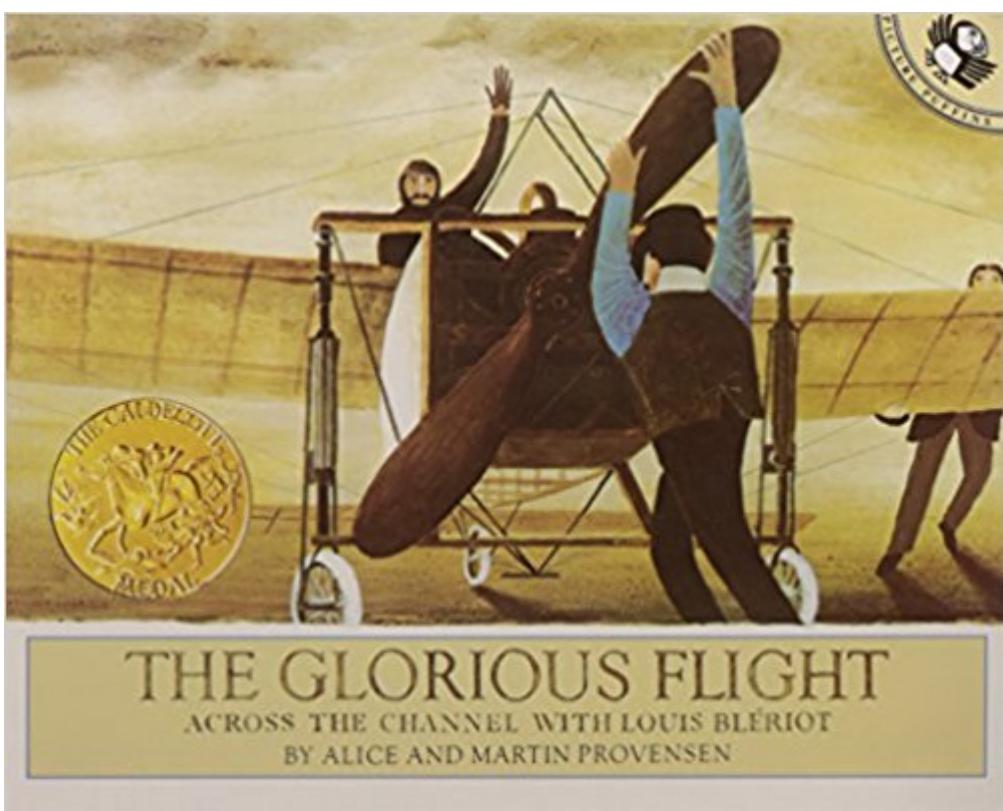


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# The Glorious Flight: Across The Channel With Louis Bleriot July 25, 1909 (Picture Puffin Books)



## Synopsis

Winner of the Caldecott Medal, this stunningly illustrated book depicts Louis Bleriot's historic first cross-Channel flight. "Factually accurate, yes-but also a witty pictorial reincarnation of Bleriot's first experience of an airship"--Kirkus Reviews

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Factually accurate, yes-but also a witty pictorial reincarnation of Bleriot's first experience of an airship . . . There's dash, style, and economy here in both text and pictures."--Kirkus Reviews"Fact is turned into magic."--The New York Times Book Review"This book...recounts the persistence of a Frenchman, Louis Bleriot, to build a flying machine to cross the English Channel.... The text is succinct, caption-like in its directness and brevity . . . The paintings...add the necessary texture and tone to this marriage. This is vintage Provensen"--School Library Journal

Alice Provensen and Martin Provensen were an American couple who illustrated more than 40 children's books together, 19 of which they also wrote and edited. They won the Caldecott Medal for *The Glorious Flight*.

As others have noted, it IS a quiet book, but my children (3rd grade, 2nd grade, and pre-K) enjoyed it very much (although my 3rd grader, looking over my shoulder, said it was just 3 stars because he isn't that interested in planes - ahem). Anyway, I used this book as part of a short aviation unit study this summer after we came back from Nags Head - we studied the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, and Louis Bleriot. I absolutely love the illustrations in this book, the author uses a fairly muted palate, and we used butcher paper, various brown paints, and white paint applied with sponges and cotton balls to make our own plane-lost-in-the-clouds picture. We also used the book to discuss persistence & passion (the Wright Brothers made 3 trips to Kitty Hawk before they were successful, but Louis Bleriot had - if memory serves me correctly, which admittedly it hasn't been doing lately - 8 or 9 "failures" before he was successful building his plane). We also discussed France, being an inventor, the English Channel & the Chunnel, and Roman Numbers. I think the beautiful illustrations, combined with the book's encouraging and REAL LIFE message of learning from your mistakes and not giving up when you are trying to achieve your dreams, makes this book a worthwhile addition to any child's library. As the mother of a somewhat perfectionist daughter, I can't have too many books like this on my bookshelf.

I first read this book when I was 6 years old and never stopped thinking about flying. Today I now have a commercial pilot license and over 300 hours of flight time. If you want the next generation to fall in love with aviation this I absolutely recommend.

Historically significant with simple to understand language for a preschooler through beginning reader.

THis is a wonderful book for children that adults will love to read to them and learn something in the process. It tells the true story of the first flight across the English Channel by Frenchman Louis Bleriot ( a European contemporary and competitor of the Wright brothers) in an aircraft that he designed and built. THe illustrations are wonderful and the story will keep young children spellbound. A great book for a child's or grandparent's library.

We loved this book. We looked up all of the places grandpa went together. Great for homeschooling moms.

A wonderful picture book. Very underrated. The moment where the pilot is alone in the clouds is a

sublime page. The illustrations are great.

This book got an award? Kinda strange book.

This book isn't a favorite of ours--the story isn't very entertainingly written--but the illustrations are great and we enjoy it with our young boys from time to time. It's nice to hear about the history of flight outside of the U.S.

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