

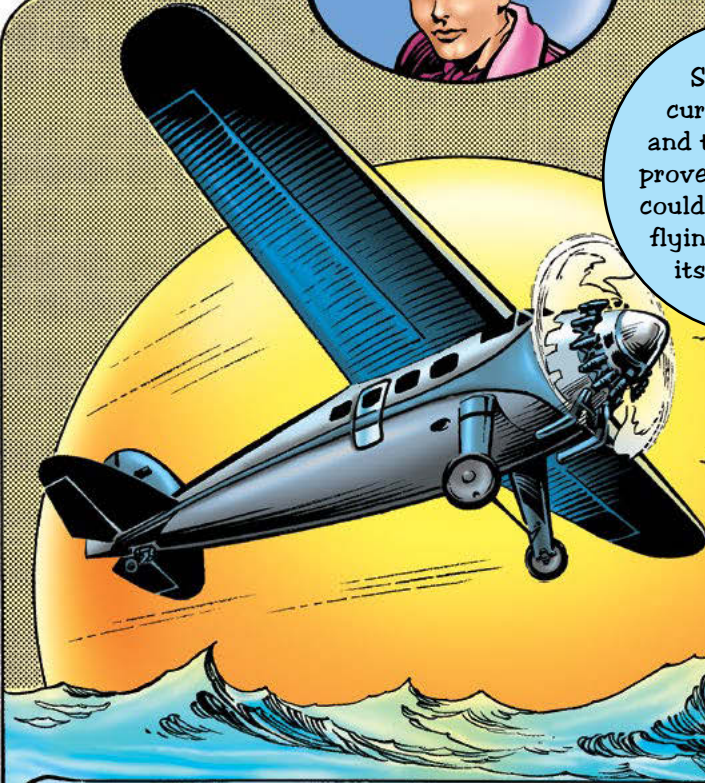
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# Amelia Earhart





She had curiosity, courage and the will to prove that women could equal men in flying and in life itself.



She was Amelia Earhart, aviation pioneer, the first woman in history to fly the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger then alone in her own small single-engined airplane.

Looks like a storm is coming!

Yes, they have bad storms in Kansas.

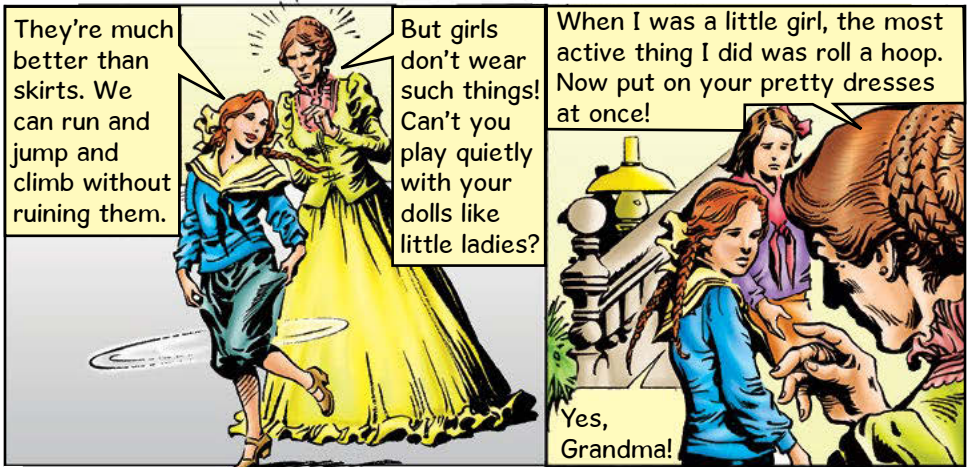


Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas, on July 24, 1898. Her father's parents had come there as pioneers in a covered wagon.









As a special treat, their father took them to the St. Louis World's Fair. They rode on roller coasters.





Back in Atchison again Amelia had an idea.

I know what, let's build a roller coaster.

But, but how can we?



First we'll make a track by fastening these old boards to the shed.



For a car, I can fasten my roller skates to the bottom of this box!



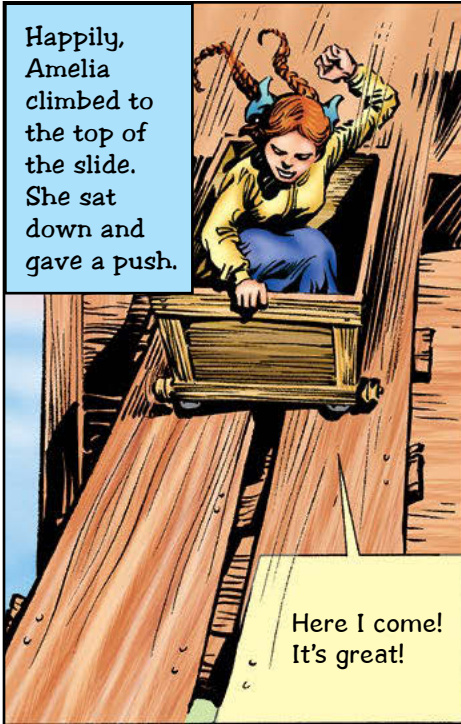
We'll draw straws for who goes first.

Oh, you go, Amelia!

You worked hardest!









One of the things Amelia enjoyed most was reading Grandpa's books. Many were adventure stories.

Reading is a nice, lady-like occupation.

Why shouldn't girls explore and have adventures? Someday I will!

One thing makes me mad though. The heroes are always boys or men!

In 1908 when Amelia was ten years old, her father took the girls to the Iowa State Fair.

Please Papa, one more ride.

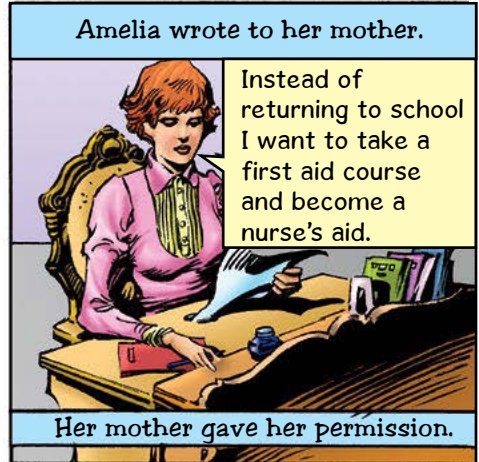
And there're real ponies over there. Can we ride ponies?

But girls, there's something I want you to see—a wonderful new invention—a flying machine!

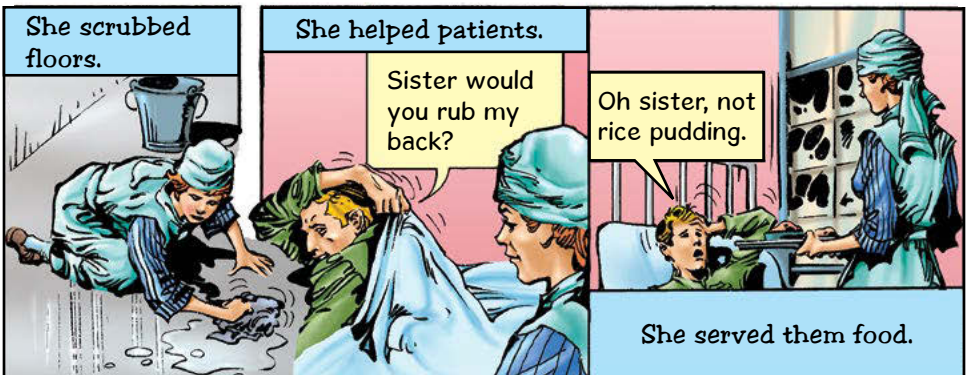
At last, he got the girls to the flying field.

The first aeroplane flew only five years ago. Now you are seeing one. I want you to remember!

Amelia was not impressed with her first sight of an airplane.



She worked at Spadina Military Hospital from seven in the morning until seven in the evening.







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