

Amelia Earhart was a pioneer of aviation. She was the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. She disappeared during a flight in 1937 and was never found.



Amelia Mary Earhart was born on July 24, 1897, in Atchison, Kansas. Her family did not want her to be a pilot, but she learned anyway.

In 1928 Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic. She was a passenger in an airplane that someone else piloted. Four years later she became the first woman—and only the second person—to fly across the Atlantic alone. She flew from the island of Newfoundland to Ireland. Her flight lasted 14 hours and 56 minutes.

Earhart next made a series of flights across the United States. She wanted to get more women involved in aviation. She also wanted to make flying more popular as a way to travel.

In June 1937 Earhart set out from Miami, Florida, to fly around the world. She took along a navigator, Fred Noonan, to help her find the way. On July 2 their plane vanished over the Pacific Ocean. The U.S. Army and Navy and the Japanese navy sent out searchers. However, no one ever found the two fliers or their plane.

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