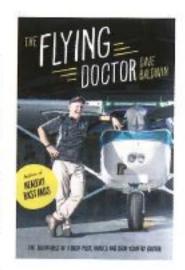
THE FLYING DOCTOR

Yes, it's our real own Kiwi flying quack home here in New Zealand. This book is written by Dave Baldwin, the man behind the 'Not-So-Royal Bulls Flying Doctor Service' for the central rural community, who operated his off-beat medical service to isolated air strips in the high-country and other remote areas.



From his early years Dave struggled

with dyslexia. He went on to graduate from medical school where he recalls his experiences as a house surgeon (really a fancy name for an apprentice doctor) before learning to fly and joining the Royal New Zealand Air Force. He worked in cardiology before setting up a general practice in Bulls.

It was his love of hunting that would draw him to the Southern Alps and wild west coast – along with his medical service. With his love of flying and second passion hunting as Dr Dave he became the respected flying doctor for the New Zealand 'out-back'.

Dr Dave calls it like it is. This is a highly entertaining story. It is unique and not without tragedy. Dave lost his best mate and son Marc in a terrible incident where Marc took his own life in the same place they'd shared so many cherished fatherson moments. Sharing this raw emotion and love just draws the reader in with the sobering realisation that 75 percent of suicides are men.

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