From the Right Seat

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Here are a few suggestions for winter reading pleasure.

**The Left Seat** by Robert J. Serling 1966, Doubleday & Co

Although this story is about an airline captain flying in the reciprocating engine era, this is a compelling story of a captain who survives a crash and faces the consequences. It is an enjoyable read but may take a little searching to find a copy.

**Night Flight** by Antoine de Saint-Expiry

If you have not read this classic from the 1932, you should. After all, who wouldn’t want to fly in Patagonia with strong winds coming off the Andes mountains. Exupéry was lost without a trace during World War II but left us his writings and stories of the pioneering pilots of that exciting time in aviation history.

**Flyboys** by James Bradley

Bradley writes about the 150 - year history of the United States – Japan interaction leading to the eventual conflict in the Pacific. It focuses on the actions and lives of eight Naval aviators and the engagements with the Japanese Navy and Army. As the New York Times reviewer said,” Unforgettable, one of the most instructive and moving books on war and its aftermath that we are likely to see.”

**2022 FAR/AIM** and the **Operating Manual** for the airplane you fly. Each year, I recommend starting at the beginning and review each chapter of the aircraft manual and get into the FARs and AIM to ensure you are familiar with any changes and new information. And, of course, all the other magazines, newsletters, and technical bulletins you subscribe to.

All the very best wishes for a Safe, Healthy, and Happy New Year…