The ever-fascinating story of the legendary pilot is given new life in this vividly told true-life adventure.

Ever since Amelia Earhart and her plane disappeared on July 2, 1937, people have wanted to know more about this remarkable woman. Amelia Earhart follows the charismatic aviator from her first sight of an airplane at the age of ten to the last radio transmission she made before she vanished. Illustrated with original artworks, contemporary photographs, quotes, and details, this is a great introduction to the famous pilot. The book includes a bibliography and an index.

My Personal Review:
Amelia was eleven years old when she spotted her first plane, but had no interest whatsoever in it. She was much more interested in a prize she won at the Iowa State Fair. A simple hat made from a peach basket was far more interesting. So much for the plane. It "looked like a heap of rusty wire and wood," but in a few short years something like that would utterly fascinate her. Things weren't easy for the little Earhart family. Amelia, her sister Muriel and her mother would later have to move many times. Her father drank heavily at times and her parent's rocky relationship eventually became irreparable. The moving, however, did give her a taste for adventure.

Later adventure awaited her. She worked as a nurse's aid, attended medical school, became a social worker, but then she began to notice something. She had been watching planes and soon they tugged at her heart. She wanted to fly and took lessons. An opportunity came for her to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1928. By that time she even owned her
own plane, but this dangerous adventure would make her famous. When the pontoon plane, the "Friendship," landed in Wales there was no turning back. Flying was her destiny. She began to set records and pored over maps thinking up new adventures. Amelia had her heart set on an around the world flight. Her Lockheed Electra was demolished in Hawaii and she'd have to start over. Amelia was determined and her plane left Oakland for the second time . . .

This book fascinated me because it was very well written, exciting and there were a number of photographs I hadn't see before. The sense of adventure was evident on many of the pages. There are numerous informative sidebars, photographs and several vibrant paintings scattered throughout the book. I liked and appreciated the fact that there is a thorough index, source notes and photographic credits. There are additional recommended book, article and website resources listed in the back of the book. This is a very well done, exciting biography you might want to consider for your shelves, even if you think you know all about Amelia!

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