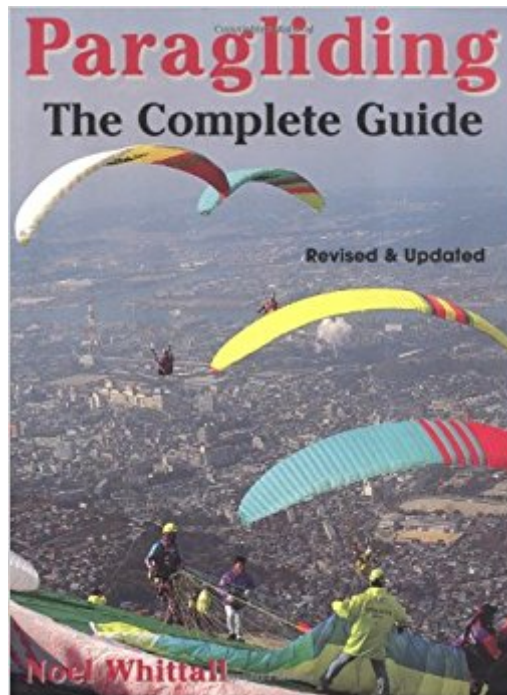




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The leading handbook on the exciting sport of paragliding, now revised and updated.

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Paragliding emerged as a sport in the early eighties after a few courageous pioneers leaped off the Alps using converted parachutes. Easier and more accessible than hang gliding due to its lightweight equipment, paragliding can be enjoyed by people of all ages and all over the world. Paragliding is the essential guide to this fast-growing, thrilling sport, taking the reader from an introduction to the basic techniques, through the rules of the sport and the equipment necessary for the ultimate experience of 'flying.' This fully illustrated handbook includes chapters on piloting, weather, wind and lift, advanced equipment, safety, rules and laws, and airspace. (7 1/4 X 9 3/4, 200 pages, color photos, b&w photos, diagrams, charts)

An enthusiastic pilot, NOEL WHITTALL is Secretary of the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission of the FAI--the governing body responsible for both sports throughout the world.

Its a good book, but somewhat obsolete.

It mentions what you need to know in an organized fashion; a good book to have around while you are taking lessons. Read it once when you start, once while you're training, and once after you've trained. Each time you'll glean more from it. Does it say it all? Of course not but no book could. I suggest also watching some of the videos out there (I've worn out my copy of "The art of kiting").

And if you've read the 2-star review well all I can say is that there is no such thing as common sense, especially when your life is on the line. Another book to start out with is Tom Bradbury's "Metrology and Flight". Good luck and happy landings!

great!!

Fine for general concepts, but its too old, you can find better options like "Touching cloudbase".I wouldn't recomend this book.

Good book, condition was as described

This book has all the information that a beginner should know! its a great book! :D so read and LETS FLY!!

All I can say is that this book is a must have for anyone planning to take up this incredible sport. Its full of great pictures and ilustrations that help you with all the basic procedures of paragliding. Not to mention its excellent quality, picture ilustrations, and binding. Have Fun!...

This was exactly what I was looking for, a detailed, well-illustrated introduction to the sport of paragliding to help me assess the safety and decide whether or not this is something I want to pursue. I particularly liked the photos of common dangers and the detailed explanations on how to avoid such mishaps. While some of the advice crosses the line of too obvious to mention, such as not flying while drunk or high, or avoiding restricted airspace such as military firing ranges and nuclear power plants, there was plenty of new information for me, even as an experienced hang gliding pilot. This is somewhat dated (revised in 1995,) although most of the recent equipment and technical information is best learned from a certified instructor, not an intro book such as this one. I took one star off for the date and for the international focus (heavy on Japan). While most of the flying basics are universal, I would like to see a stronger emphasis on USA sites and community in the next edition.

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