

An Airmans Odyssey Walt Braznell And The Pilots He Led Into The Jet Age

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Explore the remarkable journey of Walt Braznell, a pivotal Jet Age pilot, as he navigated the transformative era of aviation. This compelling airman's odyssey delves into his pilot leadership and the challenges faced by those transitioning into a new chapter of flight, offering a unique glimpse into aviation history.

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An Airman's Odyssey

An Airman's Odyssey is the fascinating saga of the airline industry's early years and of the pioneer airmen who tamed America's last great wilderness--the sky. It is both a sweeping adventure story and an absorbing history of the evolution of flight and flight management, as witnessed by one of the industry's pioneer aviators, Walt Braznell. An Airman's Odyssey describes the airlines' origins and early development, dwelling at length upon that crucial and immensely colorful period between the awarding of the first air mail contracts in 1925 and the infamous "Airline Spoils Scandals" of 1934. The book goes on to chronicle the advent of the first great passenger liner, the DC-3; the tremendous advances in aviation technology and the boom in air travel during and immediately following World War II; and the reasons U.S. aircraft manufacturers and airlines lagged so far behind the British and the French in ushering in the Jet Age. Side by side with this fast-paced historical narrative, An Airman's Odyssey relates the story of a fledgling air mail pilot's education in aerial survival and his subsequent progress up the ranks to chief pilot and ultimately to vice president and director of American Airlines' six-thousand-man flight department. Along the way, the reader is introduced to a cast that includes a young (and surprisingly rambunctious) Charles A. Lindbergh; Missouri Air National Guard's beloved commander Phil Love; St. Louis's Robertson brothers; aviation novelist Ernie Gann; National Air Races champion Benny Howard; and dozens of other legendary figures of American aviation. A mixture of fact and legend, humor and tragedy, history and memoir--"with a set of operating instructions thrown in for good measure"--An Airman's Odyssey includes dozens of photographs of these airmen and the aircraft they flew, as well as illustrations and discourses on subjects ranging from aerial maneuvers (aerobatics) to the anatomy of a thunderstorm. An Airman's Odyssey should appeal to not only airmen and aviation enthusiasts but also any airline passenger who has ever given a passing thought to the human endeavor and personal sacrifice that, in scarcely more than a generation, transformed air travel from the most dangerous to the safest mode of mass transportation in the world.

Going Places

How trains, cars, and planes helped tame and transform the American West.

Air & Space Smithsonian

Encyclopedia of Flight is designed to be accessible to aviation enthusiasts, general readers, and high school and undergraduate students. Moreover, this encyclopedia also addresses many social issues pertaining to the contemporary airline industry.

Choice

... The 'Encyclopedia of Flight' bridges the gap between theoretical concepts and practical applications, between scientific information and historical issues ... This ... three-volume work provides information about animal and human-made flight in a way that is accessible to high school and undergraduate students, general readers, and aviation enthusiasts. It examines a wide range of topics, from birds and balloons to jets and spacecraft ...

Timeline

This one-of-a-kind reference provides critical information on securing publishing contracts.

Encyclopedia of Flight

"Celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the University of Missouri Press in 1958 by William Peden. Explores the importance of university presses to the dissemination of scholarship and looks to the future of book publishing. Includes lists of books in print and out of print as of 2008"--Provided by publisher.

Encyclopedia of Flight: Accident investigation - Guernica, Spain, bombing

Do you cringe when a talking head pronounces "niche" as NITCH? Do you get bent out of shape when your teenager begins a sentence with "and"? Do you think British spellings are more "civilised" than the American versions? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you're myth-informed. In *Origins of the Specious*, word mavens Patricia T. O'Conner and Stewart Kellerman reveal why some of grammar's best-known "rules" aren't—and never were—rules at all. This playfully witty, rigorously researched book sets the record straight about bogus word origins, politically correct fictions, phony français, fake acronyms, and more. Here are some shockers: "They" was once commonly used for both singular and plural, much the way "you" is today. And an eighteenth-century female grammarian, of all people, is largely responsible for the all-purpose "he." From the Queen's English to street slang, this eye-opening romp will be the toast of grammarphiles and the salvation of grammarphobes. Take our word for it.

Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers and Literary Agents, 2002-2003

Curious about the world of obstetrics and gynecology? Want to know why a future doctor would want to specialize in gynecology? Or perhaps you'd just like a peek behind the curtain, so to speak -- and to hear some OBGYN secrets. If you're intrigued by any of these topics, or just want to know about women's health from an OBGYN who tells it like it is, this book is for you. "Confessions of a Male Gynecologist" reveals not only what your gynecologist is thinking when your feet are in the stirrups, but provides women with some frank advice. Dr. Bellanger provides readers with an education, gets on his high horse, and shares some unbelievable (and in many cases), "laugh-out-loud" stories. Here's what readers have to say ... "... full of insights you had no idea you wanted to know." "... informational, educational, and at times downright hysterical" "... answers all the questions you've ever had about your gynecologist" "... an entertaining experience." "... an insightful look into the complexity and realities of not only women's health, but the state of our health care system today."

University of Missouri Press

Advance Praise for *A Shattered Peace* "The peace settlements that followed World War I have recently come back into focus as one of the dominant factors shaping the modern world. The Balkans, the Middle East, Iraq, Turkey, and parts of Africa all owe their present-day problems, in part, to these negotiations. David Andelman brings it all back to life--the lofty ideals, the ugly compromises, the larger-than-life personalities who came to Paris in 1919. And he links that far-away diplomatic dance to present-day problems to illuminate our troubled times. A tremendous addition to this vitally important subject." --Ambassador Richard Holbrooke "The peace conference in Paris at the end of World War I was the first and last moment of pure hope for peace in the history of world affairs. Our president Woodrow Wilson was the sorcerer for this hope, and he kindled great expectations in people everywhere. David

Andelman, a classic reporter and storyteller, tells this fascinating tale of hope falling finally and forever on the shoals of naivete and hard-headed cynicism." --Leslie H. Gelb, former columnist for the New York Times and President Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations "The failed peace settlement following the Great War of 1914-1918 has been the subject of many fine books. In many respects, David Andelman's *A Shattered Peace* is the best of these. It is compact and compellingly written. Moreover, it explains more clearly than any other work how the failure of peacemaking in 1919 shaped later history and, indeed, shapes our own era." --Ernest R. May, Charles Warren Professor of American History, Harvard University "It is the power and fascination of David Andelman's new book, *A Shattered Peace*, that he shows us--with the clarity of a first-rate reporter and the drama and detail at the command of a first-rate novelist--that we are all still enmeshed in the loose ends of the Treaty of Versailles. Andelman brings us to Korea, to Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf, and to Iraq in our own vexed era. His story is alive with color, conflict, and interesting people. We could not find a better guide to this time." --Richard Snow, Editor in Chief, *American Heritage*

The Publishers Weekly

"This work serves as a model for compiling ethnohistories of other nonliterate peoples."--BOOK JACKET.

Program of the ... Annual Meeting

Using original sources, this unique book focuses on the Deaf community during the 19th century. Largely through schools for the deaf, deaf people began to develop a common language and a sense of community. *A Place of Their Own* brings the perspective of history to bear on the reality of deafness and provides fresh and important insight into the lives of deaf Americans.

Subject Guide to Books in Print

Gregory reaches into the migrants' lives to reveal both their economic trials and their impact on California's culture and society. He traces the development of an 'Okie subculture' which is now an essential element of California's cultural landscape.

The British National Bibliography

On Thursday, December 16, 1773, an estimated seven dozen men, many dressed as Indians, dumped roughly £10,000 worth of tea in Boston Harbor. Whatever their motives at the time, they unleashed a social, political, and economic firestorm that would culminate in the Declaration of Independence two-and-a-half years later. The Boston Tea Party provoked a reign of terror in Boston and other American cities as tea parties erupted up and down the colonies. The turmoil stripped tens of thousands of their homes and property, and nearly 100,000 left forever in what was history's largest exodus of Americans from America. Nonetheless, John Adams called the Boston Tea Party nothing short of "magnificent," saying that "it must have important consequences." Combining stellar scholarship with action-packed history, Harlow Giles Unger reveals the truth behind the legendary event and examines its lasting consequence--the spawning of a new, independent nation.

American Book Publishing Record

In this book, cultural historian Harlan Lebo looks back at the first Moon landing, Manson family murders, Woodstock, and the birth of the Internet to tell the story of how each event shaped the nation and how we perceive ourselves.

Access

Devastated by the untimely murder of her secretive cross-dressing brother, crime reporter Hannah Vogel of 1931 Berlin finds the case complicated by the arrival of an orphan who claims that Hannah and her brother are his parents.

Forthcoming Books

Popular, anecdotal survey of Sweden's history. For contents and vols. in library, see Author Catalog.

Flying the Line

Winnipeg was Canada's first important city in the west and was the supply point for other prairie cities like Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, and even far-off Vancouver. It exploded from a village of 2,700 people in 1877 to a fully modern metropolis of 100,000 in just thirty years and by then had a university, newspapers, publishing firms, a major theatre, and a vibrant mass of immigrants who flooded in to open up the West. Growing Winnipeg was served with paddle-wheelers on the Red River, Red River ox carts, a Canadian-owned railway to St. Paul, Minnesota, and finally the CPR linking Montreal with the west coast. A Winnipeg Album is a pictorial impression of Winnipeg's colourful, dramatic, and relatively brief history, compiled and with commentary by John David Hamilton and Bonnie Dickie. Over one hundred stunning black-and-white photographs record the early days of the city and trace some of the dramatic events that made Winnipeg "Canada's Chicago."

Origins of the Specious

Only Ernest Withers, a key figure in the civil rights movement, could have delivered such iconic photographs—and the kind of information the FBI wanted . . . Renowned photographer Ernest Withers captured some of the most stunning moments of the civil rights era—from the age-defining snapshot of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., riding one of the first integrated buses in Montgomery, to the haunting photo of Emmett Till's great-uncle pointing an accusing finger at his nephew's killers. He was trusted and beloved by King's inner circle, and had a front row seat to history . . . but few people know that Withers was also an informant for the FBI. Memphis journalist Marc Perrusquia broke the story of Withers's secret life after a long investigation culminating in a landmark lawsuit against the government to release hundreds of once-classified FBI documents. Those files confirmed that, from 1958 to 1976, Withers helped the Bureau monitor pillars of the movement including Dr. Martin Luther King and others, as well as dozens of civil rights foot soldiers. Now, on the fiftieth anniversary of King's assassination, *A Spy in Canaan* explores the life, complex motivations, and legacy of this fascinating figure Ernest Withers, as well as the dark shadow that era's culture of surveillance has cast on our own time. Includes an 8-page, black-and-white photo insert.

Confessions of a Male Gynecologist

This Is A New Release Of The Original 1918 Edition.

A Shattered Peace

At Gettysburg Lincoln resolved that "this nation, under God," would not perish, and in his Second Inaugural he called for "firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right." How are we to understand these and other invocations of divine authority in the speeches and writings of America's most admired president? Exploring Lincoln's unique blending of religion and politics, Fornieri shows that Lincoln presented a comprehensive and compelling interpretation of political order founded upon American democratic and religious traditions. Proslavery theologians based their claims to legitimacy on Scripture, but Lincoln denounced this position as incompatible with true religion, reason, and republicanism. He envisioned instead a united nation that would honor both God and American political principles. Fornieri casts Lincoln's unique combination of politics and piety as "biblical republicanism"—a merging of Judeo-Christian beliefs and the founders' tradition of self-government. In a time of unprecedented crisis and upheaval, biblical republicanism provided Lincoln with a moral justification for difficult political choices. Fornieri demonstrates the sincerity of Lincoln's belief and reveals the remarkable consistency between his public and private religious views. Though Lincoln's faith deepened during the turbulent war years and after the death of his son, Willie, his articulation of this faith remained consistent throughout much of his life. Convinced that religion was a crucial aspect of life, Lincoln maintained that his own faith guided and shaped his political thought. In contrast to scholars who have emphasized the Lyceum Address as the key to understanding Lincoln's religion and politics, Fornieri brings forth the Peoria Address of 1854 as a more profound and mature reflection of Lincoln's political faith. At Peoria, Lincoln invoked the Declaration of Independence as the nation's moral covenant, characterizing the struggle over extending slavery as a clash between rival political faiths. He emphasized that the Union was worthy of preservation in light of the Declaration's principles of liberty and equality, and that these principles were best secured under the auspices of national Union committed to the Constitution. Abraham Lincoln's Political Faith sheds new light on how the Great Emancipator's personal trust in a living God shaped his vision for a new America.

Acadian to Cajun

Paul Lauter, an icon of American Studies who has been a primary agent in its transformation and its chief ambassador abroad, offers a wide-ranging collection of essays that demonstrate and reflect on this important and often highly politicized discipline. While American Studies was formerly seen as a wholly subsidiary academic program that loosely combined the study of American history, literature, and art, *From Walden Pond to Jurassic Park* reveals the evolution of an independent, highly interdisciplinary program with distinctive subjects, methods, and goals that are much different than the traditional academic departments that nurtured it. With anecdote peppered discussions ranging from specific literary texts and movies to the future of higher education and the efficacy of unions, *From Walden Pond to Jurassic Park* entertains even as it offers a twenty-first century account of how and why Americanists at home and abroad now do what they do. Drawing on his forty-five years of teaching and research as well as his experience as a political activist and a cultural radical, Lauter shows how a multifaceted increase in the United States' global dominion has infused a particular political urgency into American Studies. With its military and economic influence, its cultural and linguistic reach, the United States is—for better or for worse—too formidable and potent not to be understood clearly and critically.

A Place of Their Own

Since the foundation of the Atlantic Alliance after World War II, the face of world politics, and consequently of NATO, has changed dramatically. *NATO after Fifty Years* examines, from a wide range of perspectives, the past, present, and future of the alliance, now in the throes of its most uncertain period. The contributors to this volume bring a diversity and breadth of perspectives that will make this book an invaluable teaching tool for courses relating to U.S. defense policy, arms control and the military in politics, international organizations, war and peace, international conflict, and government and politics in Europe.

American Exodus

Bret Harte was the best-known and highest paid writer in America in the early 1870s, yet his vexed attempts to earn a living by his pen led to the failure of his marriage and, in 1878, his departure for Europe. Gary Scharnhorst's biography of Harte traces the growing commercial appeal of western fiction and drama on both sides of the Atlantic during the Gilded Age, a development in which Harte played a crucial role. Harte's pioneering use of California local color in such stories as "The Outcasts of Poker Flat" challenged genteel assumptions about western writing and helped open eastern papers to contributions by Mark Twain and others. The popularity of Bret Harte's writings was driven largely by a literary market that his western stories helped create. The first Harte biography in nearly seventy years to be written entirely from primary sources, this book documents Harte's personal relationships and, in addition, his negotiations with various publishers, agents, and theatrical producers as he exploited popular interest in the American West.

American Tempest

A History of Women in America