



If somebody who's lucky exists in a cowl, they will were truly born inside a life jacket. Please welcome our ranking of the extremely outstanding survivors who had been so close to death they almost heard her breathing. [=top 10 of=](#)

Vesna Vulovic: The Stewardess Who Survived a terrorist attack at 33,000 feet

On January 26, 1972, a Yugoslav Airlines DC-9 departed from Copenhagen for Belgrade (via Zagreb) with 28 passengers and crew. With an altitude of 33,000 feet, a bomb from the cargo section, planted from the Ustashe Croatian separatist group, exploded. The plane disintegrated and crashed around the mountains. In what has to be one of the greatest survival stories of all time, stewardess Vesna Vulovic survived the 33,000 foot descent on the tail in the plane. She wound up with a fractured skull, two broken legs, and three broken vertebrae - one of which was crushed and left her paralyzed from your waist down.

Roy Sullivan: Struck by Lightning 7 Times

Roy Sullivan would have been a Virginia Forest Ranger that had an incredible attraction to lightning... in other words lightning had a place of interest to him. Over his 36-year career as being a ranger, Sullivan was struck by lightning seven times - and survived each jolt, although not unscathed. His seventh strike put him within the Guinness Book of World Records. His wife have also been struck once, when a sudden storm welled up as she and her husband lost hanging wash for the back yard clothesline. On September 28, 1983, Roy Sullivan died at age 71, reportedly of an self-inflicted gunshot wound over troubles unrelated to lightning.

Truman Duncan: Cut in Two by a Train

Railroad switchman Truman Duncan fell over front of a moving train car. He was swept

underneath and decline in two. Despite losing both legs, 1 / 2 of the blood along with a kidney, Duncan called the paramedics on his cell phone, survived a 45-minute wait until the ambulance arrived and took him to the hospital, where he persevered through 23 surgeries. During the time of wait he also was able to call his family. To inform them he was fine, apparently...

Aron Ralston: Amputated his lower right Arm to outlive the Mountains

On May 2003, while Aron Ralston was on the canyoneering trip in Blue John Canyon (near Moab, Utah), a boulder fell and pinned his right forearm, crushing it. After trying for 5 days to lift and break the boulder, desperation took him to great measures like carving his name, dob and date of death in the boulder, drinking his own urine because of not enough water and videotaping his last goodbyes to his family. Finally, a dehydrated and delirious Ralston made a decision to bow his arm against a chockstone and snap the radius and ulna bones. Using the dull blade on his multiuse tool, he cut the soft tissue round the break. He then used the tool's pliers to tear on the tougher tendons.

Mauro Prosperi: Survived 9 days inside the Sahara Desert

Prosperi, a keen endurance runner, took part in the 1994 Marathon of the Sands in Morocco. In the middle of the distance a sandstorm caused him to get rid of his way. After 36 hours he ran away from food and water. He survived by drinking his very own urine, eating bats and drinking their blood, in addition to catching occasional snakes. Not wishing to die a long time consuming death, he attempted to commit suicide within the mosque by slitting his wrists having a pen knife he had with him. The attempt failed - lack of water had caused Prosperi's blood to thicken and clotted the wound before he died. After nine days alone within the desert he was discovered by a nomadic family and taken to an Algerian military camp and following that to a hospital. He was 186 miles off route, and reportedly had lost about 18 kg in body weight. [=Top=](#)