



DIANA BARNATO WALKER

(1918–2008) British

Became the fastest woman in the world in 1963, when she flew an Electric Lightning plane at Mach 1.65 (1968 km/h).



ANNA LESKA

(1910–1998) Polish

Escaped Poland by stealing a plane from a field airport occupied by Nazis and was one of three Polish women who flew for the ATA.



PAULINE GOWER

(1910–1947) British

Founded the women's section of the ATA. In 1943, her campaigning got the government to give women pilots equal pay to the men for the first time.



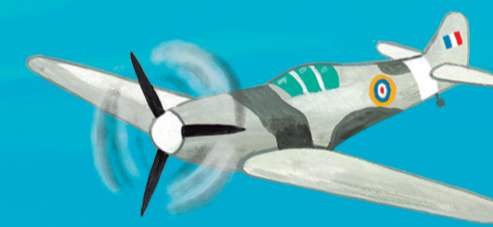
LETTICE CURTIS

(1915–2014) British

Passed her exams to fly four-engined bombers in 1943 which allowed other women do the same. In 1992 (at the age of 77) she qualified to fly helicopters.

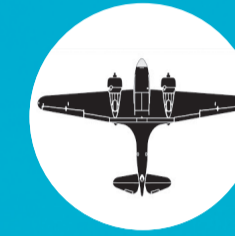
BILLIE SWIFT TAKES FLIGHT

MEET THE BRILLIANT PILOTS YOU'VE
NEVER HEARD OF... THE WOMEN OF WWII!



BILLIE SWIFT

Billie wants to fly, but first she must try to prove she can be part of the ATA...



AMY JOHNSON

(1903–1941) British

The first woman to fly solo from London to Australia. She died delivering an Airspeed Oxford after getting lost in bad weather. She accidentally bailed out into the Thames Estuary and drowned.



MARGOT DUHALDE AKA 'CHILE'

(1920–2018) Chilean

Lied about her age, so she could get her flying licence before she was 18. After the war, she flew for the French air force as their first female pilot.



JACKIE SOROUR (LATER MOGGRIDGE)

(1922–2004) South African

Learnt to fly at just 15. At 17, she was the first woman to do a parachute jump in South Africa. She continued being a pilot after the war.



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