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Finnair crew collaborates on inflight anthology



In this country, *Airborne* is the name of an herbal dietary supplement claiming germ-fighting properties. From Finland comes another *Airborne* — this one a book by members of *Finnair's* cabin crew with proceeds benefiting a Finnish charity. These days, every book title seems to start with a catchy word or phrase followed by "": Lengthy Explanatory Subtitle," and this is no exception. Its full moniker is *Airborne: Tales From A Thousand And One Flights*.

The cover looks a bit like *Mary Poppins* in a uniform, but inside is a collection of unusual and/or humorous true stories features contemporary anecdotes built on decades of flight attendant history and lore. *Airborne* was written by what *Finnair* kindly calls "customer service professionals of the sky." Independently and on their own spare time, cabin crew members Riitta Kiiveri, Noora Kunttu, Pirkko Saari, Christina Strandberg, Meriitta Ahtikari, Kati Kaivanto, Lene Malmström and Tony Pokkinen have written or collected stories from their colleagues and shaped them into *Airborne*.

Airborne was also been published in Finnish, of course, as *Taivas mikä työpaikka!* The profits from the book will be donated to the Finnish Central Association for Mental Health to be used in the prevention of mental health issues among children and adolescents. Admirable cause, to be sure, but I can't help but think that prevention of mental health flare-ups among passengers wouldn't be a bad thing either.



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I'm not so delusional that I think any American readers and/or travelers will actually be rushing to [order](#) this hardcover book from Finland for a hefty €23.90 (almost \$31), but the idea is so intriguing that it deserves a post. Now if they would just make the available for the Kindle or Nook, they might have a bit of an international market.

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