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Book review of "Encyclopedia of Women in Aviation and Space" by Rosanne Welch

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Welch, Rosanne. *Encyclopedia of Women in Aviation and Space*. ABC-CLIO. 1998. 286p. illus. index. ISBN 0-87436-958-4. \$65. REF

Of the books on female aviators, aeronauts, and astronauts currently in print, few match the geographic and chronological scope of this work. Welch, a former high school teacher and current story editor for the television series *Touched By an Angel*, has compiled 280 entries covering individuals as well as organizations, events, objects (safety belts/safety harnesses, space shuttles), and places having something to do with women and flight. It is impossible, however, for a work of this sort to be truly comprehensive, and a statement of the criteria used for selection would have been useful. The alphabetically arranged entries vary considerably in length and detail, and cross references are used inconsistently and are occasionally erroneous. Although not an essential purchase, this might find a place in women's studies or aviation collections. (Index not seen.)--Nancy Curtis, Univ. of Maine Lib., Orono

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