

Little Girls, **BIG** Dreams



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Amelia Earhart



When Amelia was a little girl, she liked to imagine she could stretch her wings and fly like a bird.



When she was older, she went to an air show. The planes soared into the sky, leaving Amelia on the ground. She wished she could go with them and see what they saw.



She got a ride in an aeroplane and liked it so much she didn't want to ever come down.



So Amelia learnt to fly. After months of practising, she became the first woman to fly up to 14,000 feet. With a mechanic and a pilot, she was also the first woman to try and fly over the enormous Atlantic ocean.



After many hours, they reached land. The world looked small, so small. The houses and cars were like toys. Even though Amelia wasn't flying the plane, when she landed she became famous. People around the world were inspired by her story.



Amelia thought that every girl deserved to fly, so she founded a club with 98 other fearless pilots. A little later, she flew across the Atlantic all by herself.



As her 40th birthday approached, Amelia decided she wanted one final challenge: to fly around the world.

A brave navigator went with her.



They flew for thousands of miles, over oceans and jungles...



... and over the savannah, where giraffes turned their heads
in their trails.



Some people said the journey was crazy. But Amelia wasn't afraid of living a thousand adventures. So she flew on like a bird, further than anyone had gone before...

... never to return.



Because Amelia always followed her own advice:

‘If you want to do something, do it.’

You never know how far you could get!



Born 1897
Disappeared 1937



Amelia Earhart was the most famous female pilot of the twentieth century. She first became interested in planes after seeing an air show when she was nearly twenty years old. A little later, pilot Frank Hawks gave her a ride in a biplane. From that moment on, she said, 'I knew I had to fly.'



Amelia took lessons and bought her first plane six months later. She used it to set a new women's world record by flying up to 14,000 feet. She was the first woman to fly over the Atlantic, first with a mechanic and a pilot, and later by herself.



In 1929, Amelia was the first president of the Ninety-Nines, an organisation that supported female pilots. In 1935, she became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean. But Amelia was always keen for a new challenge. In 1937, she decided to try and fly around the world, a total of 29,000 miles.



On July 2, she was trying to reach Howland Island in mid-Pacific when she reported that their gas was running low. Soon after, all communications from the plane stopped. There was a massive rescue attempt, but Amelia and her plane had vanished.



In 1938, a lighthouse was built on Howland Island in her memory, and today her bravery is celebrated around the world.





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