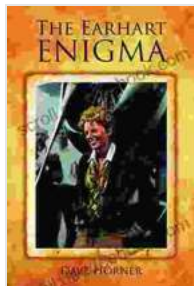


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Amelia Earhart, the pioneering American aviator, vanished without a trace on July 2, 1937, during her attempt to circumnavigate the globe. Her disappearance and the mystery surrounding her final flight have captivated the world's imagination for decades.

The Last Journey

Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, departed from Oakland, California, on May 20, 1937, in their Lockheed Electra airplane. They made several stops along the way, including Honolulu, Hawaii, and Lae, New Guinea.

On June 29, 1937, Earhart and Noonan departed from Lae for Howland Island, a small uninhabited island in the Pacific Ocean that was the next stop on their route. They encountered difficulties along the way, including headwinds and poor weather conditions.

On July 2, 1937, Earhart made her last radio contact with the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Itasca*, which was stationed near Howland Island. She reported that she was running low on fuel and had difficulty finding Howland Island. Despite the *Itasca's* attempts to guide her, Earhart's plane disappeared and was never found.

Theories and Speculation

Numerous theories have been proposed about Earhart's fate. Some believe that she and Noonan crashed into the ocean and died. Others suggest that they crash-landed on another island or may have been captured by the Japanese.

One of the most persistent theories is that Earhart and Noonan landed on Nikumaroro, a remote island in Western Kiribati (formerly the Gilbert Islands). This theory is based on evidence that includes parts of an airplane and human remains that were found on the island in the decades following Earhart's disappearance.

Another theory suggests that Earhart and Noonan crashed in the Marshall Islands. This theory is based on reports of sightings of Earhart and Noonan after their disappearance and the discovery of possible aircraft wreckage in the Marshall Islands.

The Search Continues

Despite extensive searches and investigations, Earhart's final resting place and the cause of her disappearance remain unknown. The search for answers continues, and several organizations are actively involved in the effort.

The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) has conducted numerous expeditions to Nikumaroro, searching for evidence of Earhart's airplane and remains. In 2019, TIGHAR announced that it had found a new piece of evidence, a fragment of an aluminum panel that could potentially have come from Earhart's airplane.

Other organizations are also involved in the search for Earhart's plane. In 2018, a team led by National Geographic and the late Paul Allen announced that they had identified a large underwater object off the coast of Nikumaroro that could be Earhart's airplane. The team plans to conduct further investigations in 2023.

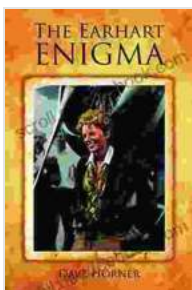
A Lasting Legacy

Amelia Earhart's disappearance is one of the great aviation mysteries of all time. Her story continues to fascinate and inspire people around the world.

Earhart's legacy extends beyond her tragic disappearance. She was a pioneer in aviation and a role model for women around the world. Her courage, determination, and spirit of adventure will forever be remembered.

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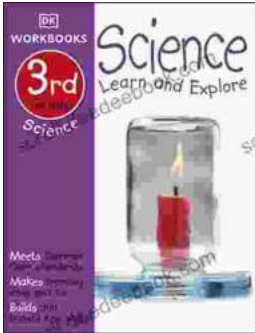
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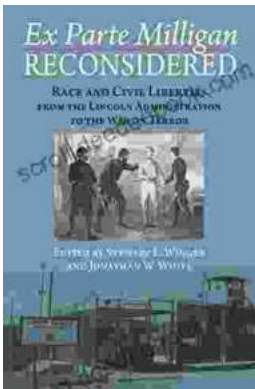
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