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# Amelia Lost: The Life And Disappearance Of Amelia Earhart



## Synopsis

From the acclaimed author of *The Great and Only Barnum* as well as *The Lincolns*, *Our Eleanor*, and *Ben Franklin's Almanac* comes the thrilling story of America's most celebrated flyer, Amelia Earhart. In alternating chapters, Fleming deftly moves readers back and forth between Amelia's life (from childhood up until her last flight) and the exhaustive search for her and her missing plane. With incredible photos, maps, and handwritten notes from Amelia herself plus informative sidebars tackling everything from the history of flight to what Amelia liked to eat while flying (tomato soup) this unique nonfiction title is tailor-made for middle graders. *Amelia Lost* received four starred reviews and Best Book of the Year accolades from *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Horn Book Magazine*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Drawing on her training as a historian and her considerable writing talents, Fleming (*The Great and Only Barnum*, 2009) offers a fresh look at this famous aviatrix. Employing dual narratives straightforward biographical chapters alternating with a chilling recounting of Earhart's final flight and the search that followed Fleming seeks to uncover the history in the hype, pointing out numerous examples in which Earhart took an active role in mythologizing

her own life. While not disparaging Earhart's achievements, Fleming cites primary sources revealing that Earhart often flew without adequate preparation and that she and her husband, George Putnam, used every opportunity to promote her celebrity, including soliciting funds from sponsors. The use of a gray-tone background for the disappearance chapters successfully differentiates the narratives for younger readers. Frequent sidebars, well-chosen maps, archival documents, and photos further clarify textual references without disturbing the overall narrative flow. Appended with a generous bibliography and detailed source notes, this is a book most libraries will want both for its fascinating story and as an illustration of how research can alter historical perspective. Grades 4-7. --Kay Weisman

Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews, January 1, 2011: "Handwritten notes, photos, maps and inquisitive sidebars (What did Earhart eat during flight? Tomato juice and chocolate) complete this impeccably researched, appealing package. A stunning look at an equally stunning lady." Starred Review, The Horn Book Magazine, March/April 2011: "The book's structure and scope, along with the story's inherent drama, provide a taut, cinematic backdrop for the history of Earhart's doomed flight." Starred Review, School Library Journal, March 2011: "Ho-hum history? Not in Fleming's apt hands. What could be a dry recitation of facts and dates is instead a gripping and suspenseful thriller... This book is splendid. Hand it to everyone." Starred Review, The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, March 2011: "Fleming cleverly structures this biography to give the tale of tragedy a fresh and dreadful impact... As a result, this offers not only a provocative introduction to Earhart but also compelling glimpse of what it was like to watch her disappear from the world."

This book is a good introduction to biography. I bought it for my daughter, who was working on a 3rd grade project, but I enjoyed reading it myself. The reading level is upper elementary or middle school. It reads a lot like magazine articles. The layout is very pleasant, and the story is well-told. It is information rich, and a good book for a nonfiction book report.

When I received this book I was surprised to see it was actually written for those between the ages of 8-12 which I had no idea when I ordered. With that being said, this is one of the best books I have read so far in the category of historical nonfiction. Unlike most historical pieces, this was not long-winded and overwritten, but had just enough history and materials on the pilot's life and journeys to keep me interested and reading. The language is easy to understand, the pictures are amazing, the book is filled with backstories and information on her life, flights and the search for her,

as well as the importance of her status as a woman pilot in the time when women were expected to be wives and homemakers. The book itself was in excellent condition and I got it for an amazing price, compared to the high price it was originally sold for in stores. I couldn't be happier with this book. Worth every cent.

pretty good read

This is interesting since I have met some Earharts in Iowa. Many accounts leave out the period she spent in Iowa except for the State Fair visit. This book gives more about it. The most elegant home they lived in was in Des Moines, Iowa. They had maids in this home, the house was large, and looked pricey. I have not been able to check but I believe I have relatives named Earhart -- as I recall married to Bill Earhart (the brother of Amelia's father).

I got this lovely book for a 10 yr. old girl who reads well. She loved the book. She dressed as the heroine for Halloween and reported to her class on the book and earned an A for her presentation. I highly recommend this book. I enjoyed it, too.

Arrived on time and it was the exact book my daughter needed for her English class.

I LOVED IT! SUPER INTERESTING AND I WOULD READ IT OVER AND OVER! I couldn't put it down! Super great!

Absolutely fantastic! A great story loaded with facts written in such a way that you can't put the book down!

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