



Come Up And Get Me: An Autobiography Of Colonel Joe Kittinger.

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University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, 2010. Softcover. Book Condition: New. 272 pages. Softcover. New book. AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Selected by Popular Mechanics as a Top Book of 2010. Silver Medal Winner for Autobiography / Memoir, ForeWord Reviews 2010 Book of the Year Awards A few years after his release from a North Vietnamese prisoner-of-war camp in 1973, Colonel Joseph Kittinger retired from the Air Force. Restless and unchallenged, he turned to ballooning, a lifelong passion as well as a constant diversion for his imagination during his imprisonment. His primary goal was a solitary circumnavigation of the globe, and in its pursuit he set several ballooning distance records, including the first solo crossing of the Atlantic in 1984. But the aeronautical feats that first made him an American hero had occurred a quarter of a century earlier. By the time Kittinger was shot down in Vietnam in 1972, his Air Force career was already legendary. He had made a name for himself at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, New Mexico, as a test pilot who helped demonstrate that egress survival for pilots at high altitudes was possible in emergency situations. Ironically, Kittinger and his pre-astronaut colleagues would help propel Americans into...



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