

# Nobody Owns the Sky

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

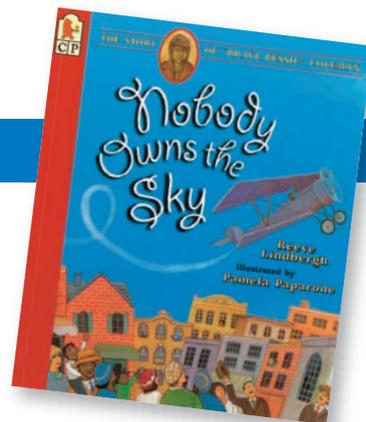
**Themes:** Black History, Women, Aviation, Bravery, Hard Work, Civil Rights

**Grade Level:** K to 3rd grade

**Book Brief:** The story of Bessie Coleman, a young woman who dreams of flying an airplane during the 1920s.

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## TIME TO READ!

### Before reading, build background knowledge:

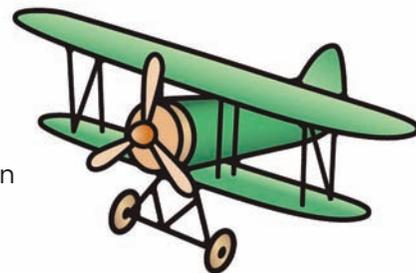
Find out what your child already knows about airplanes and flying.

*\*This story states that Bessie died in a plane crash. Be ready for any questions your child asks.*

**While reading, point out the rhyming words:** Can your child guess the rhyming word to finish the next sentence?

### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why did Bessie want to fly?
- ◆ Who told her she was crazy?
- ◆ Where did Bessie learn to fly?
- ◆ How long do you think it takes to learn to fly an airplane?



## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### BANANA AIRPLANES

Ingredients: banana, pretzel sticks, chocolate chips

Cut 1 banana in 1/2. Use 4 pretzel sticks to make the wings (2 on each side). Use 6 chocolate chips for the windows. Press the pointed tops into the banana. Take a quick flight around your plate and enjoy!

### OUT AND ABOUT

If you live near an airport, watch the planes take off and land. Visit your local library for great books on airplanes and pilots. For more fun activities, go to: [www.nasm.si.edu/education/onlinelearning.cfm](http://www.nasm.si.edu/education/onlinelearning.cfm).

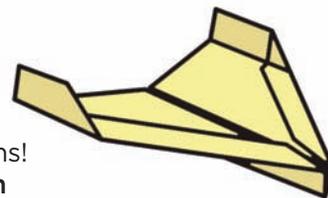
### TOTALLY TUBULAR!

Materials: paper towel tube, colored heavy paper, scissors, tape, markers or paint

Draw 2 wings on heavy paper. Cut the wings out with scissors. Fold the end of the wings under a 1/2 inch and tape to tube. Decorate with markers or paint.

### PAPER AIRPLANES

What kid doesn't like paper airplanes? Check out this website for 5 free designs! [www.funpaperairplanes.com](http://www.funpaperairplanes.com)



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*On Morning Wings* (2002), *The Circle of Days* (2002), *Homer, the Library Cat* (2011).



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