



Suggested Reading: Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart: The Thrill of It by Susan Wels (2009). Glossy, coffee-table book. A good, popular biography, but mostly notable for more than 300 photographs. Shows how Earhart's visual image made as powerful an impact as her achievements

East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart by Susan Butler (1997). An exhaustive biography. Recommended for those who already know something about Earhart and want more

The Fun of It by Amelia Earhart (1932). Her second memoir, still in print. Describes her life as an aviator up through her 1932 Atlantic solo and gives advice to girls. Not a complete biography but great insight into her attitudes about flying and her admiration for other female pilots.

Last Flight by Amelia Earhart (1937). Compiled from diary entries and other notes compiled by Earhart during her failed attempt that year at flying solo around the world

The Sound of Wings by Mary S. Lovell (1989). The best of the biographies to date. Well-researched and readable. My top pick

Still Missing: Amelia Earhart and the Search for Modern Feminism by Susan Ware (1993). An academic biography. Argues that the fixation on her disappearance obscures the more interesting story of how she crafted her image and used her popularity to broaden horizons for women

Children's Books

Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride by Pam Munoz Ryan (1999). Picture book for kids aged 7 to 10 based on a true story of the evening that Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt made history together

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming (2011). A great biography for kids 8 and up. Excellent sidebars and photographs

I Am Unstoppable: A Little Book About Amelia Earhart by Brad Meltzer (2019). Fun, friendly biography for kids aged 2 to 5

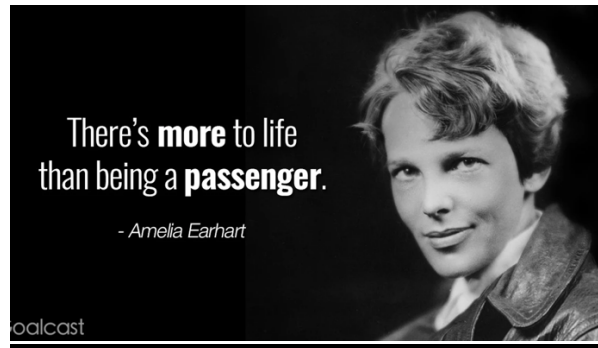
Websites

www.ameliaearhart.com. The official website of Amelia Earhart, run by her family

www.ameliaearhartmuseum.org. Earhart's childhood home is a museum run by the Ninety-Nines

tighar.org. The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery is pursuing an ambitious research project to discover whether Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan landed, on Gardner Island, now Nikumaroro in the Republic of Kiribati

earchives.lib.purdue.edu/cdm/search/collection/earhart. More than 3,500 photographs, maps, and documents from the George Palmer Putnam collection of Amelia Earhart papers at Purdue University. Includes Earhart's scrapbooks and images of medals she received



Timeline: Amelia Earhart

1897 – Born in Atchison, Kansas

1921 – Takes first flying lessons from Neta Snook

1922 – Purchases first airplane, sets women's altitude record of 14,000 feet

1928 – Becomes first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean as an airplane passenger

1929 – Takes third place in first Women's Air Derby, aka the "Powder Puff Derby"

1930 – Sets a women's speed record of 181.18 mph

1931 – Marries George Palmer Putnam

1932 – Becomes first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and first woman to fly solo nonstop across the U.S.

1932 – Sets record for fastest women's non-stop transcontinental flight, flying from Los Angeles to Newark in 19 hours, 5 minutes

1935 – Flies from Hawaii to California, becoming the first person to fly that route solo. Joins faculty at Purdue University, as a career counselor for women

1937 – Disappears over the Pacific Ocean during attempted around-the-world flight



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