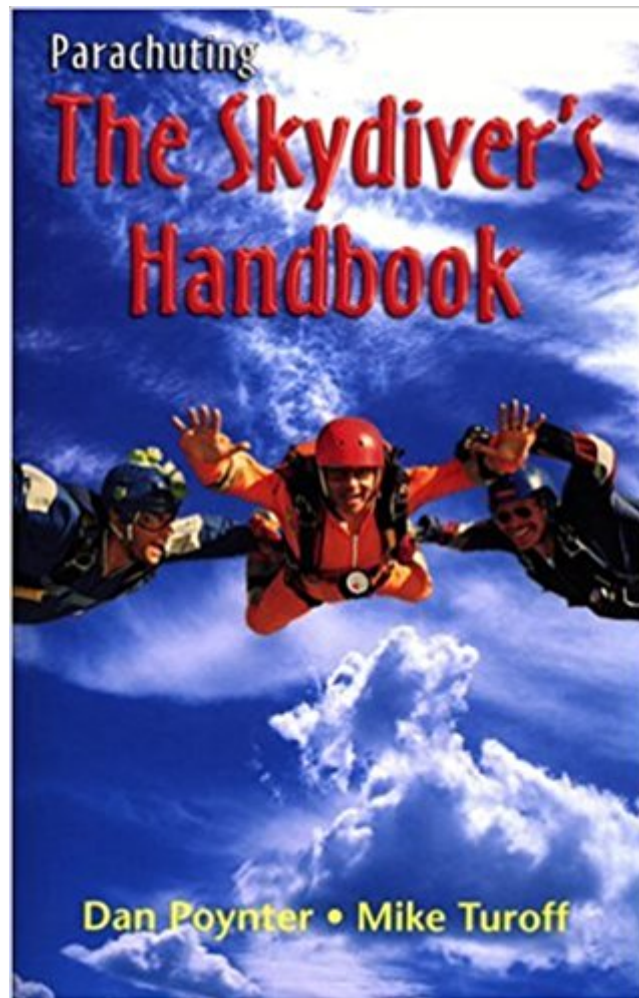




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Parachuting: The Skydiver's Handbook



Synopsis

Skydiving is the closest humankind can come to unfettered flight. Parachuting, The Skydiver's Handbook helps both novice and experienced jumpers get the most out of the sport. The book details every phase of skydiving, canopy flying, safety, and equipment. It thoroughly explores freefall progression, learning to skydive, canopy progression and formation flying, specialized jumping, and every aspect of parachutes. With hundreds of photographs, illustrations, and charts, this revised and updated edition conforms with the new regulations of the U.S. Parachute Association.

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A free-falling parachuter, strapped onto a snowboard with a Cheshire grin and arms spread wide, graces the book's cover (as does his recently departed airplane, pitched at a rather precarious angle). Don't be misled: only a few pages of The Skydiver's Handbook are dedicated to skysurfing, one of the more radical aspects of parachuting. Instead, Dan Poynter and Mike Turoff's parachuting guide is exhaustive, addressing all levels and styles of skydiving, and providing a glut of like resources. The guide opens with a why-do-this analogy: "If riding in an airplane is flying, then riding in a boat is swimming. If you want to experience the element, get out of the vehicle." Novice skydivers will learn the basics, from tarmac preparation to the first static line jump. And yes, experienced jumpmasters will find enough advanced material to hold their interest: free fall and canopy progression, equipment updates, and emergency procedures. All readers will appreciate the glossary and the lists of skydiving centers, parachute equipment dealers, and literary material. --Rob McDonald --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The latest edition of this book since its original 1978 publication. LJ 's review from July of that year said,"A valuable collection of information and a good first look at the sport." A nice touch is the appendix, which lists addresses of many national and international parachuting associations, manufacturers of equipment, and books, newspapers, and magazines on the subject.--

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Just getting into skydiving, this book is a great read. It will inform you about a lot about the sport, the equipment (past and present), the training and beyond. Being on it's 10th edition, you can see where some of the newer stuff was put in and the flow of the book becomes slightly contorted from time to time, but the information is there and most of it is very useful to a new or not-yet-skydiving person. I would highly recommend this book to anyone considering or just beginning to skydive.

As someone just beginning skydiving training, this book, as an adjunct to the training materials from my dropzone and my instructors, has been very helpful to me in knowing what expect, great history of the sport, good reality of the risks, and a great reference. Thank you!

I have previous (Military) free fall parachuting training. This book was good for me because it helped bridge the gap between jumping out of a plane with equipment, hitting the ground and doing an operation to the skydiving community, wearing a neon pink RW suit, jumping with friends, performing maneuvers, and high-fives & chocolate cake on the drop zone.I liked the step by step instruction when it comes to packing, because my previous training was to bury or "cache" your chute, or it was re-packed by a qualified military packer-riggers.I only wish this book showed more free fall maneuvers.If you are interested in the sport, would like to know a little history about it, or a typical jump and drop zone activities, this is the book for you!

I found this skydiving book to be an excellent choice for those seeking more knowledge in the world of skydiving. I found a lot of information that I will keep coming back to reading about when I feel it is time for a refresher in all aspects of skydiving. I was also in the market for my first parachute rig and needed to find out more on where to go for my first rig, I found that the book was limited in this type of information. But, in the back of the book there are references which gave me contacts on where to go, this made it worth while. I definetly would recommend it to those seeking more information

dealing with the sport of skydiving. I now take the book with me to work so I can tap into answers on questions that I have about the sport when ever they pop up. For the price of this book you can not go wrong. It just about covers everything about the sport of sky diving.

Good intro and overview to skydiving. I was looking for more info to prepare for an intro AAF course and this was good.

i bought this book just before taking aff to help me mentally prepare. it is full of alot of practical information, it's easy to read and understand, and it has really helped me get familiar with skydiving before actually going solo. the only drawback is that it is a little outdated in terms of some of the gear and few other things. if you read it as an intro to the sport to prepare, it's great. in the end, listen to your instructors.

Described as used. It arrived as near to brand new and the latest edition. Very pleased.

I like it and will keep it for reference. However, readers should be aware that the details may differ from a local club's rules and practices, so it should be used in conjunction with local guidelines. Very humerous as well!

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