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This first-hand account of pilot Richard Drury captures the eerie beauty of Asia and the ugliness of war as aerial missions of raw courage were carried out in a war that officially did not exist. A classic true-life account of combat-action and adventure in the air over Laos.

“[An] intimate account of a Forward Air Controller working with the Special Forces on their secret operations in South Vietnam and Laos . . . Don’t miss it!” (John Prados, author of *Storm Over Leyte*). Originally published in 1991, this classic work has now been revised and updated with additional photos. It is the story of how, in Vietnam, an elite group of Air Force pilots fought a secret air war in Cessna 0-2 and OV-10 Bronco prop planes—flying as low as they could get. The eyes and ears of the fast-moving jets who rained death and destruction down on enemy positions, the forward air controller made an art form out of an air strike—knowing the targets, knowing where friendly troops were, and reacting with split-second, life-and-death decisions as a battle unfolded. The expertise of the low, slow FACs, as well as the hazard attendant to their role, made for a unique bird’s-eye perspective on how the entire war in Vietnam unfolded. For Tom Yarborough, who logged 1,500 hours of combat flying time, the risk was constant, intense, and electrifying. A member of the super-secret “Prairie Fire” unit, Yarborough became one of the most frequently shot-up pilots flying out of Da Nang—engaging in a series of dangerous secret missions in Laos. In this work, the reader flies in the cockpit alongside Yarborough in his adrenaline-pumping chronicle of heroism, danger, and wartime brotherhood. From the rescuing of downed pilots to taking out enemy positions, to the most harrowing extended missions directly overhead of the NVA, here is the dedication, courage and skill of the fliers who took the war into the enemy’s backyard.

Have you ever thought what it might be like to think and act like a fighter pilot? This very simple and easy to read book utilizes the experiences of a USAF fighter pilot and applies them to entrepreneurial business.

Ernest K. Gann’s classic memoir is an up-close and thrilling account of the treacherous early days of commercial aviation. In his inimitable style, Gann brings you right into the cockpit, recounting both the triumphs and terrors of pilots who flew when flying was anything but routine.

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In a novel about the awful price of heroism, rookie pilot John Ellsworth is eager to liberate Vietnam from its Communist oppressors, while Army nurse Kate Moffit hopes only to rescue John from himself

One Trip Too Many, A Pilot's Memoirs of 38 Months in Combat over Laos and Vietnam, is an autobiography about my life as a pilot in Southeast Asia during the conflict in Vietnam. It is primarily a story to share with family and friends about my personal involvement in the conflict and the turbulent decade of the 60s and does not attempt to question the politics of the era. It begins with a brief description of my quest to gain admittance to the United States Air Force Academy, my four years at the Academy, and the subsequent year of pilot training. I flew three different types of aircraft in combat and the book provides insight into the training that took place for the C-130 Hercules, the F-105 Thunderchief, and the A-1 Skyraider. Each of the three tours in combat over Laos and Vietnam is described with emphasis on the more memorable flights including a bailout in the A-1 and the final crash on takeoff that ended my active duty Air Force career. My time in various hospitals is described at the end of the book and the epilogue tells briefly of my life after retirement from the United States Air Force. The book has been described as a combination of Band of Brothers, Top Gun, and Forrest Gump.

If there was ever a man who was born to fly, it is John M. Billings. He took his first plane ride in 1926, began taking piloting lessons in 1938, and joined the US Army Air Force in July 1942. After training he was assigned to fly Consolidated B-24 Liberator long-range bombers. He joined the 825th Bombardment Squadron of the 484th Bombardment Group. After flying fifteen daylight strategic bombing missions, Billings was selected for assignment to the 885th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) (Special). As its designation suggests, the 885th was no regular bombing unit. The 885th specialized in flying top secret, low-altitude missions at night in support of the clandestine operations of the OSS and the Special Operations Executive. The unit's covert missions included parachuting OSS and SOE agents and supplies deep inside German territory. The most eventful and dangerous of Billings' thirty-nine secret missions with the 885th was his assignment in February 1945 to clandestinely insert a three-man OSS team, code-named Greenup, into Austria. The drop zone selected for the Greenup insertion was located on a glacier in a valley surrounded by mountains in the middle of the snow-covered Alps. Billings and his crew finally found the weather in the Alps clear enough to spot the drop zone, slip their unwieldy B-24 between the mountain peaks and descend to an altitude just a few hundred feet above the moonlit snow. On Billings' signal, the OSS agents parachuted right on target. The insertion of this OSS team was the inspiration for the feature film Inglorious Bastards. However, Brad Pitt's vengeful character was far removed from the leader of the Greenup team, Fred Mayer, who achieved success by infiltrating enemy ranks to gain vital intelligence. After the war, John Billings flew with Trans World Airlines and Eastern Airlines. He also flew more than 300 'Angel Flight' airlift missions which involve the specialized aerial transportation of critically ill medical patients. This is one man's story of a remarkable lifetime of flying, both in peace and in war.

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TOP 100 FINALIST—AMAZON BREAKTHROUGH NOVEL AWARDS!"You won't want to put down THE LAST BUSH PILOTS while the midnight sun still shines."—Airways MagazineKINDLE EDITION: <http://goo.gl/fRv9t>-----"MAYDAY, MADAY! I'M GOING DOWN, I'M GOING D—"So begins the literary thrill ride that is "The Last Bush Pilots." Author, airline Captain and popular blogger Eric Auxier brings his former bush flying to life in his second novel, "The Last Bush Pilots." Two young pilots, Daniel "DC" Alva and Allen David Foley, take on the world's most dangerous flying: the Alaska bush. But Mother Nature—and a sexy Native Alaskan—stand in their way. Southeast Alaska Seaplanes, Juneau. Retired airline Captain Dusty Tucker pilots a renegade band of flying misfits. Meet legendary bush pilot Jake "Crash" Whitakker, equally adept at landing planes and ladies—and "crashin' 'em" as well; prankster pilot Ralph Olaphsen, who once set an extinct volcano ablaze on April Fool's Day; and no-nonsense Check Airman Holly Innes, trying to cut a respectable niche in the notoriously macho bush pilot world—while escaping a dangerous past. Amid Alaska's volatile skies, DC and Allen face escalating challenges in and out of the cockpit. As the two "cheechackos," or greenhorns, learn the ropes, they are also roped into Crash and Ralph's hare-brained scheme, "Operation Dirty Harry." Under the suspicious nose of Draconian FAA Inspector Frederick Bruner, the pilots hatch a plot to hijack and rescue a planeload of orphaned bear cubs. Moreover, mischievous Tlingit Indian Tonya Hunter, as wild and unpredictable as the land in which she lives, plays the two lovestruck cheechackos against each other. But the true villain of the story is Mother Nature herself. Alaska's notoriously fickle weather and rugged terrain take on a life of its own. Can the two cheechackos survive Her relentless onslaught and launch their fledgeling airline careers? "Eric Auxier is the next Tom Clancy of Aviation." —Tawni Waters, Author, "Beauty of the Broken," "Siren Song," Grand Prize Recipient - "Best Travel Writers of 2010." "With over 12,000 hours of Alaskan bush flying, reading 'The Last Bush Pilots' was like looking in a mirror. Nice work, Eric." —CloudDancer, Author, "CloudDancer's Alaskan Chronicles" "Eric paints a picture of flying with words that are every bit as beautiful and moving as anything ever drawn or photographed. " —Aviationguy.com "I flew through The Last Bush Pilots in one sitting, keeping my seatbelt securely fastened. A fast-paced tale, thoroughly enjoyed."—John Wegg, Editor Airways Magazine Visit www.lastbushpilots.com to view the 30-second trailer!

This book, entitled "How to Fly like an Eagle," is a motivational book written by the author in French, Spanish, and English to help people learn the techniques and to get the skills to help them to fly to the top like that bird of prey which is the eagle. In this book, the readers will learn how to overcome obstacles and to cultivate the fruit of persistence which is an essential factor in the process of transformation of desire into its monetary equivalent. The basis of persistence is the power of will. When this power and desire combine correctly, they form an irresistible combination, the perfect one to help you overcome your failures. There are four simple steps which lead to the habit of persistence. This does not require a large amount of intelligence or a special education, but time and minimal effort. The four steps are as follows: 1- A target set backed by a burning desire to achieve it. 2- A definite plan, expressed in continuous action. 3- A closed mind to any negative influence (including negative suggestions of relatives, friends and others). 4- A harmonious agreement with one or more persons, able to lead someone to go forward with the plan and with the goal. These four steps are essential for success in all areas of life. These are the steps with which you can control your economic destiny. These are the steps that lead to freedom and independence of thought, that convert dreams into reality. These are the steps that lead to the domination of fear, discouragement and indifference. I do not know the

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situation you are facing currently, maybe you are in a wheelchair, or in a hospital bed and without any hope of survival, maybe you're on the verge of divorce, or you are unable to complete your schooling or university, or find a job. You can now be crawling like a snake or you have broken wings preventing you from being able to fly like an eagle, but one thing is certain, regardless of your economic, family, health situation you can have a better life, develop your potential and fly as high as the eagle above any obstacles or constraints you are facing right now. Of course, this will be possible if you apply the principles to be taught in this book. I testify to you with all my heart that this book has the power to transform the lives of people from nothing to excellence, from the dust of the ground to the top of success. I promise you if you read it, and put the principles into practice, your life will be completely blessed!

Jet Pioneer: A Fighter Pilot's Memoir is the remarkable story of Major General Carl G. Schneider's thirty-two year U.S. Air Force career. Beginning in 1946 as a newly enlisted AAF private, he rose through the ranks to become a two star general--an accomplishment very few men in American history have ever achieved. This book is a fascinating look into the unprecedented career of a jet fighter pilot who flew one hundred combat missions in Korea and served in Vietnam flying combat missions with the VNAF. Filled with personal stories, Jet Pioneer: A Fighter Pilot's Memoir takes the reader along as the author recounts riveting combat missions, often humorous accounts of his Air Force career as well as the "gut-wrenching moments" of learning close friends were shot down by the enemy and killed or captured.

"Buzz" Barron's Crew Chief, be he ne'er so vile, provides more than a glimpse into what it took to maintain, service, launch, and recover the workhorse of the air war up North. His story is more than just what it was like to be a crew chief; it is about growing up, it is about life. He presents his story with great detail in the vernacular of his native language - Texan! His writing is full of earnest passion, humility, and empathy, sprinkled with subtle humor and some out right passages of out loud laughter.

"As I raised the handles on the ejection seat and the jet passed 450 knots, I knew this was going to hurt! Ride along in the adventures I experienced flying high performance aircraft. Lots of laughs and tears are part of the job. Combat, test flying and, as the title implies, high risk. A Silver Star recipient, much of my OV-10 combat time was in Laos. Started with the F-100 in Europe and finished my career as test director to make the F-100 a target.

Death in the Midnight Sky By: Joe Berardino I closed my eyes, raised my chin to heaven, and felt the words surround me. They filled my heart with love, encouragement and boundless hope. I dreamt of marching over Russian tanks, freeing the Jews in Europe, opening schools in Africa. My chest filled with pride. I knew I could do anything; I could live the dream of my young President...My fate was sealed. I knew I had to become part of the greatest challenge of my generation, the new generation. Patriotism served as the inspiration for Joe Berardino's tour in Vietnam, flying the mighty gunship. Like countless other American servicemen, hard work, perseverance, and tenacity became ingrained in Joe's character, allowing him to accomplish his life's goals, including earning a scholarship to attend Michigan State University. Death in the Midnight Sky is about the bravery and honor of the U.S. serviceman; about their honor and integrity; and about their inherent truth and honesty.

The incredible inside story of the world's most extraordinary covert operation. Air America - a secret airline run by the CIA - flew missions no one else would touch, from General Claire Cennault's legendary Flying Tigers in WW II to two brutal decades cruising over the bomb-savaged jungles of Southeast Asia. Their pilots dared all and did all - a high-rolling, fast-playing bunch of has-beens and hellraisers whose motto was 'Anything, Anywhere, Anytime'. Whether it was delivering food and weapons or spooks and opium, Air America was the one airline where you didn't need reservations - just a hell of a lot of courage and a willingness to fly to the bitter end.

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When Emanuel becomes frightened in bed one night, his Mom comes and sings him his favorite song. Before long, Emanuel is fast asleep, but then, that is when things take a strange and unexpected turn! A mysterious owl named Mr. Kitch transports Emanuel to the strange and peculiar "Bouncy Land." There, Emanuel experiences a thrilling adventure, with underground rivers, a pink dolphin, a pangolin and a flying shark called Dani Zuckow, who sees Emanuel as a threat and wants him dead! Can Emanuel survive? Will he find his way home in the end? Find out in this thrilling adventure with a twist. Ideal for young children and packed full of beautiful imagery.

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Definition: Jock n. (informal): A pilot or astronaut, an abbreviation of jockey as in throttle jockey or jet jockey. "Once a Jock . . . Always a Jock" is a compilation of three hundred stories written by the first postwar generation of Naval Aviators who began their training in late 1945 as teenagers fresh out of high school. A 16 week Pre-Flight school started the clock running on a two year contract where each future Navy pilot held the rank of Aviation Midshipman, USN. The clock was still running when they earned their gold wings and were assigned to fleet squadrons. These Flying Midshipmen flew every aircraft in the Navy's arsenal. Eventually they were sworn in as commissioned officers and went on to participate in every major aviation event from the Berlin Airlift, the Korean War, and the Cold War to the conflict in Vietnam. Readers of these stories will discover what motivated 3,000 high school kids to fly for the Navy. They will learn what it was like to be a Flying Midshipman at the bottom of the pecking order aboard ship or as a pilot in an aircraft squadron. Today's young pilots will gain some useful knowledge about training mishaps and accidents that could have been avoided. They will be thrilled by accounts of My First Corsair Flight or My First Jet Flight or My First Cat Shot. They might reflect on the sobering story of Jesse Brown, the African American who broke the color barrier in Naval Aviation the same year that Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball. Those who have flown as civilian or military pilots will find themselves in the narrow escapes and the humor in the aftermath of bad judgment, and above all, in their great love of flying. They will learn what it is like to land a battle damaged fighter on an aircraft carrier in bad weather or how a pilot blinded by enemy flak was guided by his friend to successful wheels-up landing. Reading these stories, veteran flyers may remember the long monotonous anti-submarine and maritime patrols that ended in moments of stark terror. Anyone who never sat in the left seat of a flying boat may be surprised to know that seaplane pilots had to supplement their flying skills with a firm knowledge of seamanship. They can read about it in Chapter 16, Flying Boat Jocks. Of course the book has stories for helicopter jocks and transport pilots and instrument pilots and flying in all kinds of climate from the arctic to the tropics. For the poetry minded, there are some of those too. These stories should appeal to anyone who has ever dreamed about flying. And most important, 100% of the proceeds from sales of the book will be directed to the Flying Midshipmen Endowment Fund for support of the Youth Aviation Training Program aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego.

In the future, the past will never be the same... By the end of the 25th Century few had as storied a career as Doctor J. Burke. An historian who used quantum superluminal teleportation to mingle among her forebears through twenty different decades making discoveries and recovering lost artifacts, she was the last of the Historical Archive Collection's 'big three' antiquinants. The physical effects of the profession had grounded jovial Ike Chernovich in old San Francisco, companion Braham Lilienthal had vanished without a trace three years before, and the indifference of the Minders from the future, who were best positioned to help, left Burke with a weary cynicism. Only the promise of a special mission, the brainchild of rookie archivist Nathan Rialto, brought her back again. It was Burke's specialty, the recovery of a glamorous old airliner from 1951 using a revolutionary new teleport, and in California as well. She would gather her trusty team of specialists, teach the rookie the ropes and perhaps contemplate a different kind of future afterward with Ike. From the moment it began it felt as if the whole

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mission had been created just for her...and that was only the beginning of her problems!

A former 606 Special Operations Squadron member recounts his 1970 secret combat mission over the Ho Chi Minh Trail, during which he struggled for survival by utilizing daredevil piloting tactics to outmaneuver thousands of anti-aircraft shells.

In 2019, America is bordering on financial collapse after engaging in a third conflict in Iraq. On the home front, the president has provided funding for stem cell research, but medical success is overshadowed after corporate greed intervenes. The intention to benefit those with the greatest need quickly disappears as the replication process is used to clone all major organs. With the advent of cloning, the inevitable occurs when Americas population reaches the saturation point. A chip is now implanted into all citizens, which signals when someone reaches the mandatory age of death. Years left on a chip are for sale, and the hunt for new chips is on. Meanwhile, overseas, the war rages, where people die irrespective of age. Lieutenant Roger DeMarco must put an end to the murder of entire innocent Iraqi villages by those who would harvest the enemy and civilians alike. Doctors are caught on opposing sides of science, and even a reality TV star becomes of national interest when he sells his chip and plans to slowly kill himself in a parade of hedonism. Progress, profit, and morality collide with stunning ferocity as America must evolve or die.

"...the story of the Pacific Clipper, a B-314 caught between Noumea, New Caledonia and Auckland, New Zealand at the outbreak of World War II and ordered to return home by flying west around the world in radio silence to avoid capture or destruction by enemy forces."--P. [4] of cover.

The memoir "Grounded by Bipolar Disorder; One Pilot's Landing" tells of a pilot who lost much more than just his career from the diagnosis of bipolar disorder. Brian Jost tells of a summer that revolves around being fooled by deceiving psychotic symptoms of a major manic episode, yet at the same time remaining fully aware of the path he traveled that ultimately taught him how to fly again without wings. This memoir will take you on a ride through highs and lows as it allows you to experience both mania and depression. The honesty behind Brian Jost's story will help to inspire others to share their story as well, leading towards the destruction of stigma that is so prevalent within the world of mental health.

Gillam Hale was born to free parents, and his life was untouched by slavery until his preacher father took him on a trip to minister to the Virginia slaves. Gillam wants beautiful Queen Esther from the moment he sees her, but the only way to purchase her is by distilling illicit whiskey—against his family's advice. Though Gillam achieves his aim, his talent for making fine whiskey earns the wrath of jealous white neighbors, who kidnap Gillam's family and scatter them to plantations throughout the South. Gillam escapes from his new owners, yet he can never be truly free until he finds his lost loved ones, and faces the legacy of his own rash decisions. The Knees of Gullah Island follows Gillam, Queen Esther and their son, Joseph, in the years surrounding the Civil War and Reconstruction, when the destiny of a nation hung in the balance. Filled with richly drawn characters and details that bring the past to vibrant life, this is a timeless story of love, loss, hope and rebirth.

It was 1968 and Robert Hartley was on his first combat mission in Vietnam as copilot of a helicopter gunship. As he and his platoon leader flew over the A Shau Valley, a Chinook helicopter engulfed in flames suddenly came into view. Hartley

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noticed tiny black smoking objects exiting the tail ramp of the aircraft. Seconds later, he realized those objects were men escaping the flames and plunging to their deaths. It was in that moment that he silently wondered, "How the hell did I get here?" Mr. Hartley was still wet behind the ears when he was tossed into the cauldron of America's most unpopular war as an attack helicopter gunship pilot. As he shares a gripping, birds-eye view of battles that took him from the Demilitarized Zone in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south, Mr. Hartley compellingly details how he learned to rely on his superior training and equipment to follow through with his mission to kill the enemy and save the lives of his fellow soldiers below. Gunship Pilot provides an unforgettable glimpse into two combat tours of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot soaring high above rice paddies and jungles attempts to fulfill his duty of protecting America's warriors on the ground.

This is the story of an American C-47 'Dakota' pilot who earned three Air Medals, seven Battle Stars and flew twenty-seven combat missions during the Second World War. As a young U.S. pilot, Harry Watson, arrived in Britain as the Battle of Normandy was reaching its crescendo. Thrown immediately into the fray, Harry, along with more than 200 aircraft, set off to carry supplies to the troops fighting in France. But with visibility reduced to zero, the aircraft were ordered to turn back – all did except Harry, who successfully delivered his life-saving cargo of blood and US Army nurses. Harry continued to take risks, which resulted in many hair-raising episodes. This included almost being caught on the ground, while on an urgent fuel resupply mission for a platoon of General Patton's tanks, by a German Mk.IV panzer and a battalion of supporting infantry. He flew throughout Operation Market Garden, losing a close friend to German anti-aircraft fire while taking some hits to his own plane. Thereafter he led a flight of five transports on a desperate mission to evacuate a mobile field hospital that was about to be over-run by the SS. Only four of the planes made it back as they came under direct fire just before they could take-off with scores of casualties and medical personnel crammed aboard each Dakota. Around midnight, in early April 1945, he was sent on a secret mission to fly to a point near Nuremberg, which was behind enemy lines at the time. It was necessary for him to locate an empty meadow in the dark, land, load a party of US soldiers and their captives, and then take-off again. He pulled it off. Among those prisoners was Franz von Pappen, the man who had persuaded President Hindenburg to make Hitler Chancellor of Germany in 1933. Von Papen had been seized at his own home by First Lieutenant Thomas McKinley and his men from the US 194th Glider Infantry Regiment. Based on his own recollections, as told to the author Marcus Nanni, this is Harry Watson's exciting account of the air war told, unusually, through the words of a transport pilot.

An intriguing, uncensored, inside view of the not-so-friendly skies through the eyes of former flight attendant, Margo Anderson. If you are a frequent flier, or if you plan to fly in the near future, fasten your seat belt for a turbulent read! After

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five years of flying with a commuter airline based at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Anderson draws on her personal experiences and conversations, painting a portrayal of life as a flight attendant--grueling twelve hour days, complaining and unfriendly passengers, and unexpected, almost unbelievable situations, especially in the days and weeks following 9/11. Anderson navigates the complex world of flight crews with clarity, insight, wittiness, and her own special brand of humor. Readers are given a view of flying they may never have seen before, through the lens of the workhorse of the airline industry, regarded by many as the "puddle-jumpers," the commuter airlines.

The inspirational and true story of James Herman Banning, the first African American pilot to fly across the country, comes to life in this picture book biography perfect for fans of Hidden Figures and Little Leaders. Includes art from a Coretta Scott King award-winning illustrator. James Herman Banning always dreamed of touching the sky. But how could a farm boy from Oklahoma find a plane? And how would he learn to fly it? None of the other pilots looked like him. In a journey that would span 3,300 miles, take twenty-one days, and inspire a nation, James Herman Banning proved that you can't put barriers on dreams. Louisa Jaggar incorporates over seven years of research, including Banning's own writings and an interview with the aviator's great-nephew. She teams up with cowriter Shari Becker and award-winning illustrator Floyd Cooper to capture Banning's historic flight across the United States.

Learn about the evolution of flight from within Earth to outer space. This educational resource will teach your child about aviation in a fun and engaging manner. The combination of pictures and texts makes this book an excellent introduction to and/or refresher of the subject. Take home a copy today!

The Versailles Treaty after WWI "Mandated Islands" in the Pacific to the Japanese. President Roosevelt felt the Japanese were illegally installing military fortification on these "Mandated Islands" which was in direct violation of the WWI Treaty. Amelia Earhart, a popular female pilot who set many aviation records, wanted to increase her popularity by flying around-the-world. This would be a huge accomplishment that no pilot, man or woman, had attempted before. She left California, March 17, 1937, in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra and flew to Honolulu on the first leg of her historic flight with Fred Noonan and Harry Manning as her navigators. Unfortunately, she crashed on take-off and her Electra was so badly damaged, it had to be shipped back to the Lockheed plant in California for repairs. Amelia and her publisher husband, George Putnam didn't have the money to repair her Electra and make another attempt to fly around-the-world, so Mr. Putnam approached President Roosevelt and asked if the U.S. government could help? FDR had met Amelia previously and knew of her plans to fly around-the-world. In 1937, FDR believed the Japanese were illegally preparing for war on "Mandated" islands in the Pacific. Marine Colonel Earl Ellis tried to sneak into Truk Atoll to gather information, but was caught on the island of Palau and killed. FDR believed that maybe a civilian pilot who was going to fly around-the-

world might have a better chance to obtain the information he needed, so agreed to help Amelia on her request. But, FDR only did so, if Amelia would agree to take a few pictures of Japanese island fortifications along the way. Although a staunch 'pacifist' Amelia agreed to the president's stipulations. The U.S. government helped plan her second attempt, provided her plane with larger engines, installed additional fuel tanks and reconnaissance cameras, but did so with little fanfare or publicity. Instead of flying from East to West as she planned on her first attempt, she flew West to East with only Fred Noonan as her navigator. Prior to her flight it's reported she was sworn into the Army Air Force as an officer and confided to a friend, "Imagine me being a spy!" Amelia left California on May 21st and headed for Miami, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Africa, India, Bangkok, Singapore and Dutch East Indies, where Mr. F.O. Furman, a Lockheed maintenance specialist, met Amelia and checked her Electra and cameras for 3-days. At each stop, 55-gallon drums of fuel would be waiting for her, even if she flew into a field that was not on her announced itinerary. She and Fred Noonan left Lae, New Guinea on July 1st, 1937 and headed for Howland Island, 2,556 miles away. The Coast Guard Cutter ITASCA waited just off Howland to handle all communications as she approached. Unfortunately, when Harry Manning was the designated navigator on her first attempt, he arranged for Navy ships to communicate with her in Morse Code. No one told the Navy vessels that Manning was no longer her navigator. Neither Amelia or Fred could read Morse Code! Amelia Earhart's Final Flight tells the story of how she crashed on Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands, was captured by the Japanese, taken to Saipan where she was held in prison for several years before being killed. Eye-witnesses in the Marshall Islands and on Saipan provided the true accounts of what actually happened to Amelia on her historic flight, what happened when she was captured, how she was killed and reaction by U.S. and Japanese leaders. It also relates how U.S. Marines found Amelia's briefcase and also found her Electra on Saipan when they attacked in 1944. David O'Malley, a member of the Writers Guild, wrote an interesting screenplay that's based on these eye-witness reports. It gives a rational explanation why both the U.S. and Japan have kept Amelia's capture and death a secret since her Final Flight.

This new book chronicles not only the aptly named P-61 "Black Widow", but also the Douglas P-70 series, the P-38 night fighter variants, the Bristol Beaufighter, B-25s and the DeHavilland Mosquito - the proposed XA-26A and the P-39 nightfighters are also discussed. Historical accounts of American night fighter pilots, as well as the complete history of all night fighter squadrons formed during World War II are included, as is the development of radar and modern air defenses. This book is the product of over twenty years of study and research. Its sources include the National Archives, Northrop Aircraft archived, the U.S. Air Force Museum, the Imperial War Museum, the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum and interviews with P-61 test pilots, designers and engineers. Garry Pape's previous works include books on the P-61 and the P-38 night-fighter versions. He is currently employed by Northrop, after years with Hughes and Lockheed, and

lives in California. Brig. Gen. Ronald Harrison is an F-16 Wing Commander in the Air Force Reserves, and lives in Georgia as an attorney.

Which are the best books on flying? Is there an "Epic of Flight"? Here are 107 titles reviewed in 22 categories of flight.

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