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# About Carole

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Captain Carole Hopson flies the Boeing 737 for United Airlines based in Newark, New Jersey. She flew for ExpressJet Airlines before joining United.

After successful and varied careers as a journalist and as an executive, she followed her dream to become a pilot and to share that passion with others as a flight instructor—all while raising a family. She and her husband Michael, make their home in Jersey City, NJ with two teenage sons. Carole's undergraduate work at the University of Virginia, followed by earning her Master's Degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, set her firmly on the path of her early love—Journalism.

From journalism, Carole moved on to a variety of executive positions in the corporate world.

## Professional pilot

Founder: Jet Black Foundation and [100 Pairs of Wings Project](#)



Author of *A Pair of Wings*

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Despite achieving success in these varied fields, Carole still yearned to pursue her childhood passion. So at the peak of her corporate accomplishments, Carole walked away from executive-level positions in order to learn to fly.

Carole is the author of a historical fiction novel chronicling the life of pioneer aviatrix, Bessie Coleman entitled ***A Pair of Wings***. The book officially released June 15, 2021, 100 years to the day that Bessie earned her own pair of wings. Now, HOLT Publishing is re-releasing ***A Pair of Wings*** on August 20, 2024. Destined to become an American classic about an American icon, Essence Magazine counted this new version of ***A Pair of Wings*** amongst its Top 15 Picks for Summer 2024, calling ***A Pair of Wings*** "Inspirational."



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# Praise for A Pair of Wings

***“For anyone seeking adventure, this novel of Bessie’s life will lift you up, energize, and inspire you!”***

-Eileen Collins, author of *Through The Glass Ceiling To the Stars*

***“...Riveting...Bessie’s story is told in a manner that entertains and captivates... from the first page to the last. Fly with Bessie and come away with an eyewitness account of a staunch trailblazer in aviation.”***

- Albert Glenn, 777 Captain (ret.), FedEx and Co-Director Lt. Col. Luke Weathers Flight Academy

***“Hopson shines a welcome light on her indomitable and unsung heroine, and her technical knowledge enriches the many exhilarating aerial scenes.”***

- Publishers Weekly



***“Invigorating! A Pair of Wings is the inspiring, richly detailed American Great Migration story we’ve been missing. Carole Hopson writes heroine and pioneer Bessie Coleman as if she’s been living inside her head. I loved it.”***

- Crystal Smith Paul, author of *Did You Hear About Kitty Karr?*

# Praise for A Pair of Wings

*“Ever wonder what Bessie Coleman’s thoughts were as she pioneered her flying journey to become known as the Queen? Carole Hopson’s page-turner gives insight... I promise, you will enjoy the ride... Well done!”*

- Vanessa Blacknall-Jamison,  
Executive Director, Organization of  
Black Aerospace Professionals

*“A Pair of Wings is an inspirational tale about the real-life Black aviatrix, Bessie Coleman. Though a daughter to a woman who was born into slavery, Coleman had aspirations of being a pilot from the time of her youth...Unable to get flight training in the US as a Black woman, Bessie learned French and began training in France and Europe, eventually becoming one of the most famed pilots of her time. Details about her personal and professional life are indepthly explored A Pair of Wings. You will adore this read if you loved Hidden Figures, The Great Circle, and I Was Amelia Earhart!”*

- Essence Magazine



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*“Hopson captures Coleman’s courage, brilliance, and passion from Jim Crow Texas to South Side Chicago; through France and Germany; and back to treacherous, barnstorming-white-Black America. But above it all, there’s flight itself. This book soars! No one flew like Queen Bess; no one tells it like Carole Hopson.”*

- Lorene Cary, author of *Ladysitting*

*“Everyone who believes in aviation’s promise of freedom should know the remarkable story of Bessie Coleman, whose ambition, skills, and courage are brought to life in Carole Hopson’s fascinating and heartrending book.”*

- Mark Vanhoenacker  
pilot and author of *Skyfaring*



# Praise for A Pair of Wings

## IN PRINT

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**Oprah Daily - 6.30.2021**

18 Of The Best Books to Pick Up This July

**Thrive Global - 4.23.2021**

Carole Hopson: "Reinventing yourself is not easy"

**AV Web - 4.11.2021**

United Opens Own Flight School, Targets Women, Minorities

**NPR - 4.8.2021**

Calling All Pilots – We Need You Again

**People Magazine - 4.8.2021**

Black Female Pilot Starts Initiative to Enroll 100 Black Women in Flight

**AOPA Pilot - 4.8.2021**

Flying Moms: Caring for Your Children While Pursuing an Aviation Life

**The Seattle Times - 4.6.2021**

United Airlines plans to hire and train 5,000 pilots, including some with no flying experience



## ON SCREEN

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**Tamron Hall Show - 4.22.2021**

This Black Female Pilot Is on A Mission to Enroll 100 Black women in Flight School by 2035

**United Airlines - 3.24.2021**

Second Act

**United Airlines - 6.15.2021**

Bessie Coleman: A Centennial Celebration



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# A Pair of Wings

In 1903 the world watched as the Wright Brothers flew into history. . . marveling at this accomplishment was an unlikely spectator in Texas who was destined to make history of her own. Picking cotton at the young age of eleven, Bessie Coleman began to dream of a better future, as the Wright Brothers awakened in her a passion for flight.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, America was a nation in turmoil. A hopeful ferment of progressive social change was countered by a longstanding conservative impulse. In the South, the promises of Reconstruction had withered, to be replaced by Jim Crow laws that reintroduced pre-Emancipation oppression, lynchings, and hopelessness.

Arriving in Chicago in 1915, Coleman was in the first wave of African Americans to take part in the Great Migration, the largest movement of Blacks who fled the Jim Crow agricultural South for the promise of the industrial North.

Although by 1920 American women had finally earned the right to vote, Coleman could find no one willing to teach her—a Black woman—to fly. Undaunted, she learned French and traveled by ship to France in pursuit of her dream.

As the 20th Century dawns and Coleman comes of age, both aviation and the Great Migration continue to advance in parallel. From hardscrabble beginnings in Texas, Coleman's will and determination are strengthened in the new Chicago, and her aviation skills burnished by flight training abroad. She is ready. By pursuing her dream, Coleman seems to compel lines of longitude to bend and scribe new intersections, in a way that shifts the collective Meridian of an entire people.

A full century after her accomplishments, Coleman's story is brought to life by author Carole Hopson. A Captain at United Airlines who flies the Boeing 737, Hopson, considers Bessie Coleman the pioneer who cut the path for her and believes that it is her job to continue Coleman's work to make that path wider for those who follow. It's Coleman's bold determination and courage that lifted Hopson, as well as an entire people upon *A Pair of Wings*.



***A Pair of Wings: A Novel* is available now on Amazon.**

# A Pair of Wings

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## PUBLICATION NOTES

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**EBook:** 9781250347206 | \$14.99

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