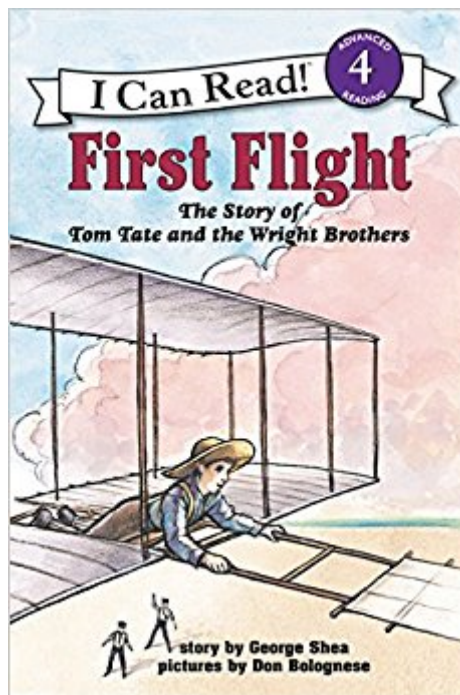


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# First Flight: The Story Of Tom Tate And The Wright Brothers (I Can Read Level 4)



## Synopsis

Up, up, and away! When Tom Tate hears that Wilbur and Orville Wright are building a flying machine, he can't wait to try it. Tom's dad thinks it's dangerous. Some people think the Wrights are crazy. Can Tom help the brothers get their dream off the ground?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 2 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3? This easy reader tells the delightful story of young Tom Tate, a boy who assisted the Wright Brothers with experiments for their historic flying machine. The author's note identifies Tom as a real person and supplies basic facts of his life, but the story focuses only on "Will and Orv's" visits to Kittyhawk. The fictionalized dialogue is fairly realistic and the story line progresses at an even pace. Bolognese has carefully researched the watercolor illustrations, which are consistent with photographs of the events. Children will identify with the spirit of this boy who enthusiastically volunteered to try out the glider when there wasn't enough wind to lift the grown men. A fine addition. ?Sharon R. Pearce, San Antonio Public Library, TX Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 2^3. From the I Can Read Chapter Book series, this fictionalized story from aviation history tells of Tom Tate, a boy from Kitty Hawk who befriended Orville and Wilbur Wright and took the second solo flight on their first glider. The tale does not end with Tom's flight, for he continues to watch his friends' experiments until, in 1903, he is there to see Orv take the first machine-powered flight. In addition to showing a slice of history, this intriguing book offers a good story and an inkling of the inventors' trial-and-error methods. The many well-composed illustrations, tinted with delicate watercolors, feature strong line drawings that show the characters' emotions through their faces and body language. A good introduction to the Wright brothers, from a child's point of view. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Cute book on the history of flying and explaining 'why' to kids whom want to know. Easy, fun read. Great conversation started.

The seller shipped the book quickly. The book is broken into chapters. It is an easy read based on historical fiction. It was engaging for my daughter. She enjoyed learning about the Wright Brothers from the perspective of a child that was watching and interacting with them. I like that this story encourages kids to keep trying even when they are not successful on their first few attempts. This was a significant event in American history. I love that it has been written on a level that a first or second grade child can fluently read.

This book is a very simple and fun introduction to the Wright's Brothers for transitional readers. I used it with one second grader and two third graders as their first chapter book we did as a group. They really enjoyed it. It was right at their reading level and perfect for our use.

EXACTLY AS DESCRIBED - SWIFT DELIVERY - AWESOME

Children enjoyed.

Great story for your advanturer.

Great Wright Brothers book with history and some adventure as well. My 7 year old grandson loved it!

Well written - great story! My 5 year old really enjoyed reading this.

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