

## **Suggested Bibliography for Flight Curriculum**

### **Ages 4-8**

**Nobody Owns the Sky** by Reeve Lindbergh

A poem telling the story of Bessie Coleman, a young woman who overcame daunting obstacles to achieve her dream of becoming a licensed pilot in 1921.

**Ruth Law Thrills a Nation** by Don Brown

A chronicle of the record-breaking flight of a daring woman pilot, Ruth Law, from Chicago to New York in 1916.

**The Glorious Flight** by A. and M. Povensen

A biography of the man whose fascination with flying machines produced the Bleriot XI, which in 1909 became the first heavier-than-air machine to fly over the English Channel.

**The Return of Freddy LeGrand** by Jon Agee

A story of the misadventures of a determined French aviator.

### **Ages 8-12**

#### **THE WRIGHT BROTHERS**

**The Wright Brothers for Kids: How They Invented the Airplane, 21 Activities Exploring the Science and History of Flight** (For Kids series) by Mary Kay Carson

A detailed history with activities that highlight the physics of aerodynamics.

**The Wright Brothers, the Birth of Modern Aviation**, by Anna Sproule

A biography of the brothers who made the world's first flight in a power-driven, heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903.

**The Wright Brothers, How They Invented the Airplane**, by Russell Freedman

Primary and secondary resources combined to tell the powerful story of two brothers working together to invent a controllable, manned, heavier-than-air flying machine.

**First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers**, by George Shea

A fictional account of a true story of a young boy who actually flew in the Wright's glider (their test model before putting an engine on the plane).

**Taking Flight: The Story of the Wright Brothers**, by Stephen Krensky

The story of how the Wright Brothers came to invent the first successful airplane.

**One Fine Day, A Radio Play** by Elizabeth Van Steenwyk

A radio play depicting the story of the Wright Brothers and their first airplane flight. (Available at [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org))



## PIONEERS AND ADVENTURES

**Going Solo**, by Roald Dahl

Action-packed tale of Dahl's exploits as a World War II pilot.

**Night Flight: Charles Lindbergh's Incredible Adventure**, by S. A. Cramer

Story of Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

**Charles Lindbergh, Graphic Biography** (Saddleback Graphic Biographies)

The story of Charles Lindbergh in graphic novel form.

**Burt Rutan: Aircraft Designer**, by Kris Hirschmann

Biography of contemporary innovative aircraft designer Burt Rutan.

**Helicopter Man: Igor Sikorsky and His Amazing Invention** (Genius at Work! Great Inventor

Biographies)

## WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN AVIATION

**Tomboy of the Air**, by Julie Cummins

The story of Blanche Stuart Scott, America's first female pilot.

**Flying Ace: The Story of Amelia Earhart**, by Angela Bull

A biography of one of the most famous female aviators and accounts of her record-setting flights.

**Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride**, by Pam Munoz Ryan

The story of the friendship between Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt.

**Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman**, by Nikki Grimes

A fictionalized account of the life of Bessie Coleman, the first female African American pilot told in a poem by the voices of those she knew and influenced.

**Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman**, by Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger

Inspiring biography of Bessie Coleman.

**Fly, Bessie, Fly**, by Lynn Joseph

The story of the first African-American female aviator, Bessie Coleman.

**The Hallelujah Flight**, by Phil Bildner.

A fictional account of the true story of the first African-American pilot to make a transcontinental flight.

**American Women of Flight: Pilots and Pioneers**, by Henry Holden

Ten biographies of women aviators, including Harriet Quimby, Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earhart, Jacqueline Cochran, Betty Skelton Frankman, Bonnie Tiburzi, Nelda Lee, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Colonel Eileen Collins, and Martha King.

**Wings and Rockets: The Story of Women in Air and Space**, by Jeannine Atkins

Histories of American women who broke barriers in airplanes and space shuttles. Outlines of biographies from Katherine Wright to Eileen Collins.



**American Women of Flight: Pilots and Pioneers** (Collective Biographies)

Ten biographies of women aviators.

**Brave Harriet: The First Woman to Fly the English Channel**, by Marissa Moss

Fictional account of the true story of Harriet Quimby who crossed the English Channel in her airplane in 1912.

**Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee**, by Marissa Moss

True story of a Chinese-American girl who grows up to become a member of the Women Air Service Pilots (WASPs).

## **Ages 13 and Over**

**If We Had Wings: The Enduring Dream of Flight** by Rinker Buck

Primary and secondary resources combined to tell the history of flight (nice interactive resource).

**Flight of Passage** by Rinker Buck

The true story of two brothers (aged 15 and 17) restoring a Piper Cub airplane and flying it across the country.

**North to the Orient** by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The author's account of her trip accompanying her husband, Charles Lindbergh, on a flight to the Orient by the Great Circle Route.

Writings by Antoine St. Exupery (author, military and air mail pilot)