

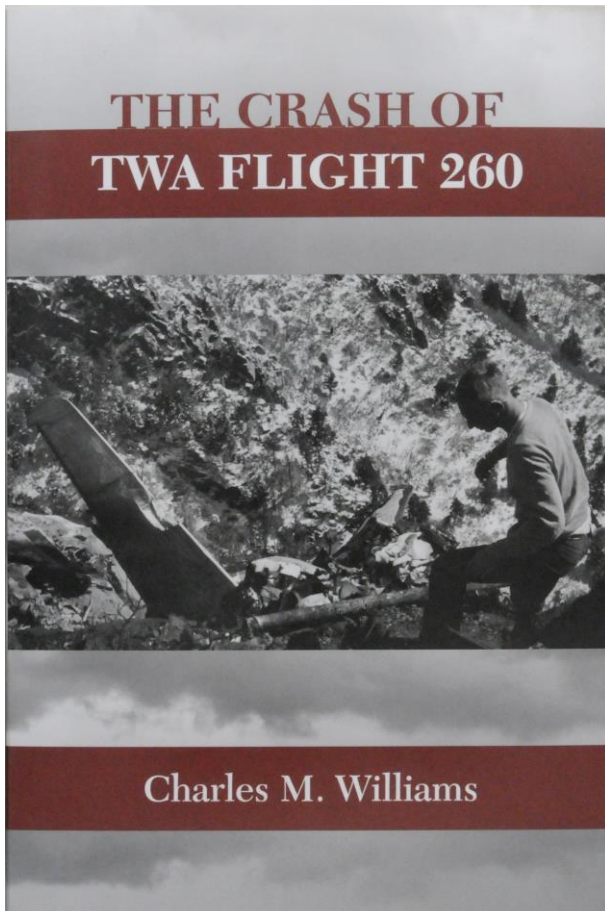
The Crash of TWA Flight 260

The Martin 404 the flew Into the Sandia Mountains

On February 19, 1955 a TWA Martin 404 passenger liner took off at 7:05AM to fly to Santa Fe. The short flight was to fly a dogleg route to avoid the Sandia Mountains. The weather had storm clouds and the mountains were entirely covered. The plane was to reach Santa Fe in less than an hour at most. After a few hours with no distress call or a plane landing on the Santa Fe airport the worst was feared the plane had crashed. A large search was put into play. After a few days the plane wreckage was found on a sheer west face lower peak of the Sandia's. A large effort was conducted in recovering the victims from the mountain. A bigger mystery was how the plane got so of its course. At first the pilot was to blame, other pilots could not except that to be true. The book covers this story in great detail as to what and how this accident happen.



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