

Airships – Fiction

Airborn

Oppel, Kenneth

Now in paperback--a swashbuckling new fantasy by the bestselling author of the Silverwing trilogy. In the early 20th century, a young orphan serves as a cabin boy aboard an airship and is witness to life-and-death battles in the sea and above land.

Skybreaker

Oppel, Kenneth, 1967-

Matt Cruse returns in the fully imagined world first described in Airborn, for which PW said, "In crisp, precise prose, Oppel imagines an alternate past where zeppelins crowd the skies and luxury liners travel the air rather than the sea."

Starclimber

Oppel, Kenneth, 1967-

In Airborn (2004) and Skybreaker (2005), Oppel imagined an alternate history where zeppelins race across the skies. In Starclimber, he takes the reader into space. Matt Cruse is an aspiring pilot in his final year of flight training; Kate de Vries is the well-heeled adventuress who loves him. The two join an expedition into space aboard a new ship and face a challenge more daunting than the unknown cosmos-Kate's engagement to another man.

Airplanes – Juvenile Fiction

Coast to coast

Byars, Betsy Cromer.

Thirteen-year-old Birch's grandfather has always wanted to fly across the U.S. in his antique Piper Cub. When her grandmother dies and her grandfather decides to sell the plane, Birch discovers that it's not so hard to convince Pop to take off on a short trip. How hard can it be to talk him into making the big one and taking her with him?

Clipper of the clouds

Verne, Jules, 1828-1905

The last flight of the Birdman

Glaze, Dave, 1947-

It's summer, 1912, and everyone's excited about the Exhibition coming to Saskatoon, complete with a wild west show and horses jumping thirty feet into vats of water. But the real attraction for Mackenzie is to see Glenn Martin, the barnstorming airplane pilot known as the Birdman. Maybe some day he'll be a flyer himself.

The flight of the Silver Turtle

Fardell, John, 1967-

Ben, Zara, Sam, and Marcia begin their summer vacation by helping Professor Ampersand and a new friend build the Silver Turtle, a futuristic airplane, but on the day the first test flight is planned, a strange woman steals the airplane with the children inside.

The adventures of Vin Fiz

Cussler, Clive.

The bestselling adventure author pens his first tale for kids. Twins Casey and Lacey Nicefolk are given a magic box that can transform any toy into a life-sized reality. Soon, the twins are soaring in an enchanted model of the Wright Brothers' biplane. Illustrations.

Propeller one-way night coach : a fable for all ages

Travolta, John.

Dragonwings : [Golden Mountain chronicles, 1903]

Yep, Laurence, 1948-

Moon Shadow was eight when he sailed from China to join his father Windrider in America. Windrider lived in San Francisco's Chinatown and worked in a laundry. Moon Shadow had never seen him. But he soon loved and respected this father, a man of genius, a man with a fabulous dream. And with Moon Shadow's help, Windrider was willing to endure the mockery of the other Chinese, the poverty, and the longing for his wife and his own country to make his dream come true. Inspired by the account of a Chinese immigrant who made a flying machine in 1909, Laurence Yep's historical novel beautifully portrays the rich traditions of the Chinese community as it made its way in a hostile new world.

Chasing the Arrow / Charles Reid

Reid, Charles, 1925-

Robbie Carter is adjusting to his new life in late-1950s Toronto with his single mother, an engineer with the airplane manufacturer A.V. Roe. One night, waking to the buzz of voices, Robbie creeps downstairs and makes an astonishing discovery. His mother and her colleagues are working on plans for the Avro Arrow, a new fighter jet capable of unheard-of speeds! Determined not to miss a word, Robbie continues to spy on their meetings. Soon his happy family life changes for the worse when he's forced to enter a new school. Plagued by the unwanted attention of Rollie Briggs, the school bully who insults his mother, Robbie longs for escape in the form of proof of her involvement in the top-secret Arrow project. But from the worried murmurs he hears late at night, he knows all is not well. Something is in the wind, and Robbie has a front-row seat on the political in-fighting and controversy swirling around the Arrow. The question is: Can any of the project be saved? What's more, will Robbie confront Rollie Briggs once and for all?

Books by Matheson, Shirlee Smith

Amazing flights and fliers

629. 130971 MAT 2010

Maverick in the sky : the aerial adventures of World War I flying ace Freddie McCall

629. 13092 MCC M 2007

Lost : true stories of Canadian aviation tragedies

363. 1240971 MAT 2005

Flying the frontiers, volume III : aviation adventures around the world

629. 130971 MAT 1999

A western welcome to the world : Calgary International Airport

387. 736 MAT 1997

Flying the frontiers, volume II : more hours of aviation adventure

629. 130971 MAT 1996

Flying the frontiers, [volume I] : a half-million hours of aviation adventure

629. 130971 MAT 1994

Flying ghosts

FICTION MAT 1993

Mythologies

Daedalus and the minotaur

Galloway, Priscilla.

J 292. 211 DAE G

Inventor Daedalus, falsely accused of murder, is forced to flee Athens to the court of King Minos in Crete. The king commissions Daedalus to construct a gigantic labyrinth where he plans to imprison his disfigured son, Minotaur, a "monster" with a bull's head. Queen Passifay, wishing to protect her only son, urges Daedalus to prolong his work on her son's living grave. Daedalus, fearing that his life and the life of his son Icarus will be in danger when the labyrinth is completed, procrastinates as long as possible while stealing time to pursue his own dream--to devise wings in order to fly with his son.

Wings

Yolen, Jane.

J 292. 211 DAE Y

The story of Daedalus, the Greek master craftsman, who murdered his nephew because of envy, fled to Crete, and then, with his son, tried to fly away from Crete like a bird.

Sun flight

McDermott, Gerald.

J 292. 211 DAE M 1980

Daedalus fashions wings for the escape of himself and his son Icarus from the Labyrinth of King Monos of Crete, but Icarus fails to heed his father's warnings about their use.

Flight – Juvenile Fiction

Karlson flies again

Lindgren, Astrid, 1907-2002.

Smidge is used to Karlson, the funny little man with a propeller on his back, living on the roof. They are firm friends. Now, anytime Karlson pops in, Smidge knows that there's fun and adventure in store. In this collection of stories, they gobble cream buns, do their very best to frighten the new housekeeper and almost become television stars!

My dad's a birdman

Almond, David, 1951-

Join a young girl and her dad as they find their wings and take to the skies in a joyful, quirky, tender tale from a masterful author and illustrator. In a rainy town in the north of England, there are strange goings-on. Dad is building a pair of wings, eating flies, and feathering his nest. Auntie Doreen is getting cross and making dumplings. Contest barker Mr. Poop is parading the streets shouting louder and louder, and even Mr. Mint, the headmaster, is not quite himself. And watching it all is Lizzie, missing her mam and looking after Dad by letting him follow his newfound whimsy. From an inspired creative pairing comes a story of the Great Human Bird Competition — a poignant, exuberant tale of the healing power of flights of fancy, and a very special father-and-daughter bond.

The Wall and the Wing

Ruby, Laura.

In one vast and sparkling city, everyone can fly. Almost everyone. A few, nicknamed leadfeet, are sentenced by a trick of nature or fate to forever spend their lives closer to the ground. But one night, a girl named Gurl -- a leadfoot, an orphan, a nobody -- discovers that she can do something much better than fly. She can become invisible.

Race for the sky : the Kitty Hawk diaries of Johnny Moore

Gutman, Dan.

Johnny Moore lives in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina at the turn of the twentieth century. He is there to witness the Wright brothers make history by becoming the first people to fly. But Johnny's life changes years before the dramatic first flight, when his mama gives him a blank book and tells him to write in it. At first, Johnny doesn't think he has anything interesting to write about in his journal. When he does put his pencil to the paper, his spelling and grammar are terrible. But pretty soon some "dingbatters" from Ohio, called the Wright brothers, breeze into town and Johnny starts to have more of a story to tell. Before he knows it, he is writing every day, telling about helping the Wrights build their

flying machine. Over the course of three years, he forms a friendship with the odd brothers from Ohio, improves his writing and grammar quite a bit, and if he waits long enough, he might even get to fly!

The boy who could fly without a motor

Taylor, Theodore, 1921-

Jon Jeffers is the loneliest nine-year-old on earth. It's 1935, and he's stuck on a tiny rocky island off the coast of San Francisco with his mother and his lighthouse-keeper father. Jon longs for something more. If only he had a way to escape this forsaken pile of rocks, he could have some real adventures. Then one morning the irritable ghost of an ancient magician appears on the beach and offers--amazingly--to teach Jon to fly. Jon agrees, and at first flying seems to be the answer to his wildest dreams. But then he flies into some serious trouble. . . .

Fledgling

Langton, Jane.

If there's one thing Georgie Hall has always been, it's determined. So when her stepcousins Eleanor and Eddy tell her that she can't fly, Georgie doesn't get discouraged-she just tries harder. She feels a peculiar lightness when she leaps from the top of the staircase, and is even more certain of her seemingly impossible ability when she jumps from the porch and soars to the rooftop before landing safely on the ground. And now that a mysterious Canada goose is visiting Georgie's window on a nightly basis, the Hall family begins to wonder just what Georgie is capable of...

Adult Fare – Use with children with discretion

Over to you : ten stories of flyers and flying

Dahl, Roald, 1916-1990.

'One of the few writers I know whose work can accurately be described as addictive' Irish Times. During the Second World War Roald Dahl served in the RAF and suffered horrific injuries in an air crash. In these tales that draw on his war experiences, he conveys the bizarre reality of life in the air and the nervy jollity of the Mess and Ops room. Here, pilots struggle with the arbitrary fate that falls on the innocent along with their bombs, and soothe their consciences by adopting an orphaned girl into their squadron. The daily confrontation with risk and the infectious madness of conflict inform these terrifying stories by a master of the genre.

Space and Time Travel – Juvenile Fiction

Sent

Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

Gr 5-8-This book begins where Found (S & S, 2008) left off: Chip, Jonah, Katherine, and Alex are falling through time. They find themselves in 1483 in the Tower of London where

the famously imprisoned princes, Edward and Richard, are fearfully awaiting their fates. As was revealed at the end of Found, Chip and Alex are really Edward and Richard, spirited away to our current century by time travelers in a misguided attempt to save their lives. The four fumble through attempts to figure out how to save them from their historically presumed deaths. While the children know next to nothing about the real princes, they have a firsthand chance to watch history in the making, all the while hoping that they won't alter time too much and end up getting the princes killed anyway.

Counter clockwise

time movedIn this dazzling debut novel, Jason Cockcroft has crafted a mind-bending adventure Cockcroft, Jason.

What if your mother were hit by a bus? And what if your father disappeared one day through a hole in the bathroom wall? Is there a way to change the course of your life's history? What if with a startlingly original narrative structure.

Tanglewreck

Winterson, Jeanette, 1959-

In a house called Tanglewreck lives a girl called Silver and her guardian Mrs Ruckerby. Unbeknown to Silver there is a family treasure in the form of a seventeenth century watch called The Timekeeper and this treasure holds the key to the mysterious and frightening changes in time. When Silver goes on the run to try and protect herself and The Timekeeper a remarkable and compelling adventure unfolds full of brilliance and wit, as is befitting an author with the imagination and style of Jeanette Winterson.

Fireball

Christopher, John.

New found land

Christopher, John. 1983

A wrinkle in time

L'Engle, Madeleine. 1918-2007.

One of the most beloved children's books of all time: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle: Meg Murray, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. He claims to have been blown off course, and goes on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which, if you didn't know, is a wrinkle in time. Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father?

Space – Poetry

Comets, stars, the Moon, and Mars : space poems and paintings

Florian, Douglas.

J 811 FLO 2007

When I heard the learn'd astronomer

Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892.
J 811 WHI WHE 2004

Sing of the earth and sky : poems about our planet and the wonders beyond

Fisher, Aileen Lucia, 1906-
J 811 FIS 2001

Star walk

Simon, Seymour.
J 808. 81936 SIM 1995

Blast off! : Poems about space

Hopkins, Lee Bennett.
J 808. 819356 HOP 1995

Space songs

Livingston, Myra Cohn.
J 811 LIV 1988

Spaceways : an anthology of space poetry

Foster, John Louis, 1941-
808. 819356 SPA 1986

Biography/History**High flight : a story of World War II**

Granfield, Linda.

J 940. 544971 MAG G 1999

Royal Canadian Air Force Pilot John Magee was only nineteen years old when he wrote the poem "High Flight" in 1941. Born in Shanghai and educated at Rugby School in England, Magee showed early promise as a poet. Impatient to take part in the war raging in Europe, Magee gave up a place at Yale University to enlist in the RCAF. Not long after writing "High Flight," John Magee was killed in an air accident in Britain. Since its publication in a church bulletin, "High Flight" has become the anthem for all who love to fly. Linda Granfield tells the story of Magee and the terrible air battles of the Second World War in a book lovingly illustrated by Michael Martchenko. A fitting tribute to the 75th anniversary of the RCAF, and a heartfelt reminder of the beauty of the skies for all members of the USAF.

Conquer the sky : flying ace Wop May

Reid, Sheila, 1938-

629. 13092 MAY R 2008

The tunnel king : the true story of Wally Floody and the great escape

Hehner, Barbara, 1947-

J 940. 547243 FLO H 2004

The desert hawk : the true story of J.F. "Stocky" Edwards, WW II flying ace
Hehner, Barbara, 1947-

J 940. 544971 EDW H 2005

The Avro Arrow story : the impossible dream
Zuk, Bill, 1947-

J 623. 7464 ZUK 2006

The Avro CF-105 Arrow was an interceptor aircraft. It was designed and built in Ontario in the 1950s. The company that built the Arrow was one of the best airplane companies in the world. It was an amazing plane. But the plane was cancelled by the government. The prototypes were destroyed, and the blueprints were burned. But the name lives on.

Made for Canada : the story of Avro's Arrow
Dixon, Joan, 1957-

J 623. 7464 DIX 2001

Boston "Home of the Arrow" Mills is happy to distribute this delightful book aimed at school-age aviation enthusiasts.

On the shuttle : eight days in space
Bondar, Barbara

J 629. 450092 BON B 1993

What is it like to live in outer space? On the Shuttle will take you on board! Barbara Bondar accompanied Discovery crew member and sister Dr. Roberta Bondar for several weeks during the training procedures prior to the IML-1 shuttle mission. With complete insider knowledge, On the Shuttle provides readers with a detailed look into the first International Microgravity Laboratory. This book contains countless interesting facts--from detailed space shuttle components, to maintaining daily hygiene on board.

Roberta Bondar : leading science into space
Webb, Michael, 1949-

J 629. 450092 BON W 1993

Nose Art (Warning – These are not juvenile resources. Look carefully at photos before you decide if you want to share these books!)

Aircraft nose art : from World War I to today
Ethell, Jeffrey L.

358. 4183 ETH 2003

This photo-filled collection takes readers on an extraordinary journey through the hearts and minds of the pilots, crews and artists who used cowling for canvas and left this colorful legacy. Ethell and Simonsen combine their knowledge to reveal stories behind the greatest nose art of all time. Packed with over 400 photographs of the best nose art from WWI, the Spanish Civil War and WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam and today. This is a paperback reprint of the original.

RAF & RCAF aircraft nose art in World War II

Simonsen, Clarence.

358. 4183 SIM 2001

9 x 12 256 pgs 400 b&w photos 16 pgs of detailed color drawings Military aircraft decorated with gaudy personalized artwork, usually of the ribald and risqui variety, are generally associated with American bombers and fighters, most of which flew by day. In contrast, those of their allies in the RAF and RCAF, especially the nocturnal bombers, are usually perceived as being sober and dull. That this was far from being the case is revealed in this photographic study that shows that the men who flew aircraft wearing roundels could be just as imaginative in decorating their machines. The results were as varied as the skills of the mostly untrained artists, who used all manner of sources as their inspiration, but especially pinup pictures by Vargas and Petty. The author not only shows the finished nose (and tail) art of many aircraft, but also pays tribute to many of their crews. To do so he has enlisted the aid of a number of the men responsible for painting the aircraft, as well as the assistance of Walt Disney, studios--and the model who was the original 'Petty Girl'. This work includes hundreds of close-up pictures of artwork on many different types of aircraft: Lancaster, Halifax, Mosquito, Beaufighter, Spitfire and Hurricane among them--in many cases accompanied by the story of the aircraft and crew as well. Detailed color artwork by the author and Jon Field show many of these emblems and the rest of the aircraft markings.

Metal canvas : Canadians and World War Two aircraft nose art

Fochuk, Stephen M.

358. 4183 FOC 1999

Airplane nose art evolved out of the necessity for identifying "friend-lies" from enemy aircraft, and quickly became a powerful means of self-expression for military pilots and their crews. This is the first exclusively Canadian collection of WWII aircraft nose art.