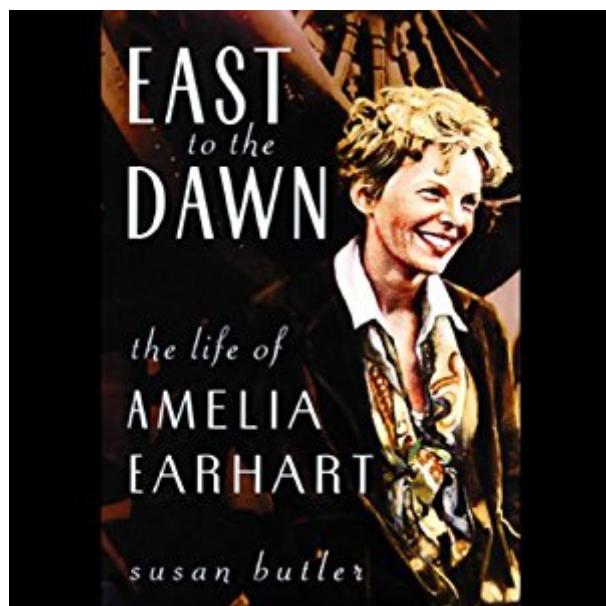


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East To The Dawn: The Life Of Amelia Earhart



Synopsis

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) captured the hearts of the entire nation after becoming the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928. She was a social worker, author, lecturer, businesswoman, educator, and tireless promoter of women's rights. Yet, over half a century after her mysterious disappearance, many questions remain unanswered. *East to the Dawn* finally sets the record straight, providing the most comprehensive account to date of Earhart's extraordinary life. Based on ten years of research through archives, letters, and diaries, and on interviews with friends and relatives, this book includes intricate details about Earhart's career and her fateful last flight, with excerpts from letters written during the journey by her navigator Fred Noonan. The author also traces Earhart's personal life: her early years with her grandparents; her experiences as a nurse, premed student at Columbia University, and social worker; her famous marriage to publisher George Putnam; and her secret affair with Gene Vidal. This biography presents a revealing picture of Earhart in all her complexity, and is sure to be the last word on her incredible flying record.

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Customer Reviews

I was born and raised in Atchison, KS where Amelia was born and grew up from age three to twelve. She was my father's inspiration as well as mine. I know quite a bit about Amelia since I have followed her so closely since I was very young. I can honestly say this is the BEST book I have ever read about Amelia. The book is honest and accurate. I highly recommend it.

To simply call Earhart "lady Lindy" is dismissive of her accomplishments. In Susan Butler's wonderful book, you get a glimpse of the real person behind the image that was so carefully crafted by Amelia and GP Putnam. I was so caught up in the story I didn't want it to end. I knew it had to simply because of the circumstances of the disappearance. There are many theories about what happened to Amelia and her navigator, I don't think we will ever know the truth so it's fitting that the mystery continues to surround her and it preserves the legend of Amelia Earhart. Great Read if you are looking for a bio that is worthy of the subject.

The limited promotion of the Amelia Earhart movie and the tepid response of the viewers should have foreshadowed what to expect from this book. After reading it -- albeit I did skip some pages, I felt like Susan Butler was attempting to write the epic novel replete with acts of "Moses parting the sea," (wherever Earhart goes, the crowds part) than to drill down and give us a dimensional understanding of this famous aviatrix. Instead, I felt like a box of photos were thrown on the table, and as each Brownie picture is picked up, the author exclaims, "Oh yes. This is what happened." I didn't get the intimacy from Butler's writing as I'm sure she was attempting to do. Instead, I read two, three paragraph vignettes of her -- and all those associate with her. I wasn't sure if she was attempting to recount history or capture Amelia in a new way. It was almost like stringing beads. This is a whopping 487 page book, including an extensive index. Butler's backgrounding of Amelia's lineage was less than exciting. I'm not convinced it helped the book; I'm sure Butler was trying to use it to shape Amelia's character. Rather than describe snippets of Amelia's life, I would have preferred the writer to try and delve into her thoughts: what were her fears, insecurities? I would have preferred reading a less voluminous book that reveals Earhart's personality than huff through pages of "and so..." Finally, did I like the book? Yes...sort of.

I gave this book a 5 star, it was very well written and researched. I would recommend this book .

An excellent adjunct to the series about AE.

Amelia Earhart captured the hearts of the world over 80 years ago and her life and untimely disappearance have always been a topic of great interest and intrigue. I think the author of this book has done a great job of sharing many of the life experiences that molded Amelia's personality and drove her ambitions. I did find one piece of information to be incorrect in regard to Amelia's husband

G.P. (George Putnam) in which he was noted as having been married only one more time after Amelia when;in fact, he was married two more times.Overall, the book was a great read and I appreciated the details shared in regard to Amelia's ancestor's as well as her early life. Many opinion's have been written about that last fatal flight and the author did a good job of outlining the known facts leaving the reader to ponder Amelia's final outcome.

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Great book and well researched. Lots of good info on her early family life. Author was kind of easy on Amelia regarding the serious lack of planning for the final and fatal leg of her round the world trip. Was also amazed at how little time Amelia spent looking for her life career. She tried so many different things but never gave any much of a chance.

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