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"This book...recounts the persistence of a Frenchman, Louis Bleriot, to build a flying machine to cross the English Channel.... The text is succinct, caption-like in its directness and brevity....The paintings...add the necessary texture and tone to this marriage. This is vintage Provensen" – *School Library Journal*

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midnightfaerie says

A great educational book for your children of all ages. My 6 yr old loved it as well as my 3 yr old twins. Lots of good information with beautiful pictures that will help keep children engaged. Good additional lesson to a history lesson on the Wright brothers. A great addition to any children's library.

Katie Fitzgerald says

This book is another new favorite for me. It is a non-fiction book, but with a great sense of character and story. The reader gets to know Louis Bleriot through the eyes of his children, who grow up witnessing his various attempts at creating a successful flying machine. Bleriot comes across as an endearingly stubborn man who is so singularly focused on his dream that he thinks nothing of the bumps and bruises he receives in the process. The tone of the writing is so light and conversational, it's easy to forget you're actually learning something as you read. This is a great biography for very young kids who are just learning about the genre, and one of the few non-fiction titles I think would work well in story time.

Rhonda says

The paintings in this book are just beautiful. I love every page. This book would be a great addition to any biography unit. This is the story of Louis Bleriot one of the truly great pioneers of aviation.

Luisa Knight says

It's always great to read a fun story and learn something historical too! Discover who the Wright Brother's contemporary was: Louis Bleriot.

I checked the facts and from what I can tell, the story is presented pretty accurately. There is a difference of some thirty seconds of fly time and a four minute difference of take-off time, but otherwise it seems to match up with what I could find.

Ages 5+

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Ardyth says

You know what I love about this little book? It shows all the failures before success. Again and again M. Blériot crashes and fails... but each time he learns. That's what science is about -- not the genius eureka, but the perseverance.

Also, the illustrations are lovely. :)

Kathryn says

I loved this book! Loved the subtle humor and what a grand true story it is. I so admired the spirit and persistence of "Papa" and how he followed his dreams. (If I was Mama or one of the children maybe I would have felt differently with all that danger he was in!) What a wonderful outlook, to find joy and encouragement in every attempt at flight, rather than becoming thwarted by "failure." The Caldecott Medal-winning illustrations really evoke the era and it's neat to have the visual of the progression of the aircrafts through the different models. I read this with my three year old son and it held his attention, too, and I'm sure we will revisit it in later years when he can appreciate it on another level.

Just realizing this husband and wife team also wrote "A Year at Maple Hill Farm" -- another book I really enjoyed. I hadn't matched the illustration style at first but I can see it now.

Laura Verret says

While we Americans occasionally remember to credit the Europeans for their contribution to the field of aviation, we have a definite predisposition to zero in on the Wright Brothers' role in aviation history. What we neglect to realize is that other countries made their own breakthroughs, all of which contributed to the ultimate success of human flight.

This story, although only forty pages long and a picture book at that, does a fun job introducing children to another successful aviator – Louis Bleriot, conqueror of the English Channel. Through fun pictures and accompanying text, we the readers learn about Monsieur Bleriot's many unsuccessful attempts to fly and finally his flight over the English Channel.

Conclusion. Deserving of its Caldecott Medal, *The Glorious Flight* can serve as a super-early introduction for interested aviators.

Jenny says

I really liked reading this true tale of Louis Bleriot's quest to create a flying machine. I liked reading of his persistence when his first several attempts were unsuccessful. Also, at first he did not know how to fly and had a friend fly. But he learned to fly as well. It was Bleriot XI that was finally successful. On July 25, 1909, he climbed aboard and flew from France, across the English Channel to land in England. The flight took 37 minutes. The illustrations are in muted colors and fit nicely with the historical context, in my opinion. I loved

seeing the progression of his planes. This would make a nice book to discuss persistence and determination.

Judy says

I know very little about the history of flight, so this was informative. I wonder if Bleriot is mentioned in the book about St Exupery. The Provenses' style of art is similar to the work of Barbara Cooney.

Matt Gaskin says

With a great deal of humor, this book details the first flight over the English Channel. Bleriot has a "never say die" attitude. He is determined to fly no matter what. This Caldecott award winning book is a quick and fun read which gives another first flight story aside from the Wright Brothers.

Brenda says

I did not know about this flight by a Frenchman. Cute book.

SamZ says

1984 Caldecott Honor: Favorite Illustration - The morning where Papa takes off to fly across the channel. I love the family watching from the hangar and the man pushing the propeller, lots of action and emotion on these pages!

I really enjoyed this little peek into history! I think (especially in America) we tend to talk about the Wright Brothers almost exclusively to any other innovators in the world of flight. I liked learning about the Bleriot inventions, but I wish there were more of an author's note with history, comparisons, and/or a timeline.

I did love the illustration style, I felt that the sepia tone actually enhanced the historical nature, rather than making it seem old and washed out. But I did find myself wanting to learn more about the Bleriot's daily life and how they felt about Papa's work. Were they supportive, apprehensive, scared? I guess the mark of a good book is when it inspires you to learn more, and I do want to learn more, so I will probably be looking up more information on the Bleriot family!

Dolly says

This is a wonderful tale of a daring flight 100 years ago, and the inspiration and aviation trials that led up to it.

The pictures are sepia toned and old fashioned; and as the aircraft improve, you can see the children grow up.

The final flight across the English Channel is the culmination of years of effort, daring and invention. We really enjoyed reading this book together.

This book was selected as one of the books for the April 2016- Quarterly Caldecott discussion at the Picture-Book Club in the Children's Books Group here at Goodreads.

Manybooks says

Now with regard to [The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel With Louis Bleriot July 25, 1909](#), I actually did end up enjoying Martin Provensen's Caldecott Medal winning illustrations much more than I originally thought I would (as they are most certainly very much detailed and descriptive, although I would still not ever really label them as personal favourites by any stretch of the imagination, for they do tend to feel rather annoyingly stagnant and lifeless, emotionless even, with a colour scheme which as my friend Cheryl has already pointed out, is much too drab and thus a bit too muted for my own personal tastes).

However, my perhaps a bit grudging but still ever-present appreciation of the illustrations notwithstanding, and while I did and do much enjoy the information (and the storyline) presented by Alice Provensen's narrative, on a purely personal and emotional level, I absolutely and yes even angrily find the entire attitude of the father (of Louis Bleriot) exceedingly irresponsible, troublesome and yes annoying (and I guess, the attitude of the author as well by simple extension, as [The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel With Louis Bleriot July 25, 1909](#) certainly is almost entirely positive and laudatory with regard to Louis Bleriot and his many rather dangerous flight attempts). Because let's face it, there truly seems to be scant thought as to how Papa's flights and their inherent risks might, could affect the family (and with such a large family, if Papa had been seriously injured or killed, Mama would have likely faced some major, serious obstacles, not to mention the sadness that accompanies these kinds of mishaps); there is this sense of "glorious" adventure and inventiveness, but Papa's often careless philosophy and his constant striving for flight fame do leave a strange and somewhat majorly bitter taste in my mouth. Also and furthermore, considering that this story is based on actual events, is basically non-fiction, detailed background material and suggestions for further reading would most definitely increase the teaching and learning value of [The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel With Louis Bleriot July 25, 1909](#), which as it stands, really feels more than a bit factually incomplete (and the small bit of supplemental information at the end, while appreciated, is really just very barely adequate).

Still recommended, but definitely with some major personal reservations on my part!

Sandra says

This is the story of Louis Blériot, who was the first person to fly across the English Channel in the early 1900s.

After seeing the first air ship crossing over the city of Cambrai, in France, Louis Blériot decides to build a "flying machine". It took him many years and many attempts, but he never gave up. In 1909, after many crashes, the "Blériot XI" succeed in crossing over the channel in 37 minutes.

Every attempt to create the flying machine is recorded in this book with a picture that illustrates how each new invention looked like, from the first "draft" too small for a person to sit in it, to the airplane that finally crossed the channel.

Louis Blériot's showed persevering and positive during the whole story. He not only had to learn how to build a plane, but he also needed to learn to pilot one. He never says he failed, but he "almost flew", "he is

learning", "he is getting lots of practice". In every page is also possible to see his family, friends and community supporting Blériot in this challenge.

I find the illustrations very interesting and appropriate. They look like old photographs but with some color.

Children between 5 and 8 years old will enjoy this book. I'd say this is a good option to introduce the younger ones to non fiction books different from the usual "counting" and "alphabet" ones. Inventions is always a good way to introduce history and science to the little readers.

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