

# Dawn Over Kitty Hawk The Novel Of The Wright Brothers

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## **Hidden Images** - Larry E. Tise 2005

On December 17, 1903, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, was no longer a quiet outpost among the islands of the Outer Banks. It was then that Orville and Wilbur Wright completed the first manned flight and the era of aviation began. What is not well known about the Wright brothers' is that they were highly skilled amateur photographers, who even had their own photo laboratory. Their images were purposeful as well as documentary, allowing Orville and Wilbur to re-examine their work and share their experiences with colleagues. Now, through advances in technology, readers can for the first time see details of not only those first amazing flights, but also a glimpse into the lives and the people who surrounded the Wright brothers during their time at Kitty Hawk. *Hidden Images: Discovering Details in the Wright Brothers' Kitty Hawk Photographs, 1900-1911*, by historian and Wright brothers' scholar Larry Tise, is a distinctive illustrated history, which for the first time brings to light the world of the Wright brothers at the dawn of aviation. The details in the images presented within allow the reader to step back in time and truly understand the trials and errors endured by the Wright brothers during these historic years in the history of aviation.

## **The Yom Kippur War** - Walter J. Boyne 2007-04-01

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## Beyond the Wild Blue (2nd edition) - Walter J. Boyne 2007-06-26

The second edition of *Beyond the Wild Blue*, an update of the popular history originally released in 1997, is a fascinating look at sixty turbulent years of Air Force history. From the prop-driven armada of World War II to the most advanced Stealth weaponry, from pioneers like General Henry "Hap" Arnold to glorious conquests in the Gulf War, *Beyond the Wild Blue* is a high-flying study of the triumphs (and failures) of leadership and technology. In three new chapters, Walter Boyne covers an eventful ten years, including 9/11, the invasion of Afghanistan, and the second Gulf War, describing in detail the technological advancements that led to highly efficient airstrikes in Iraq. He also takes stock of the Air Force's doctrine and mission statements as this unique sector of the military grapples with an ever-changing world.

*AAA Tour Book* - 1997

## **Wings of Madness** - Paul Hoffman 2003

"By the turn of the century, Santos-Dumont had moved to Paris. Soon, the dashing and impeccably dressed aeronaut was barhopping around the city in a one-man dirigible he invented, circling above crowds and crashing into rooftops. Eventually, he would join the world-wide competition to build the first true airplane. Once he succeeded, the press hailed him as the man who had conquered the air. (Because the Wright brothers worked in near secrecy, word of their first flights had not widely reached Europe when Santos-Dumont took to the skies.) His picture appeared on cigar boxes and dinner plates and he dined regularly with the Cartiers, the Rothschilds, and the Roosevelts, hosting "aerial dinners" in which his guests ate at an elevated table so they could imagine how it felt to be above the world." "But all would change after Santos-Dumont witnessed the destructive capacity of flying machines in World War I."--BOOK JACKET.

## **Today's Best Military Writing** - Walter J. Boyne 2005-09-01

From various wars spanning two centuries to examinations of how our country's modern armed forces are coping with new threats that are more dangerous than anything they've faced before, these articles represent the best of the best; incisive, thoughtful, and probing opinions and information, written by the people who have lived and breathed the various topics and civilians who have made it a lifelong endeavor to study our nation's military. Contributors include New York Times bestselling author Thomas Fleming, former Army War College professor and author Martin Blumenson, Gulf War veteran and chief of military history at the Center of Military History Brigadier General John S. Brown, and Commander Stephen Flynn of the US Coast Guard, the nation's leading expert on port and container security. Article subjects in this volume include: \*Smart weapons and hi-tech wars

to come \*The role of United States Army Chaplains tending to German War Criminals during the Nuremberg Trials. \*A chillingly logical hypothesis that could be the next step in terrorism--mating cruise missiles with biological warfare. \*And much more

Quest for Flight - Craig S. Harwood 2012-10-17

The Wright brothers have long received the lion's share of credit for inventing the airplane. But a California scientist succeeded in flying gliders twenty years before the Wright's powered flights at Kitty Hawk in 1903. Quest for Flight reveals the amazing accomplishments of John J. Montgomery, a prolific inventor who piloted the glider he designed in 1883 in the first controlled flights of a heavier-than-air craft in the Western Hemisphere. Re-examining the history of American aviation, Craig S. Harwood and Gary B. Fogel present the story of human efforts to take to the skies. They show that history's nearly exclusive focus on two brothers resulted from a lengthy public campaign the Wrights waged to profit from their aeroplane patent and create a monopoly in aviation. Countering the aspersions cast on Montgomery and his work, Harwood and Fogel build a solidly documented case for Montgomery's pioneering role in aeronautical innovation. As a scientist researching the laws of flight, Montgomery invented basic methods of aircraft control and stability, refined his theories in aerodynamics over decades of research, and brought widespread attention to aviation by staging public demonstrations of his gliders. After his first flights near San Diego in the 1880s, his pursuit continued through a series of glider designs. These experiments culminated in 1905 with controlled flights in Northern California using tandem-wing Montgomery gliders launched from balloons. These flights reached the highest altitudes yet attained, demonstrated the effectiveness of Montgomery's designs, and helped change society's attitude toward what was considered "the impossible art" of aerial navigation. Inventors and aviators working west of the Mississippi at the turn of the twentieth century have not received the recognition they deserve. Harwood and Fogel place Montgomery's story and his exploits in the broader context of western aviation and science, shedding new light on the reasons that California was the epicenter of the American aviation industry from the very beginning.

**The Wright Flyers 1899-1916** - Richard P. Hallion 2019-12-26

Orville and Wilbur Wright, two bicycle-making brothers from Dayton, Ohio, secured their place as the most famous names in aviation history when, on December 17, 1903, they made the first powered, controlled, and sustained heavier-than-air flight. But their success over the cold and windswept Carolina dunes that day has overshadowed their many other accomplishments before and after that historic flight. The Wrights' progression from theory to analysis to ground-testing components and wing shapes, and then to flight-testing kites, gliders, and their first powered aeroplane, marked the world's first successful 'X-Plane' research and development programme. They established a template all subsequent aircraft have followed, one still relevant in the era of hypersonic flight and drone research. This book traces the Wright Brothers' story, from their first success on that cold December day throughout their glory years to their eventual eclipse by other aviators. It explores in detail the process that led them to their pioneering craft and their many subsequent achievements over the following years, and highlights their enduring importance in the age of modern flight.

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Contemporary Authors New Revision Series - Tracey Watson 2005-04

A biographical and bibliographical guide to current writers in all fields including poetry, fiction and nonfiction, journalism, drama, television and movies. Information is provided by the authors themselves or drawn from published interviews, feature stories, book reviews and other materials provided by the authors/publishers.

**Operation Iraqi Freedom** - Walter J. Boyne 2003-11-15

No war has ever had the intensive media coverage of the 2003 war in Iraq, and none has ever had such monumental second-guessing. Months before the war began, domestic and international pundits painted a gloomy picture of a new Vietnam or of a nuclear Armageddon that would see Israel reduced to ruins. The war started with a brilliant series of pre-emptive bangs that shattered Iraqi leadership and seized the most valuable areas of Iraq. How did the US military machine, assumed to have insufficient air power, too few troops, and little momentum take a country the size of California within three weeks? In the 1991 victory in the Gulf War, the United States led a much larger coalition force into a heavy air campaign followed by a lightning quick ground campaign. In the years that followed, the United States military experienced a continuing series of reductions in the national defense budget. What was left unrecorded was the incredible degree of competence with which the US military leadership managed the reduction in resources, balancing force structures against personnel requirements against procurement needs and logistic realities. Any one considering the great military victory achieved in Iraq must ask the following questions: Who was bright enough to plan to have the weapons systems in the right place at the right time? Who orchestrated this vast complex array of sophisticated military machinery-ships, submarines, missiles, armor, and soldiers-all needing fuel, ammunition and water?

The answer is the much-maligned civil and military leaders of the American defense establishment, working in concert with the most advanced defense-based corporations in the world. While there were those anxious to parade the iniquities of a two-billion dollar bomber, most often failed to appreciate the genius required to conceive of, much less create a system which can use a satellite to send signals to a B-1B to program a precision guided missile to take out a Soviet T-72 tank parked in a mosque-without damaging the mosque! Admittedly, there were lapses in the Iraqi war, such as the looting of museums by members of the Ba'ath party just a day after many had declared Baghdad liberated and the raids on hospitals, another problem that could have easily been remedied by a show of U.S. presence and force. And there were technological complications as well, including the aching misfortune of death by friendly fire. The author deals with these shortcomings in a straightforward manner. Operation Iraqi Freedom: What Went Right and Why; What Went Wrong and Why gives intimate insight into the way in which the armed services, particularly the United States Air Force, managed to overcome genuine budgetary, political, and military difficulties to create the finest military force in the world, one that operated with the most extreme care to avoid collateral damage and to prevent loss of life. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Taking Flight - Stephen Krensky 2000

Describes how the Wright Brothers came to build and fly the first powered aircraft.

The Story of American Aviation - Jim Ray 2019-11-29

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What Do I Read Next? Volume 2 2003 - Neil Barron 2004

Provides synopses for over 1,500 titles of current popular fiction and recommends other books by such criteria as authors, characters portrayed, time period, geographical setting, or genre

The Papers of Wilbur and Orville Wright, Including the Chanute-Wright Papers - Wilbur Wright 2000

For a limited time! This special commemorative original edition reprint collector set of rare volumes celebrates a century of flight. Don't miss this opportunity! A chronologically organized look at aviation pioneers' Wilbur and Orville Wright's plans, progress, achievements, and setbacks, documented in two illustrated volumes spanning 50 years' worth of letters, papers, notes, drawings, and compelling photographs Taken from the detailed correspondence and numerous diary and notebook excerpts, wind tunnel tests, and more

Soaring - 2003

**Roaring Thunder** - Walter J. Boyne 2007-04-01

The story of the jet age of aviation revolves around remarkable geniuses-- including Sir Frank Whittle, the British inventor of the jet engine; Hans von Ohain, a German jet engine designer who comes to work for the U.S.; famed aeronautical engineer Kelly Johnson; the daring test pilot Tex Johnston, and many more--brilliant men who conceived these early extraordinary airplanes and had the

courage to fly them to new horizons. Roaring Thunder blends real life adventures of the industry giants with the fictional Vance Shannon and his aviation family. Shannon, a prototypical American test pilot, sees and guides the birth of American jet aviation, while his sons, Tom and Harry fly the new jets in combat. Their aviation careers are blessed by their skill and courage, and they help usher in the greatest advance in aviation history with the birth of the jet transport. The Shannons serve as counterparts to the real-life heroes, creating continuity and explaining the intricacies, successes, and setbacks of a brand new industry. The dramatic, totally accurate story of the beginning of the jet age is presented against a background of personalities, real and fictional who bring the story to life, and represent the first stage in the first ever fiction trilogy about the history of the aerospace industry. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Forthcoming Books** - Rose Army 2003-04

Air Power - Stephen Budiansky 2005-03-29

No single human invention has transformed war more than the airplane--not even the atomic bomb. Even before the Wright Brothers' first flight, predictions abounded of the devastating and terrible consequences this new invention would have as an engine of war. Soaring over the battlefield, the airplane became an unstoppable force that left no spot on earth safe from attack. Drawing on combat memoirs, letters, diaries, archival records, museum collections, and eyewitness accounts by the men who fought--and the men who developed the breakthrough inventions and concepts--acclaimed author Stephen Budiansky weaves a vivid and dramatic account of the airplane's revolutionary transformation of modern warfare. On the web:

<http://www.budiansky.com/>

**A World War 1 Adventure** - House of Harkness V 2014-06-25

A deeply personal and revealing eyewitness narrative of one airman's life as a bomber pilot in England's RNAS (Royal Naval Air Service) in WWI. It is a true story, an adventure, and a war memoir carefully constructed from Captain Donald E. Harkness's unpublished diaries, letters, sketches and photographs -- only recently uncovered nearly a century later -- that documented his remarkable experiences and military adventures over England, France and Belgium. The first book written by a highly decorated WWI flyer from New Zealand that captures the "behind the scenes" life of RNAS pilots, as well as the surprises, terrors, traumas, humor, and sheer excitement of an aerial form of combat never before experienced by anyone, anywhere -- and only eleven short years after the Wright Brothers historic flight at Kitty Hawk. With a talent for writing, Don begins an epic journey at a major turning point in history when the world is poised at the dawn of flight, and bracing itself for unknown dangers of unprecedented sophistication and savagery. Don's journal reveals unique insights and vivid imagery of another time and experience, to wit: - the terror and devastation of a Zeppelin bombing raid in London - the training regimen of early flying schools, and their serious & comic episodes - the wonder, awe, and poetry of flying aloft in the majestic heavens - vivid bombing raids, plus the raid that earned him the DSC - his crash-landing and capture - working with the underground to help downed pilots evade capture - London's unrestrained exuberance on Armistice Day; . . . and much, much more.

**Charles E. Taylor, 1868-1956** - Howard R. DuFour 1997

Dawn Over Kitty Hawk - Walter J. Boyne 2005-08

A pair of bicycle shop owners struggles with their bishop father's disapproval and

the workings of such figures as Augustus Herring, Samuel Langly, and Alexander Graham Bell, who sabotage and compete against their efforts to develop the first powered aircraft. Reprint.

American History - 2003

My Brothers' Flying Machine - Jane Yolen 2003

Provides a look at the lives of Orville and Wilbur Wright, as seen through the eyes of their younger sister, Katharine, who provided support and encouragement while they worked on their many inventions.

**Supersonic Thunder** - Walter J. Boyne 2012-01-03

From the first flight of the U-2 to the flashing speed of the famous SR-71 Blackbird, Supersonic Thunder is a portrait of the jet as it comes of age. August, 1955. Test pilot and engineer Vance Shannon stands at the beginning of an era of unprecedented development in military and commercial aviation. As the ever-changing industry begins to speed beyond Vance's grasp, he turns to his two sons, Tom and Harry, to keep the family business on the cutting edge. But the stress of trying to stay ahead of the curve is destroying the family and fueling a long-hidden rivalry between the two brothers. The Shannons' story is set against the backdrop of an astonishing era in history. From the luxury of the Boeing 747 to the abject despair of a cell in the Hanoi Hilton, Supersonic Thunder tells the real story of an amazing chapter of jet aviation through the eyes of the men and women who lived and died to make it a part of our everyday life.

**The Two O'Clock War** - Walter J. Boyne 2002-09-14

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Air Force Magazine - 2004

The Writers Directory - 2013

Wilbur and Orville - Fred Howard 2013-04-26

Definitive, crisply written study tells the full story of the brothers' lives and work – from their early childhood and initial fascination with flight, the historic first flight at Kitty Hawk, more.

**Beyond the Wild Blue** - Walter J. Boyne 1998-06-15

A comprehensive history of the U.S. Air Force examines its leaders, victories, and flight technology, from the earliest incarnations to the stealth bomber

**Circa 1903** - Larry E. Tise 2019-05-27

Standing along the coast of today's Outer Banks, it can be hard to envision the barrier island world at Kitty Hawk as it appeared to Wilbur and Orville Wright when they first arrived in 1900 to begin their famous experiments leading to the world's first powered flight three years later. Around 1903, the islands and inland seas of North Carolina's coast were distinctive maritime realms--seemingly at the ends of the earth. But as the Wrights soon recognized, the region was far more developed than they expected. This rich photographic history illuminates this forgotten barrier island world as it existed when the Wright brothers arrived. Larry E. Tise shows that while the banks seemed remote, its maritime communities huddled near lighthouses and lifesaving stations and busy fisheries were linked to the mainland and offered precisely the resources needed by the Wrights as they invented flight. Tise presents dozens of newly discovered images never before published and others rarely seen or understood. His book offers fresh light on the life, culture, and environment of the Carolina coast at the opening of the twentieth century, an era marked by transportation revolutions and naked racial divisions. Tise subtly shows how unexplored photographs reveal these dramatic changes and in the process transforms how we've thought of the Outer Banks for more than a century.

**Kite Balloons to Airships... the Navy's Lighter-Than Air Experience** - Roy

Grossnick 2012-08-01

The dawn of aviation began with lighter-than-air craft and gliders. They were in the forefront of what eventually led to the Wright brothers' activities at Kitty Hawk. The Navy's early use of lighter-than-air craft may be traced back to the American Civil War. However, it was a short-lived affair and these LTA possibilities were not pursued after the war. With the advent of airplanes in naval service, the Navy again turned its interest to lighter-than-air craft. The Navy's lighter-than-air program blossomed and its fleet of airships became the largest the world has ever seen. During the era of the giant rigid airships, the Navy built some of the largest airships in the world. Many achievements were recorded by the Navy's LTA branch and new records were set, records which still remain unbroken today. This monograph is intended to provide an overview of the Navy's involvement with balloons, airships and their operations, which shows their failures and accomplishments and their contributions to the Navy's mission of guarding the sea lanes of America. It is not an in-depth study of the LTA program, but provides an overall look at the history of LTA in the Navy. Various aspects of the LTA program have had extensive coverage, especially the rigid airship era; however, the entire history of LTA in the Navy has not been told under one cover. The Navy's LTA program technically ended in the 1960s. But the evolutionary trends that can be seen in history could possibly bring back certain functions of LTA and make them viable in today's world of supersonic flight and space travel.

*The True Story of Noah* - Kerry L. Barger 2014-10-14

"The ark was massive by any standard, covering an area roughly the size of a football field and 60 feet from top to bottom. "The True Story of Noah" explores the origins of this well known biblical story from a unique angle. Using related literature and information provided, Barger probes further to understand the likeliest resting spot of the ark. In the process, he provides a deluge of enriching historical information that revolves around the life of Noah and the origins of man. Barger's discourse is intriguing and would particularly spark engaging conversation in a college humanities lecture. Although the text can be a bit dry, references to many familiar figures from creation myths and stories, such as The Epic of Gilgamesh, will keep the reader involved. Nevertheless, it is imperative to understand that this book is just as much about the story of how Noah came to be as it is about the final resting spot of the ark. Ultimately, the extensively detailed journey from what is essentially the beginning of mankind to the birth of Noah is necessary to understand the direction of Noah's life and why he was perceived to be made from the likeness of the gods. Before delving into Noah's life, the author takes readers on an imaginary journey beginning with the search for the first man, Adam, in 5500 B.C. This first scene shows mankind at its most primitive and has the feel of the Congo jungle scenes in Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness. Later in the journey, yet prior to Noah's existence, readers will encounter the city of Eridu, the Enki priests and temples, and the biblical figures that form Noah's heritage... For serious readers of the humanities who have a passion for ancient, biblical history and how it came to be, Barger's story is a worthwhile read. --Mihir Shah, The U.S. Review

**Hypersonic Thunder** - Walter J. Boyne 2009-04-14

The jet age began in 1939 with the brief hop of a secret German airplane. Seventy years later, the entire world depends upon the jet engine in every sphere - political, military, economic, and social. In Hypersonic Thunder, Walter Boyne weaves an intricate story of how the jet engine changed aeronautics and astronautics, pushing the frontiers of flight forward and permitting humankind to enter the space age. Drawing on his knowledge of the period, Boyne paints a gripping picture of jet aviation from the brilliant supersonic Concorde to the coming challenges of hypersonic flight. Using the fictional Shannons as a vehicle, the author ranges the world of aviation, combining the triumphs and tragedies of great aviation companies with the familiar conflicts of family life. All of the great names of aeronautics and astronautics appear here as they did on the historic scene, including such luminaries as Howard Hughes, Kelly Johnson, Burt Rutan, and Steve Fossett. The book thunders with the clash of combat, ranging from the courageous fights of the Israeli Air Force down through the raid on Libya, Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom, and, most important the ongoing war on terror. And space is not neglected, as Boyne covers everything from Skylab and the Space Shuttle, with its great achievements and terrible tragedies, to the International Space Station. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Library Journal** - 2003

*Beyond the Saga of Rocket Science* - Walter Sierra 2016-12-19

Beyond the Saga of Rocket Science is a series of four closely related books that provide an amply illustrated, overarching perspective to a broad, nontechnical audience of the entire panorama surrounding the development of rockets, missiles, and space vehicles as we know them today and what the exciting future holds. The books are sequential and form an integrated whole: The Dawn of the Space Age

Avoiding Armageddon In Space To Stay The Never-Ending Frontier The Dawn of the Space Age begins with exciting tales of the earliest developers of rudimentary rockets and the deadly battles they fought in China between 228 and 1600 A.D. A historical fiction approach brings longago characters and events to life. Palace intrigues, treachery, and warmongering are interwoven with vivid depictions of courage and bravery to showcase the gradual progression of the science of rocketry from fireworks displays to effective weapons in the battlefield. Readers in the West will learn something about the Eastern mindset, where over half the worlds population lives today. The tremendous achievements of the Wright Brothers Wilbur and Orville in the early 1900s serve as a useful backdrop for showcasing the difficulties in developing completely new technologies for practical use. The Wright Brothers had to go abroad to France before World War I to garner enough support and funding to mature airplane science to the point that the U.S. Army took notice. Building on the Wrights successes, Ludwig Prandtl in Germany and Theodore von Krmn in the United States made pioneering developments in aerodynamics which are crucial to rocket flight. The invention of the airplane inspired early innovators in the 1920s 1930s to lay the foundation for the giant aerospace conglomerates of today; including William Boeing. (Boeing Company), Allan Loughead and Glenn Martin (Lockheed Martin), Jack Northrop and Leroy Grumman (Northrop Grumman), James McDonnell and Donald Douglas (McDonnellDouglas). These stalwarts were very foresighted and willing to take calculated risks. The ingenious Dr. Robert Goddard, inventor of the modern rocket, developed a sound theory and conducted pioneering flight tests in the 1920s - 1930s, while overcoming many failures. However, Goddards rockets were not taken seriously enough in the United States to enable the development of practical missiles and launch vehicles. But Germany sure took notice. World War II gave the biggest impetus ever to advancing rocket science and related technologies. The Nazi war machine funded Dr. Wernher von Braun and his cohorts to develop rocketdriven weapons such as the V1 and V2 which killed thousands during World War II. Fortunately for America, von Braun and key members of his team decided to seek asylum in the United States when the war ended. Now the country took up the engineering of rockets in earnest. Von Braun went on to lead the American space program during the crucial decades of the 1950s 1960s. He did more to advance missiles, rockets, spaceflight, and enable manned landings on the moon than anybody else in America. Six astronauts flew solo on six Project Mercury flights (1961-1963). Three of them joined another 13 astronauts to orbit Earth on 10 twoperson Project Gemini flights (1965-1966). Without a single failure. The Soviet Union captured their fair share of German rocketeers, including the influential Helmut Grttrup. They learned everything possible from the German expatriates. Then they cast the Germans aside and undertook rocket and missile development using indigenous experts like Sergei Korolyov and Valentin Glushko. Like von Braun, Korolyov was ingenious in his own right, and led the development of Soviet rocket science until his untimely death in January 1966. Engineers and scientists are todays unsung heroes. They work in the shadows, without any public acclaim or recognition; yet the technologies they develop touch every facet of our daily lives.

Birdmen - Lawrence Goldstone 2015-04-21

From acclaimed historian Lawrence Goldstone comes a thrilling narrative of courage, determination, and competition: the story of the intense rivalry that fueled the rise of American aviation. The feud between this nation's great air pioneers, the Wright brothers and Glenn Curtiss, was a collision of unyielding and

profoundly American personalities. On one side, a pair of tenacious siblings who together had solved the centuries-old riddle of powered, heavier-than-air flight. On the other, an audacious motorcycle racer whose innovative aircraft became synonymous in the public mind with death-defying stunts. For more than a decade, they battled each other in court, at air shows, and in the newspapers. The outcome of this contest of wills would shape the course of aviation history—and take a fearsome toll on the men involved. Birdmen sets the engrossing story of the Wrights' war with Curtiss against the thrilling backdrop of the early years of manned flight, and is rich with period detail and larger-than-life personalities: Thomas Scott Baldwin, or "Cap't Tom" as he styled himself, who invented the parachute and almost convinced the world that balloons were the future of aviation; John Moisant, the dapper daredevil who took to the skies after three failed attempts to overthrow the government of El Salvador, then quickly emerged as a celebrity flyer; and Harriet Quimby, the statuesque silent-film beauty who became the first woman to fly across the English Channel. And then there is Lincoln Beachey, perhaps the greatest aviator who ever lived, who dazzled crowds with an array of trademark twists and dives—and best embodied the romance with death that fueled so many of aviation's earliest heroes. A dramatic story of unimaginable bravery in the air and brutal competition on the ground, Birdmen is at once a thrill ride through flight's wild early years and a surprising look at the personal clash that fueled America's race to the skies. Praise for Birdmen "A meticulously researched account of the first few hectic, tangled years of aviation and the curious characters who pursued it . . . a worthy companion to Richard

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