

# The Inspiring Story of the First Black International Pilot: Bessie Coleman



## Brave Bessie Queen, The Flying Black Ladybird: The Inspiring Story of the First Black International Pilot, Bessie Coleman, in a Fly (Glittering Black Gold Book 3)

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Bessie Coleman was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 26, 1892. She was the tenth of thirteen children born to George and Susan Coleman. Her father was a sharecropper and her mother was a washerwoman. Bessie's family was poor, but they were determined to give their children a good education.

Bessie attended school in Atlanta and graduated from high school in 1910. She then attended Tuskegee Institute, where she studied nursing. After graduating from Tuskegee, Bessie worked as a nurse in Chicago. However, she soon realized that her true passion was flying.

In 1921, Bessie traveled to France to attend flight school. She was the first black woman to earn a pilot's license in France. After returning to the United States, Bessie became a barnstorming pilot. She performed stunts at air shows and gave lectures about the importance of aviation.

In 1923, Bessie Coleman became the first black woman to fly across the United States. She flew from Chicago to New York City in a single-engine plane. Her flight was a major accomplishment and it helped to break down racial barriers in aviation.

Bessie Coleman continued to fly until her untimely death in 1926. She was only 34 years old when she died in a plane crash. However, her legacy continues to inspire people today. Bessie Coleman was a pioneer in aviation and she paved the way for other black women to follow in her footsteps.

### **Bessie Coleman's Legacy**

Bessie Coleman's legacy is one of courage, determination, and perseverance. She was a pioneer in aviation and she helped to break down racial barriers. Her story is an inspiration to us all and it reminds us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it.

Bessie Coleman has been honored in many ways. She was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1975. In 1995, the United States Postal Service issued a stamp in her honor. And in 2006, the Bessie Coleman National Historic Site was established in Chicago.

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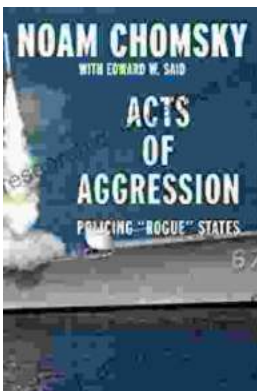
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