

Lynn Spencer Bio

A former flight instructor and airline pilot, Lynn Spencer is an author and aviation consultant specializing in safety risk management and aviation security issues. In addition to serving as an aviation expert and commentator for CNN and CBS, she is a Senior Aviation Safety Analyst for the Federal Aviation Administration. She leads hazard analyses and risk mitigation efforts with multiple aviation organizations in Government and Industry to support policy and regulation development for aviation safety and security concerns in the National Airspace System.

Her book, *Touching History: The Untold Story of the Drama that Unfolded in the Skies Over America on 9/11* was released by Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, in 2008, and is considered the definitive account of the air events of 9/11. It is the culmination of 3 years of research, on-site visits and interviews with pilots, controllers and the highest echelons of the military and government.

Lynn graduated from Duke University and holds a Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor Certificate with Instrument and Multi-Engine Ratings. She served as both a pilot and instructor at Continental Express Airlines and as a member of the National Security Committee of the Air Line Pilots Association, where she served on the Threatened Airspace Management Task Force. She has provided subject matter expertise to the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security on issues relating to the management and implementation of threatened airspace response and management, and aviation security programs and systems.