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The Spirit Of St. Louis (Adventure Library)



Synopsis

Autobiography of Lindbergh's historic adventure piloting his single-engine plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, from New York to Paris on the first nonstop flight over the Atlantic Ocean in May 1927. "It was in this book, written over a period of seventeen years, that he tried to represent as accurately as he possibly could both the story and the meaning of his 1927 flight. In doing this, inevitably, he also told the reader who he was."--Reeve Lindbergh, "Introduction" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Brendan Gill Author of Lindbergh Alone The best authority on Lindbergh is Lindbergh. -- Review --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Winner, 1954 Pulitzer Prize --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Yes, the middle of the book is heavy, the famous author takes you on board of the famous airplane, sharing with you his erratically jumping memories from childhood, his repeated struggle against fatigue and the irresistible desire to sleep (and die), his enormous difficulties in flying and thinking ahead. It is definitely tiring and torturing the readers, in a similar way as the circumstances were tiring and torturing Lindbergh, but if you go through that ordeal, you can say you took part of the first solo transatlantic flight, at least spiritually.

Any aviation nut will enjoy and gain insight from this book! It might be a little slow at times, but getting an inside look into the what it took to accomplish this astonishing and incredibly dangerous feat is riveting! While the actual flight from New York to France is covered quite well in this book, the real gem is Charles' experiences leading up to that flight. Modern day pilots will definitely appreciate the techniques and general craftiness used by these trail blazing/barnstorming aviators.

I first read this when in 8th grade and decided I wanted to reread it.

Great book wonderful true story. Thanks

It is amazing how well Lindbergh writes. Technicalities are contained within easily understood passages and the story flows smoothly from beginning to end. For pilots - it is very interesting to read the beginnings of flight theory outlined by pioneers like Lindbergh, Doolittle and others...

The story has been told in numerous books and movies so nothing came as a surprise. Just a great read from the man that accomplished this feat.

An incredible adventure. Very well written giving the history of Lindbergh's life prior to the great flight. Hard to stop reading.

This book does drag a little, you know what happens and you want to get there! But what a story!

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