

Amelia Earhart's Disappearance explored in Five Scenarios

Excerpt

Over the years, a gaggle of pundits have posited numerous scenarios to explain Amelia Earhart's¹ mysterious disappearance in the Central Pacific during her groundbreaking 1937 around-the-world flight in her Lockheed Electra, Model 10E Special aircraft.² In this monograph, I've reviewed the publications that present a range of scenarios, notwithstanding their rationale.

It was 2 July 1937, and Amelia Earhart was piloting her modified Lockheed Electra *en route* from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island,³ 2,230 nautical miles distant, over open ocean for a refueling stop. Her navigator was Frederick J. "Fred" Noonan.⁴ Next on her schedule was a landing in Hawaii, followed by her scheduled landing on 4 July 1937 in Oakland, California, for a gala reception.

The aviators and the Electra vanished before reaching Howland Island on the morning of 2 July 1937. (The flyers had crossed the International Date Line during the night.) Where the aviatrix disappeared and what happened are the two key questions that are unanswerable with the information we have today. Their fate is unknown.