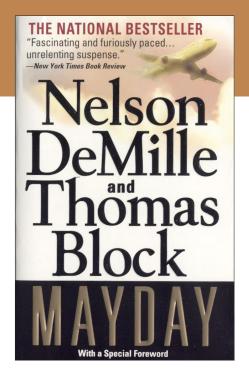
Nelson DeMille

About Mayday

Twelve miles above the Pacific Ocean, a missile strikes a jumbo passenger jet. The flight crew is crippled or dead. Now, defying both nature and man, three survivors must achieve the impossible. Land the plane.

From the master storyteller Nelson DeMille and master pilot Thomas Block comes *Mayday* - the classic bestseller that packs a supersonic shock at every turn of the page...the most terrifyingly realistic air disaster thriller ever.



Book Club Questions for Discussion

- 1. The premise of this novel is based on fact, which centers on what will happen to human beings on an airplane during high-altitude decompression of the cabin. How did that affect you while you were reading the novel?
- 2. In Chapters 2 and 4 there are long, specific descriptions of what it's like inside the airplane during the high-altitude decompression. What were you thinking as you read these chapters?
- 3. Describe how you would have felt if you were in the communications room of Trans-United exchanging messages with John Berry.

- 4. What would you have done if you were Peter Matos and ordered to fire on the damaged aircraft?
- 5. Do you think military cover-ups similar to what occurred in this novel still happen?
- 6. If you were one of the survivors, what would your first action be, and what would you do next?

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