

Come Fly With Us: A Global History of the Airline Hostess

The airline hostess is a familiar figure to anyone who has ever flown on a commercial airplane. She is the person who greets you at the door, helps you find your seat, and serves you food and drinks during your flight. But what do you really know about the history of this iconic profession?



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Come Fly With Us is a comprehensive history of the airline hostess profession, from its humble beginnings in the early 20th century to its modern-day evolution. This fascinating book explores the changing role of the airline hostess over the years, from her original duties as a nurse and stewardess to her current position as a customer service representative and safety expert.

Author Sarah Phillips has interviewed dozens of former and current airline hostesses to get their firsthand accounts of what it was like to work in this demanding and glamorous profession. She also draws on a wealth of

archival research to tell the story of the airline hostess from a global perspective.

Come Fly With Us is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of aviation or the role of women in the workforce. It is a fascinating and inspiring story of how a group of pioneering women helped to shape the modern world.

The Early Days of the Airline Hostess

The first airline hostesses were hired in 1930 by Boeing Air Transport. These women were called "stewardesses" and they were responsible for serving food and drinks, cleaning the cabin, and providing first aid to passengers.

In the early days of aviation, flying was a dangerous and uncomfortable experience. Airlines were looking for ways to make their passengers more comfortable and safe, and they believed that hiring women to serve as stewardesses would help to achieve this goal.

The first stewardesses were all registered nurses. They were trained in first aid and CPR, and they were also required to have a pleasant personality and a good appearance.

The stewardesses quickly became popular with passengers. They were seen as a symbol of safety and comfort, and they helped to make flying a more enjoyable experience.

The Golden Age of the Airline Hostess

The 1950s and 1960s were the golden age of the airline hostess. During this time, airlines were expanding rapidly and there was a high demand for qualified stewardesses.

The airlines began to compete for the best and brightest stewardesses. They offered high salaries, generous benefits, and the opportunity to travel the world.

As a result, the airline hostess profession became one of the most glamorous and sought-after jobs for women. Stewardesses were often featured in magazines and movies, and they were seen as role models for young girls.

The golden age of the airline hostess came to an end in the 1970s. As the airlines began to deregulate, they started to cut costs. One of the ways they did this was by reducing the number of stewardesses on each flight.

In addition, the women's movement led to changes in the way that women were viewed in the workplace. Stewardesses were no longer seen as simply sex objects. They were now expected to be professional and qualified.

The Modern-Day Airline Hostess

The airline hostess profession has changed a lot over the years. Today, airline hostesses are more likely to be called flight attendants. They are also more likely to be men than women.

Flight attendants today are responsible for a wide range of duties. They provide safety instructions to passengers, serve food and drinks, and clean

the cabin. They also provide customer service and answer questions from passengers.

The flight attendant profession is still a demanding one, but it is also a rewarding one. Flight attendants get to travel the world, meet new people, and help to make flying a safe and enjoyable experience for passengers.

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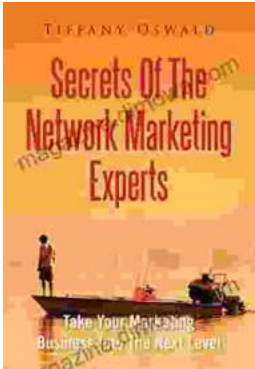
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