Amelia Earhart Lives: A Trip Through Intrigue to Find America's First Lady of Mystery

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Amelia Earhart’s first airplane ride and first aviation achievements. The event that changed her life forever was when World War I pilot Frank Hawks gave her a ride on his plane at the Daugherty Field in Long Beach, California. “By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly,” said Amelia later. It was December 28, 1920. Amelia Mary Earhart (/ˈɛərhɑrt/, born July 24, 1897; disappeared July 2, 1937) was an American aviation pioneer and author. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She set many other records, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences, and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. Amelia Earhart Lives: A Trip Through Intrigue to Find America’s first Lady of Mystery, by Joe Klaas (McGraw-Hill, $7.95). The 10-year investigation of Joe Gervais, a former Air Force Major. Born Female: The High Cost of Keeping Women Down, by Caroline Bird with Sara Welles Briller, revised edition (McKay, $6.95). Caribbean Here & Now: The Complete 1971–72 Guide to the Sunny Islands and Vacation Lands, by James Ramsey Ullman and Al Dinhofer (Macmillan, $8.95).