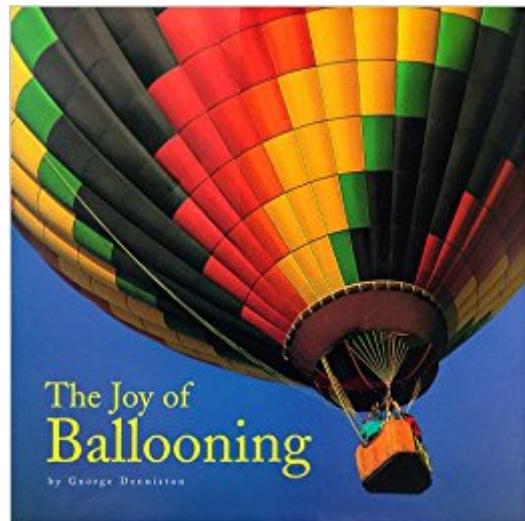


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# The Joy Of Ballooning



## **Synopsis**

A behind-the-scenes view of the world of hot-air ballooning featuring an account of the race to circumnavigate the globe non-stop. Also covers the history of ballooning and record book of flight achievements, as well as information on different balloon shapes and sizes and the secrets of balloon navigation and an index of ballooning festivals.

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Events have overtaken this short history of ballooning, which ends with Steve Fossett's failed 1998 attempt to circumnavigate the globe. Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones's successful attempt in Breitling Orbiter 3 may have sparked interest in the sport, though, and Denniston's book is the perfect introduction for the curious. Denniston, a doctor, pilot, and contributing editor to *Balloon Life* magazine, starts with a short history of ballooning, from the Montgolfier brothers to Ed Yost's creation of the modern hot-air balloon. This is followed by chapters on topics including the physics of balloon flight, balloons in special shapes, balloon competitions, extreme-sport ballooning, goodwill and charity activities, balloon festivals, and a day in the life of a typical commercial balloon pilot. Recommended for libraries in communities that host balloon festivals and where interest in the subject is high. [Over 100 full-color photographs not seen.]  
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With a cover this beautiful, and a writer this experienced, it would be hard to miss. George

Denniston has been flying and writing about balloons for years, and brings all his experience and knowledge to this work. The text follows a predictable pattern, including ancient and recent history, technical aspects, festivals, shapes, instruction and so forth. Denniston, however, brings a new and different twist to each chapter, making sure the text includes tidbits of information not often seen in books of this type. The graphic layout, including the typography, is nothing short of magnificent. Corinda Cook deserves heaps of awards for her efforts. The photography comes from some of the best in the field - Ron Behrmann, Trish Behrmann, Kathleen Andersen, Ben Blass, and others. Their work has appeared frequently on the pages of this publication, as well as ballooning and non-ballooning texts the world over.....Ruth Ludwig, Editor, Ballooning

Ballooning Book Takes Readers up, up and away! Maybe it was the photograph of the cow jumping over the moon; or several balloons cheek-by-jowl, jockeying for position during competition. Somewhere in George Denniston's "The Joy of Ballooning" (Courage Books) it became clear that thrills, cameraderie, humor, creativity and competition are all part of the ballooning experience. Imagine floating over the Snohomish Valley, or trying to be the first to float three miles to snag the keys of a pickup that are attached to a 30-foot-high pole, or taking your wedding vows in a sky-high ceremony. Denniston offers an overview of ballooning, from history and physics to extreme ballooning, special shapes and festivals. Sharon Wootton

George Denniston's The Joy of Ballooning furnishes pictures of hot air balloons in their colorful glory - and in a surprising array of funky shapes, including rocket ships, a sailing ship, and even a bagpiper. The book also includes brief sketches of the history and physics of ballooning, and tips on flying one of the things.

If you like balloons--whether as spectator, crew, or pilot--this is a must-have book. It combines stunning photographs of balloons with well-written chapters containing loads of information presented in a fun and interesting style. Would make a great gift--especially if combined with a hot air balloon ride!

This book makes a great gift because it is really appreciated, and is priced right. When I first saw it, I thought it looked like a \$35 coffee table book. If you have a friend who has any interest in balloons, they should appreciate this book because it gives them lots of insight into this unusual activity.

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