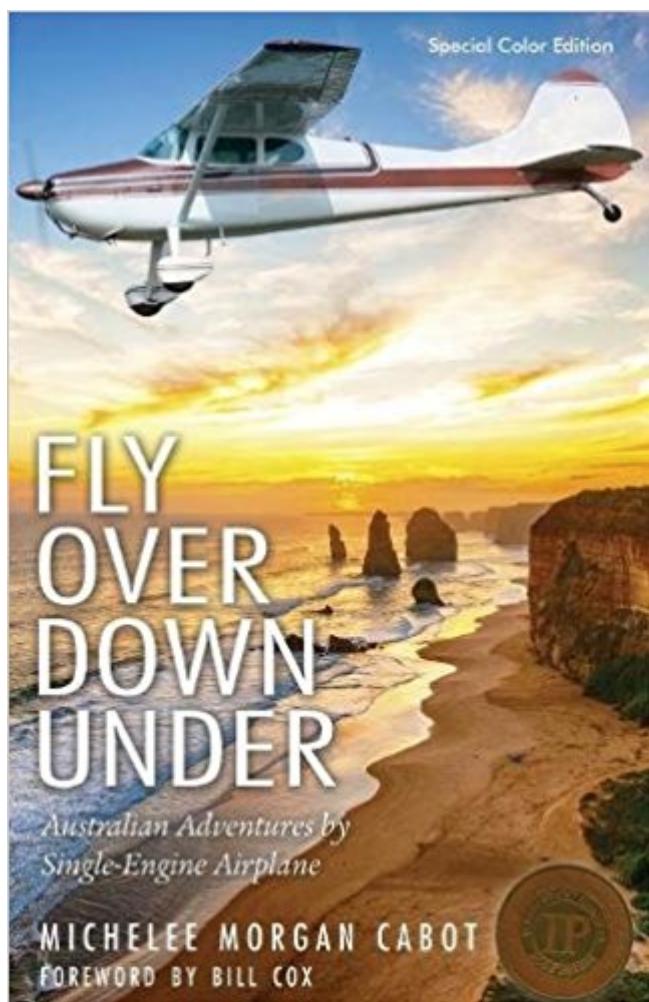


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# Fly Over Down Under: Australian Adventures By Single-Engine Airplane



## Synopsis

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In this colorful and remarkable book, written by a colorful and remarkable woman pilot, you'll find the most enjoyable way to discover Australia -- by flying a light airplane to its places of greatest interest while watching the exotic landscape unroll beneath you. Vistas of giant paisley patterned earth, caused by underlying salt strata. Stunning views of red landscapes, uplifted and contorted during the earth's primordial boil. The enormously long white beaches of Western Australia, lonesome and edged by brilliant aquas. And the Indian Ocean to the south, marked by hundreds of miles of cliffs. Whales breed there...You could get lucky.  
You don't have to be a pilot to enjoy this book. The author wrote it also for non-flyers, in non-technical terms, to let you see amazing things that pilots experience from their very special perspective. You'll want to read it, re-read it, and share it with your friends.  
About the Author  
MICHELEE MORGAN CABOT has been flying for nearly fifty years, logging more than 5,000 hours of flight time, including these in Australia. She holds a commercial license (both single engine land and glider) with instrument rating and a tow pilot endorsement.

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## Customer Reviews

"Michelee Cabot's Fly Over Down Under, describing how she and husband Hal circumnavigated the entire continent of Australia, hit the interest jackpot. Michelee is a gifted writer. I vicariously enjoyed her adventure Down Under. I learned a great deal about people, places, history, all the basic ingredients that comprise a typical travel book. What sets this one apart is a spritely sense of humor, her profound passion, and her knowledge about airplane piloting, a world I never experienced."--Earle Winderman, PhD, Lincoln University, Comparative Literature"Mikelee grew up an Air Force brat, living all over the world - Philippines, Japan, Europe, and numerous US bases. It was perhaps only natural that she would someday embrace aviation and fall in love with the sky. She writes with a breezy, casual style that encourages you to read the next chapter and the one after that, with engaging descriptions of the people and places that give Australia a certain mystical sense of adventure."-Bill Cox, senior editor Plane&Pilot Magazine"I very much enjoyed reading Mikelee's book about flying all over Down Under. Mikelee has a very lively style that makes people, situations, and even landscapes come alive."--Walter Hoebling, published poet, Professor, University of Graz, Austria"Fly Over Down Under is a truly modern-day adventure that most of us will never experience. Mikelee Cabot tells the tale of their trip with a great sense of humor, an astounding vocabulary, and with a wonderful study of the history of each aspect of their air-minded route. Very enjoyable and enlightening."--Willis Allen, President Allen Airways Flying Museum and Crystal Pier Hotel and Cottages, Inc., San Diego

"As one who has always wanted to see all of the various, and dramatically different, areas of Australia for many years, I was able to take such a trip while reading Mikelee's Fly Over Down Under. Plus in later years, after becoming a pilot, it made the book even more interesting due to just enough of the pilot's jargon and experiences while on this 'flying trip' to make the reading experience twice as delightful.Ã  Never did the 'read' lag due to aÃ  good dose of humorÃ  mixed with an ever-changing view of Australia."--Jim Swickard, Owner of the Hacienda de los Santos, in ÃfÃ•lamos, Mexico, a five-star boutique hotel

This is a marvelous book, well written filled with adventure and humor. It truly exemplifies the romance of aviation. I wished the saga had never ended, and I am looking forward to Mikelee's next book on wherever their upcoming adventures take them.

A beautifully written account of a grand adventure flying in Australia.

Not necessarily a book just about flying! Much more! The flying trip was fun and explanations about what goes on (not always perfect) about a flight completely around the edge of Australia was quite interesting, but the real good information about Australia was the best. Descriptions of the land, the sea, the landscape and the people was the joy for me. A husband and wife, with the help of a "tour guide" in his own plane made the trip quite an adventure. The beauty of it all, plus the raw hard facts about the not so comfortable parts of the continent, made this a two-day easy read. Michele Cabot tells it well. She gives her husband credit for his flying time, his attentiveness to her and the fond relationship they have for each other. We, as readers can put ourselves in her shoes in this book. This would make a wonderful gift for a pilot or anyone that just wants to take a nice trip to Australia with a good author.I received a free copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Michelee Morgan Cabot's book Fly Over Down Under was a treat to read. Being born in Sydney, I have a special relationship with the Australian outback. Cabot captures the romance and mystery of this great continent but with an unusual twist. Her bird's eye observations and aerodynamic wit make for friendly banter that is addicting to read.What was great about the author's voice is that she is a pilot! Her aerial perspectives of the places she is exploring is unique and refreshing.No other travel book can touch her approach due to her technical aptitude. Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig comes to mind however Cabot excels in charming story telling instead of philosophic ideology. Both have a deep appreciation for their vehicles. They respect their machine and in turn, their machine respects them. Single-Engine airplanes quickly become characters in this fun little book.Fly Over Down Under succeeds in transforming a travel book into a how to guide for enjoying the adventure. I was surprised how quickly I wanted to relive her journeys while also planning out a few of my own in the near future. Cabot does not tell you how to travel, she merely shares her experience which gives the reader hope they can find the confidence to live just as freely.I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

A ÃƒÃ¢Ã „Ã „whipperooÃƒÃ¢Ã „Ã „ of an adventure . . . thatÃƒÃ¢Ã „Ã „s how the author sets the stage for this book. She and her husband were pulled by a wanderlust to air tour Australia by flying in their own small plane around the edges of that set-apart continent thatÃƒÃ¢Ã „Ã „s out there floating by itself in the Pacific Ocean. ItÃƒÃ¢Ã „Ã „s a place that most people wonÃƒÃ¢Ã „Ã „t get to visit.The author explains some of the folklore of Aborigines and how they relate to their landscape. She even tried vegemite, which she says is nasty stuff. We get to learn along with her and her husband as she explains everything they encounter for

the first time. Because this is about flying, pilots or people interested in air travel will particularly like this, but I don't feel at all that the audience is limited to pilots. All of the other travel books that I have read were about road travel, or boat travel, or even just walking, but this bird's-eye perspective definitely gives a new spin on the travelogue idea. The author and her husband genuinely seem to love the adventure and the time they spend together (she calls him "quite yummy" at one point, when she is a little concerned about a fellow tourist's wife's interest in her husband), so it's a very lighthearted and fun, easy to read book. She uses fun language and a lot of her personality comes through. At one point while on a picnic to a place they had longed to visit, they carried what seemed like an increasingly heavy lunch cooler and staggered downhill to a place where they "merrily flung our towels out wide and flopped down to rest, and then we rocketed up howling in stinging pain, flailing arms and legs, kicking up sand." They had sat down in the Lizard Island version of fire ants, which she says felt like hitting live wires. They had numerous animal encounters like that, some fun, some not so fun, met incredible people and had amazing adventures that most of us can only dream about. Since we can't do it ourselves, reading about it from a narrator as friendly, open-minded and honest as Cabot is the next best thing. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

One might expect there to be a certain amount of romance in flying a plane over an exotic land like Australia. After reading this book, I realize that is true... and not. While there are beautiful and wonderous experiences, a plane trip around a continent contains discomfort too. Cabot writes in a style that makes me feel like I have insight into her diary and that we could be friends. She is a teacher, a tour guide, a pilot, and our travel companion. I love the pictures, maps, lessons, and anecdotes. She makes this an easy and enjoyable read where we get to travel with her. I hope to visit Australia some day and experience this magical land. I promise to have as much passion as Cabot... although, I don't think that I'll be the one flying the plane. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest and fair review.

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