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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

If you miss the great airborne adventures of writers like the late Ernest K. Gann, John Nance might help take up some of the slack. His *Pandora's Clock*--it became a TV movie--featured a nasty virus rampant at 35,000 feet. His latest has the widow of a world-class scientist trying to deliver to the Pentagon an invention that could shut down computers everywhere, thus ending civilization (and online bookselling) as we know it. Lots of hairy, if somewhat implausible, action--sure to be exploited in another TV movie.

From School Library Journal

YA?From the intriguing jacket cover to the final page, suspense abounds in this thrilling novel. When Scott McKay, captain of his private cargo plane, takes on two passengers and their cargo crates, he and his crew discover that they are in for the flight of their lives. While over Washington, DC, a strange noise comes from deep inside the crate owned by Vivian Henry. It is the voice of her husband, a nuclear scientist who was believed dead. The people onboard are informed that the shipment that they are carrying is a fully armed Medusa device, a thermonuclear bomb that will not only kill millions of people, but can also destroy every computer chip on the continent, blasting the country back into the Stone Age. It is set to go off within hours. Panic erupts in the world of nuclear scientists who used to work for Dr. Henry, for they realize that this threat is a real possibility. Fear spreads through the White House and the general public, as a group of rogue military officers conspire to secure the bomb at any cost. Captain McKay and his crew soon discover that they are being deceived, and that everyone's life is in danger. Mistrust, deceit, and spine-chilling action flow from every page of this story. ?Anita Short, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA
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Even from the grave, nuclear physicist Rogers Henry is determined to castigate the wife who left him and the nation that devalued his services. Two years after her ex-husband's death, Vivian Henry agrees to accompany his lifelong project to the Pentagon. She doesn't know that what she is transporting is a thermonuclear bomb that, upon detonation, will kill millions and immobilize U.S. computer, telecommunication, financial, and transportation systems. While airborne, the ex-navy pilot at the controls and the hapless passengers discover the bomb when it diabolically informs them that it will explode in three and a half hours. Nance (*Pandora's Clock*, Doubleday, 1995) weaves a tight narrative and effectively builds the suspense. An old-fashioned page-turner recommended for public-library fiction collections.
-?Maria A. Perez-Stable, *Western Michigan Univ. Libs., Kalamazoo*
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