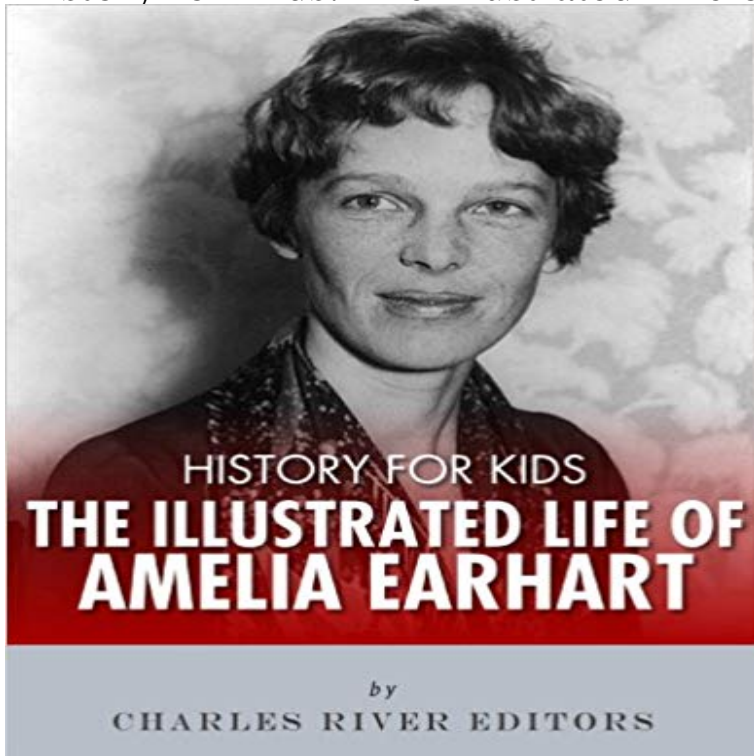


History for Kids: The Illustrated Life of Amelia Earhart



*Perfect for ages 7-9*Includes pictures of Amelia and important people and places in her life.*Includes Amelias most famous and inspiring quotes. *Includes Amelias descriptions of her historic flights. *Explains the theories of her disappearance. The stars seemed near enough to touch and never before have I seen so many. I always believed the lure of flying is the lure of beauty, but I was sure of it that night. Amelia EarhartIn Charles River Editors History for Kids series, your children can learn about historys most important people and events in an easy, entertaining, and educational way. Pictures help bring the story to life, and the concise but comprehensive book will keep your kids attention all the way to the end. During the early 20th century, groundbreaking technology revolutionized transportation both on the ground and in the sky, with new motors making automobiles and airplanes a reality in the 1910s. Around that same time, the feminist movement was underway in the United States, spearheaded by women seeking the right to vote, lobbying for the temperance movement, and trying to make their voices heard. It was at that crossroads that flight pioneer Amelia Earhart found herself in 1919, the very year President Wilson and Congress were trying to shepherd through the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote. That year, Earhart was given a ride on a plane piloted by legendary air racer Frank Hawks, and as she recalled, By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly. Earharts unbridled joy for flying was only occasionally abated by a lack of finances, and a recurring sinus issue, but throughout the 1920s she was one of the few women licensed to fly, and she set an altitude record of 14,000 feet for women in 1922. In 1928, Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, but she was disappointed that she had to do so as a

passenger, complaining, I was just baggage, like a sack of potatoes. Nevertheless, that trip made Lady Lindy the Queen of the Air in America, and Earhart was now the nations best known aviatrix. With her fresh face available for promoting everything from luggage to womens clothing, Earhart was able to finance her own aviation and remain involved in promoting air travel and flying to skeptical Americans. In May 1932, Earhart finally made her solo flight across the Atlantic, for which she received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Congress, the Cross of Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French Government and the Gold Medal of the National Geographic Society from President Herbert Hoover. By the mid-1930s, Earhart had set many altitude and distance records, but she wanted to attempt a circumnavigation of the world. After an ill-fated first attempt, Earhart and Fred Noonan set off on another attempt, creating one of the 20th centurys most enduring mysteries. Earhart and Noonan were to land on Howland Island, 1700 miles southwest of Hawaii, but radio transmissions ceased between the plane and authorities on the ground the morning of July 2, 1937. Earhart and Noonan had disappeared, never to be seen again, despite one of the nations largest and costliest manhunts. Unfortunately, the speculation over exactly what happened to Earhart and the mystery of her disappearance have come to overshadow and obscure her many accomplishments. History for Kids: The Illustrated Life of Amelia Earhart looks at the theories attempting to explain her disappearance, but it also humanizes the woman whose love of flying propelled her to unprecedented heights among both the clouds and her countrymen. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events in her life, your kids will learn about Amelia Earhart like never before.

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