

Who Was Amelia Earhart

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Earhart was told by family members in her youth that she was a descendant of Amelia Mary Earhart. When she was in college, she hired a genealogist to research her connection to Amelia Earhart. That genealogist told her that she and Amelia shared a "distant common ancestry traced back to the 1700s", however, a second genealogical search in 2013 found there was no traceable connection.

Earhart took her first flying lesson on June 2, 2004, and obtained her private pilot certificate in a Cessna 172. In December 2011, she recreated her namesake's transcontinental flight from Oakland, California to Miami, Florida in a Cirrus SR22, as a completion of her instrument training hours.

In July 2013, she was awarded the Amelia Earhart Pioneering Achievement Award by the Atchison, Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to the woman who carries on Amelia Earhart's spirit.

In partnership with Denver's Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, Earhart completed a circumnavigation of the globe in a single-engine airplane with her copilot, Shane Jordan. Her route was to fly across the US, then south into the Caribbean, northeast Brazil, the South Atlantic Ocean, then the African continent, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Islands, and the Pacific Ocean before returning to California. Earhart and Jordan started the global circumnavigation flight on June 26, 2014, departing Oakland, California at 8:19 am Pacific Standard Time in a single engine Pilatus PC-12 NG. They made 17 stops during the 24,300 nautical-mile trip over 108 flying hours, landing back in Oakland without incident on July 11, 2014. On July 9, as she and Jordan were flying over Howland Island (the island Amelia Mary Earhart was searching for during her 1937 disappearance) she announced, via Twitter, the names of the first recipients of the Fly With Amelia Foundation flight training scholarships.

She is the second youngest woman to fly around the world, following Richarda Morrow-Tait, who was the first.

In 2023, she co-wrote and self-published her first book, titled *Learn to Love the Turbulence*.

In 2025, she appeared in Matthew Syed's BBC Radio 4 series *Sideways*, discussing taking risks.

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Amelia Mary Earhart (AIR-hart; born July 24, 1897; disappeared July 2, 1937; declared dead January 5, 1939) was an American aviation pioneer. On July 2, 1937, she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to become the first female pilot to circumnavigate the world. During her life, Earhart embraced celebrity culture and women's rights, and since her disappearance has become a global cultural figure. She was the first female pilot to fly solo non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean and set many other records. She was one of the first aviators to promote commercial air travel, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences, and was instrumental in the formation of the Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots.

Earhart was born and raised in Atchison, Kansas, and developed a passion for adventure at a young age, steadily gaining flying experience from her twenties. In 1928, she became a celebrity after becoming the first female passenger to cross the Atlantic by airplane. In 1932, she became the first woman to make a nonstop solo transatlantic flight, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for her achievement. In 1935, she became a visiting faculty member of Purdue University as an advisor in aeronautical engineering and a career counselor to female students. She was a member of the National Woman's Party and an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment. She was one of the most inspirational American figures from the late 1920s and throughout the 1930s. Her legacy is often compared to that of the early career of pioneer aviator Charles Lindbergh, as well as First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for their close friendship and lasting influence on women's causes.

In 1937, during an attempt to become the first woman to complete a circumnavigational flight of the globe, flying a Lockheed Model 10-E Electra airplane, Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan disappeared near Howland Island in the central Pacific Ocean. The two were last seen in Lae, New Guinea, their last land stop before Howland Island, a very small location where they were intending to refuel. It is generally believed that they ran out of fuel before they found Howland Island and crashed into the ocean near their destination. Nearly one year and six months after she and Noonan disappeared, Earhart was officially declared dead. She would have been 41 years of age.

The mysterious nature of Earhart's disappearance has caused much public interest in her life. Her airplane has never been found, which has led to speculation and conspiracy theories about the outcome of the flight. Decades after her presumed death, Earhart was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1968 and the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973. Several commemorative memorials in the United States have been named in her honor; these include a commemorative US airmail stamp, an airport, a museum, a bridge, a cargo ship, an earth-fill dam, a playhouse, a library, and multiple roads and schools. She also has a minor planet, planetary corona, and newly discovered lunar crater named after her. Numerous films, documentaries, and books have recounted Earhart's life, and she is ranked ninth on Flying's list of the 51 Heroes of Aviation.

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Amelia Earhart (disambiguation)

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Amelia Earhart Birthplace, a historic building in Kansas where the aviator was born

Amelia Earhart (miniseries), a 1976 two-part television miniseries

Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight, a 1994 television film

"Amelia Earhart's Last Flight", a 1937 song by Red River Dave McEnery

USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE-6), a US Navy cargo ship

SS Amelia Earhart, a US Liberty ship built during World War II

Amelia Earhart Airport, a public-use airport in Kansas

Amelia Earhart Bridge, a truss bridge over the Missouri River

Amelia Earhart Park, an urban park in metropolitan Miami

Amelia Earhart Peak, a mountain in California

"Amelia Earhart" (song), from the album, "Manna Mirage" by progressive rock band The Muffins

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Unlike more recent depictions of Earhart's life, this film makes an attempt to cover her entire life from her childhood on a Kansas farm, her nursing during World War I, an early boyfriend, employment at a Boston children's orphanage, her interest and exploits in aviation, her marriage to Putnam, and her famous disappearance in 1937.

The film was the first dramatization of Earhart's life and co-starred a parade of well-known actors of the time and originally premiered on NBC Monday Night at the Movies on October 25, 1976.

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