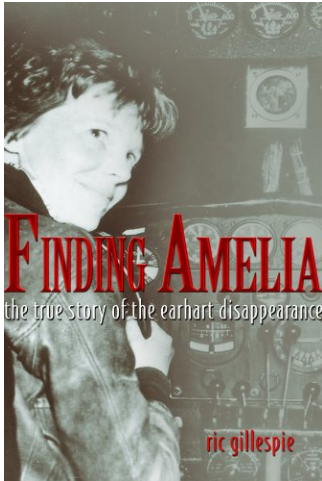


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Amelia Earhart is one of history's most prominent figures in aviation, having inspired numerous movies, books, and plays. Born in 1897 in Kansas, Earhart rose to fame because of her trailblazing accomplishments as a female aviator. No theory has ultimately been proven true, and so Earhart's disappearance remains one of the most popular mysteries of American history. Despite the tragic end to Earhart's life, her accomplishments and her legacy still serve as an inspiration to thousands of budding young pilots everywhere. [Learn More About This Topic.](#) Like our britannica stories? Sign up here to get more Demystified stories delivered right to your inbox! Email address. By signing up, you agree to our [Privacy Notice](#). Thank you for subscribing! On July 2, 1937, Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan took off from Lae, New Guinea, in a Lockheed Electra 10E on one of the last legs of their around-the-world flight. They were aiming for tiny Howland Island just north of the equator in the central Pacific Ocean. They couldn't find Howland, however, and despite many attempts, no one has been able to find them since. The U.S. Coast Guard and Navy scoured the area by ship and plane for two weeks. George Putnam, Earhart's husband, enlisted civilian mariners to continue the hunt. Over the years, enthusiasts have looked for signs of Earhart or Amelia Earhart was first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic, an achievement which she accomplished in 1932. Prior to that epic flight she was the first female to cross the Atlantic by air, as a passenger in 1928. In life she was frequently controversial, over her feminist views, her seemingly open marriage, and her political positions. The Earhart-Mantz Flying School operated out of Burbank Airport, about five miles from the site where Earhart and Putnam remodeled a home as their residence. Later the same year, 1935, Earhart joined the faculty of Purdue University as a visiting advisor to its new Department of Aeronautics. [<< Previous.](#) Many refused to accept the official finding that Noonan and Earhart were lost and ran out of fuel. [Wikimedia.](#)