Whoever has electronically disconnected the flight controls of Pangia Flight 10 as it streaks toward the volatile Middle East may be trying to provoke a nuclear war.

#### Lockout

A scientist and a pilot's daughter investigate a top-secret computer program that can control any plane in the sky in this spine-tingling thriller from New York Times–bestselling author John J. Nance For eighteen months, Dr. Ben Cole has worked to develop Skyhook, a highly advanced autopilot that can direct aircraft from the ground. On the first test run, something goes wrong over the Gulf of Alaska plunging Cole's plane toward a supertanker at maximum speed. But moments before impact, the computer switches off, saving his life. Seeking answers, Cole joins forces with April Rosen, whose pilot father narrowly missed his own midair collision over the same waters where Skyhook was tested. Unraveling the mystery of these near-disasters pits Cole and Rosen against shadowy forces within the Pentagon who will go to dangerous lengths to keep the public from discovering the true purpose—and the real dangers—of Skyhook.

#### Skyhook

An FBI hostage negotiator confronts a commercial pilot who has hijacked his own plane in this spellbinding thriller from New York Times–bestselling author John J. Nance Airline pilot Ken Wolfe does not rattle easily. But when he learns that Rudolph Bostich is on his flight, his face goes pale. Bostich, the presumptive nominee for US Attorney General, bungled the case against the man who kidnapped and killed Wolfe's daughter. The pilot is prepared to do whatever it takes to get revenge—even setting off a bomb on a plane full of passengers. FBI agent, psychologist, and rookie hostage negotiator Kat Bronsky now has one hundred and thirty lives riding on her every word. As Bronsky speaks with the volatile Wolfe, she realizes she must solve the mystery of an eleven-year-old girl's murder—in a matter of hours—to avert disaster.

#### The Last Hostage

In the skies above Europe, a Boeing 737 jets toward an unknown destination. On board is John Harris—a fugitive from justice. Charged by an international accord of ordering the torture of hundreds of innocent people, he is the most wanted man in the world. He is the former President of the United States. The pilot, Captain Craig Dayton, realizes that a silent conspiracy against John Harris is taking shape, and that every moment the plane spends on the ground makes a target for his enemies—who have already condemned him for his crimes. Now, as both sides wage a war of words in the most powerful courts in the world, the only safe haven left is in the air.

#### Headwind

Two air force pilots race to stop an Iraqi bioweapon in this thriller filled with “white-knuckle flight scenes” from a New York Times–bestselling author (Kirkus Reviews). A scientist charged by Saddam Hussein with pioneering a horrific breakthrough in biological warfare, Shakir Abbas defects at the American embassy to warn the world of the new weapon. America’s worst nightmare has come true—and now US forces must scramble to put together a plan to destroy the weapon of mass destruction. When the operation goes awry in Saudi Arabia, Col. Will Westerman commandeers a C-141 transport to get the Special Forces team into Iraq. With the help of air force buddy Col. Doug Harris, Westerman reaches his target only to discover that the unthinkable has happened. Now they must use all their ingenuity, daring, and adrenaline to stop a worldwide catastrophe—and survive what looks increasingly like a suicide mission. From the bestselling author of Pandora’s Clock and the Kat Bronsky series—a pilot and Operation Desert Storm veteran himself—this is a “gripping” aviation thriller (Seattle Post-Intelligencer) featuring “thoroughly realistic background detail and an entirely too plausible plot” (Kirkus Reviews).

### Scorpion Strike

A “gripping” look at the massive disasters that could strike at any moment, from a New York Times–bestselling author (San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle). Far beneath the earth’s surface, great tectonic plates grind against one another with incredible pressure that must—inevitably—be released. Earthquakes manifest with little warning, upending buildings, shattering infrastructure, and unleashing devastating tsunamis. In this remarkable survey of the history of seismology and the extraordinary seismic events that have occurred in the United States, Mexico, China, and other locales, author John J. Nance traces the discoveries of the scientists who have dedicated their lives to understanding and predicting one of the deadliest threats known to mankind. From the Pacific Northwest to the Midwest and the East Coast, most of the United States—not just California—is in danger of a massive quake, and few citizens are adequately prepared. Through riveting firsthand interviews with earthquake survivors, and with the same command of technical detail and gripping style that he brings to his New York Times–bestselling thrillers, Nance demonstrates the need for readiness—because the next big quake could happen tomorrow.

### On Shaky Ground

A pilot’s emergency maneuver lands him in court in this thriller by a New York Times–bestselling author who “knows how to keep his readers turning pages.” —Booklist On takeoff from Denver during a winter blizzard, an airliner piloted by veteran Captain Marty Mitchell overruns a commuter plane from behind. Bizarrely, the fuselage of the smaller aircraft is tenuously wedged onto the wing of his Boeing 757, leading Mitchell to an impossible life-or-death choice. Mitchell’s decision will land the former military pilot in the crosshairs of a viciously ambitious district attorney determined to send him to prison for doing his job. Despondent and deeply wounded by what he sees as betrayal by the system, Mitchell at first refuses to defend himself or even assist the corporate lawyer forced to represent him. Pitted against the prosecutorial prowess of a DA using Mitchell’s case to audition for a political appointment is young defense attorney Judith Winston. Her lack of experience in criminal cases could mean the end of Mitchell’s freedom, if he doesn’t end his own life first. But like the pilot she represents, she will not give up in the face of devastating odds—and she’s growing ever more determined to expose the corruption behind his personal nightmare . . . “King of the modern-day aviation thriller.” —Publishers Weekly “In the air, or in a courtroom, nobody writes a better thriller than John J. Nance.” —Steve Jackson, New York Times–bestselling author

### 16 Souls

Winner of the 2009 ACHE James A. Hamilton Book of the Year Award! “This book is a tour de force, and no one but John Nance could have written it. Only he could have made sophisticated, scientifically disciplined instruction about the nature and roots of safety into a page-turner. Medical care has a ton yet to learn from the decades of progress that have brought aviation to unprecedented levels of safety, and, in instructing us all about those lessons, John Nance is not just a bridge-builder he is the bridge.” --Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, President and CEO, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

### The Gentle Tasaday

A planeload of enraged passengers declares mutiny when their captain makes an emergency landing in the middle of a war zone in this action-packed thriller from New York Times–bestselling author John J. Nance In a desperate attempt to cut costs, Meridian Airlines has given up on any pretense of customer

service. The passengers on Meridian Flight Six from Boston to Cape Town are fed up with hours-long delays, uncomfortable cabin conditions, and rude airline personnel. But Brian Logan is more than a disgruntled passenger: He believes Meridian killed his wife and he's about to take revenge by lighting the fuse of disaster. When Capt. Phil Knight makes a forced landing in a hotbed of insurgents in Nigeria, he's facing more than a rebel firefight. Violence erupts inside the cabin as Logan leads the passengers in a revolt. But with the loss of radio contact, the civilians don't realize that NATO and the CIA believe their plane has been hijacked by terrorists and must be taken down.

### Why Hospitals Should Fly

Master storyteller Arthur Hailey's #1 New York Times bestseller is a turbocharged thriller about America's automobile industry, from the bottom up Ford. Chrysler. General Motors. They were the Big Three, accused by critics of greed, monopoly, and abusing the public trust. In the shadows of these towering giants is American Motors, blazing its own path to greatness. Adam Trenton, the fiercely ambitious executive in charge of project development, wants to take the company into the future with the new, cutting-edge car he's developing, but his single-minded dedication has his neglected wife seeking dangerous thrills, making Adam vulnerable to a growing web of deceit, blackmail, and organized crime. From Detroit's inner city to its affluent suburbs, from the executive suites and secret design studios to the assembly line jungle and the maximum security testing grounds, *Wheels* is a breakneck ride full of human drama through one of America's most complex and competitive industries.

### Aseptolin

The author of *A Splash of Colors* offers dozens of valid and intelligent solutions to the worsening problem of safety risks in the commercial airline industry. 8 pages of black-and-white photographs.

### Turbulence

A few hundred years ago, Cascadia Island didn't even exist. Like the Washington seacoast, it was rock submerged beneath the Pacific. A massive earthquake changed that, exploding the rock upward, making it land -- unstable land, according to seismologist Dr. Doug Lam. Lam has spent years researching the Cascadia Subduction Zone. He published a theory that the unrelieved tectonic strain beneath the idyllic landscape of Cascadia Island could be triggered with modern construction processes -- with catastrophic results. The paper was disregarded, even ridiculed, by his peers and by megawealthy developer Mick Walker, who stands to earn millions from the construction of a luxury resort on Cascadia. The elegant casino, hotel, and convention center will reap millions for him even if the tiny island only lasts for a short time... When a series of earthquakes begins to shake the Northwest Corridor, Doug's worst fears are confirmed. In an attempt to convince Walker to evacuate Cascadia immediately, Doug hurries to join guests arriving for the resort's grand opening. As the tremors wreak havoc across the Northwest coastal area, the military is left with too few resources to assist the people on Cascadia. Convinced that the island will be in ruins within hours, Doug reluctantly calls upon his girlfriend, Jennifer Lindstrom, president of Nightingale Aviation -- a major medical transport helicopter company -- for help. With snow falling, visibility dropping, and winds increasing, Doug embarks on an impossible mission with Jennifer and Nightingale's helicopters to evacuate over three hundred people, while smaller earthquakes continue to herald the approach of a catastrophic tsunami. John J. Nance hurtles readers along a nail-biting quest to rescue hundreds of stranded vacationers and resort staff. Meticulously researched, and with the signature authenticity only a veteran pilot could provide, *Saving Cascadia* is a hair-raising thriller of awesome magnitude.

### Wheels

A female investment banker starts up a visionary airline, taking on Wall Street, the airline industry, and an international terrorist syndicate in this electrifying thriller from New York Times--bestselling author John J. Nance. The bed is so comfortable that Elizabeth Sterling sleeps through her alarm, high above the Pacific, reveling in the comforts of the most luxurious airliner ever built. It's the flagship of the newly revived Pan Am, the most audacious experiment in aviation history. The airline's backers believe they can redefine commercial air travel by providing luxury at forty thousand feet—and they need Sterling to get them off the ground. A Wall Street titan with a love of flying, Sterling is up to the challenge. But when the venture comes under attack by its lenders, competitors, and a shadowy cabal of international terrorists, she needs more than a new business strategy. With help from chief pilot Brian Murphy and

investigator Creighton MacRae, Sterling masterminds a risky plan to defeat the sinister forces that are sabotaging her new airline and threatening her life.

#### Blind Trust

A young chef who revels in local bounty, a long-ago murder that remains unsolved, the homeless of Stanley Park, a smooth-talking businessman named Dante — these are the ingredients of Timothy Taylor's stunning debut novel — *Kitchen Confidential* meets *The Edible Woman*. Trained in France, Jeremy Papier, the young Vancouver chef, is becoming known for his unpretentious dishes that highlight fresh, local ingredients. His restaurant, The Monkey's Paw Bistro, while struggling financially, is attracting the attention of local foodies, and is not going unnoticed by Dante Beale, owner of a successful coffeehouse chain, Dante's Inferno. Meanwhile, Jeremy's father, an eccentric anthropologist, has moved into Stanley Park to better acquaint himself with the homeless and their daily struggles for food, shelter and company. Jeremy's father also has a strange fascination for a years-old unsolved murder case, known as "The Babes in the Wood" and asks Jeremy to help him research it. Dante is dying to get his hands on The Monkey's Paw. When Jeremy's elaborate financial kite begins to fall, he is forced to sell to Dante and become his employee. The restaurant is closed for renovations, Inferno style. Jeremy plans a menu for opening night that he intends to be the greatest culinary statement he's ever made, one that unites the homeless with high foody society in a paparazzi-covered celebration of "local splendour."

#### Splash of Colors

Receiving a text from Sasha, my girlfriend, at work was always risky. Especially when she wanted to know if her girlfriend was horny. A short and sweet (and filthy) story.

#### Saving Cascadia

In an age where business is too often seen as brutal combat devoid of ethics and human concern, the amazing story of Harold Simmons' journey from bank trainee to one of the nation's wealthiest, most successful corporate investors is an inspiring record of intelligence, honesty, and faith in the American system. It is also a fascinating trip through the byzantine realities of high corporate finance and corporate acquisition, and a validation of the idea that the true value of public companies can be discovered through nothing more than intellect, hard work, and public records. This is the story of Harold Simmons, whose journey from his home in Golden, Texas, has been on a path paved in gold. Written in the can't-put-it-down style of best-selling author John J. Nance.

#### Phoenix Rising

FBI agent Kat Bronsky uncovers a conspiracy to send planes falling from the sky in this riveting thriller from New York Times-bestselling author John J. Nance A Boeing/McDonnell-Douglas MD-11 jetliner crashes into the Gulf of Mexico a mile inside Cuban waters, killing all three hundred and twenty passengers onboard. The last three minutes on the plane's cockpit voice and data recorders have been erased. Was this a massive mechanical failure or an act of terrorism? At an air terrorism conference, FBI agent Kat Bronsky learns Washington Post reporter Robert McCabe has received frightening information about the MD-11 crash from a source that mysteriously disappeared. When another airliner goes down after its pilots are flash-blinded midflight, Bronsky and McCabe find themselves at the center of what might be a deadly government cover-up. Unable to trust her colleagues at the FBI, Bronsky must rely on her own wits and piloting skills as she races from the jungles of Vietnam to the forests of the American Northwest to unmask the conspirators before the entire American airline industry comes crashing out of the sky. John J. Nance is in top form with this suspense-charged, action-packed novel that solidifies his reputation as the king of the aviation thriller.

#### Stanley Park

An account of the life of a young boy belonging to a Stone Age tribe recently discovered in a remote jungle in the Philippines.

#### Sissy Dreams: From Boyfriend to Girlfriend

"Charting the Course" is the sequel to John J. Nance's best-selling, award-winning novel "Why Hospitals Should Fly". John Nance and his wife, Kathleen Bartolomew, have co-written the continuing story of Dr. Will Jenkins as he takes over the leadership the fictional Las Vegas Memorial Hospital.

John Nance and Kathleen Bartholomew address head-on how to become a top-level institution by illuminating the norms of the current hospital culture and then demonstrating how each member of every medical facility, regardless of rank, must be a leader and owner of the cultural revolution needed to keep their hospital system viable and their patients safe. Whereas "Why Hospitals Should Fly" dealt more with the "why" of a cultural revolution, "Charting the Course" deals more with the "how" of changing an ingrained hospital culture. Study guide provided at end of book." -- publisher.

### Golden Boy

The bestselling author of *Blind Trust* exposes our government's shocking neglect of scientific evidence about environmental disaster. *What Goes Up* tells the story of the beleaguered scientists who've sounded worldwide warnings of this disaster, coupled with a comprehensive explanation of both the ozone and Global Warming issues.

### Blackout

Titian, Chopin, Andre del Sarto, Thorwaldsen, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Murillo, Stradivarius, Guido Reni, Claude Lorraine, Tintoretto & Rosa Bonheur, "Tomboy of Bordeaux"

### Lobo of the Tasaday

"The Flagellants is the story of the romantic relationship between Ideal and Jimson. After a brief prologue establishing Ideal's childhood connection to a black community called "the Bottom," the novel unfolds as a series of arguments between the couple, representing the historical gender conflicts between black men and women."--ENotes.

### Charting the Course

A body in a boat and a deadly emergency landing lead an airline pilot to uncover a conspiracy in this technological thriller. When a boat and its grisly cargo are found adrift off Fort Lauderdale the investigation leads to more than "just" murder. In fact, the evidence points to a connection of an in-flight emergency that resulted in passenger fatalities and forced a diversion of Patriot Airlines Flight 63 to Bermuda. As the accident investigation chairman of the pilots' union, Captain Hart Lindy will find himself reluctantly drawn into the National Transportation Safety Board's inquiry only to discover that someone is going to great lengths—including murder and kidnapping—to prevent the facts from being exposed. But who? And why? These are the questions Lindy will need to answer to get at the truth about what really happened to Flight 63. His task is complicated by his own personal demons, including the horrors of past airline crash investigations, as well as walking a diplomatic tightrope with an eccentric FBI special agent who is barely tolerating protocol, and an ambitious female investigator with eyes for Hart. Written by a veteran airline pilot and aviation analyst, *Paper Wings* will keep you up in the air and on the edge of your seat! "A masterful mélange of deadly mysteries and desperate acts."—John J. Nance, *New York Times*—bestselling author of *Lockout*

### What Goes Up

Boyhood Stories of Famous Men