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# About Carole

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Captain Carole Hopson flies the Boeing 737 for United Airlines based in Newark, New Jersey. She flew for ExpressJet Airlines before joining United.

After successful and varied careers as a journalist and as an executive, she followed her dream to become a pilot and to share that passion with others as a flight instructor—all while raising a family. She and her husband Michael, make their home in Jersey City, NJ with two teenage sons. Carole's undergraduate work at the University of Virginia, followed by earning her Master's Degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, set her firmly on the path of her early love—Journalism.

 Commercial pilot

 Founder: [100 Pairs of Wings Project](#)

 Author of *A Pair of Wings: A Novel Inspired by Pioneer Aviatrix Bessie Coleman*

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From journalism, Carole moved on to a variety of executive positions in the corporate world. Despite achieving success in these varied fields, Carole still yearned to pursue her childhood passion. So at the peak of her corporate accomplishments, Carole walked away from executive-level positions in order to learn to fly.

Carole is the author of a historical fiction novel chronicling the life of pioneer aviatrix, Bessie Coleman entitled ***A Pair of Wings: Based on The Life of Pioneer Aviatrix Bessie Coleman***. The book officially released June 15, 2021, 100 years to the day that Bessie earned her own pair of wings.





# In the News

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## IN PRINT

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**Oprah Daily - 6.30.2021**

18 Of The Best Books to Pick Up This July

**Thrive Global - 4.23.2021**

Carole Hopson: "Reinventing yourself is not easy"

**AV Web - 4.11.2021**

United Opens Own Flight School, Targets Women, Minorities

**NPR - 4.8.2021**

Calling All Pilots – We Need You Again

**People Magazine - 4.8.2021**

Black Female Pilot Starts Initiative to Enroll 100 Black Women in Flight

**AOPA Pilot - 4.8.2021**

Flying Moms: Caring for Your Children While Pursuing an Aviation Life

**The Seattle Times - 4.6.2021**

United Airlines plans to hire and train 5,000 pilots, including some with no flying experience



## ON SCREEN

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**Tamron Hall Show - 4.22.2021**

This Black Female Pilot Is on A Mission to Enroll 100 Black women in Flight School by 2035

**United Airlines - 3.24.2021**

Second Act

**United Airlines - 6.15.2021**

Bessie Coleman: A Centennial Celebration



# A Pair of Wings

In 1903 the world watched as the Wright Brothers flew into history. . . marveling at this accomplishment was an unlikely spectator in Texas who was destined to make history of her own. Picking cotton at the young age of eleven, Bessie Coleman began to dream of a better future, as the Wright Brothers awakened in her a passion for flight.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, America was a nation in turmoil. A hopeful ferment of progressive social change was countered by a longstanding conservative impulse. In the South, the promises of Reconstruction had withered, to be replaced by Jim Crow laws that reintroduced pre-Emancipation oppression, lynchings, and hopelessness.

Arriving in Chicago in 1915, Coleman was in the first wave of African Americans to take part in the Great Migration, the largest movement of Blacks who fled the jobless agricultural South for the promise of work in the industrial North.

Although by 1920 American women had finally earned the right to vote, Coleman could find no one willing to teach her—a Black woman—to fly. Undaunted, she learned French and traveled by ship to France in pursuit of her dream.

As the 20th Century dawns and Coleman comes of age, both aviation and the Great Migration continue to advance in parallel. From hardscrabble beginnings in Texas, Coleman's will and determination are strengthened in the new Chicago, and her aviation skills burnished by flight training abroad. She is ready. By pursuing her dream, Coleman seems to compel lines of longitude to bend and scribe new intersections, in a way that shifts the collective Meridian of an entire people.

A full century after her accomplishments, Coleman's story is brought to life by author Carole Hopson. A United Airlines pilot who flies the Boeing 737, Hopson, considers Bessie Coleman the pioneer who cut the path for her and believes that it is her job to continue Coleman's work to make that path wider for those who follow. It's Coleman's bold determination and courage that lifted Hopson, as well as an entire people upon A Pair of Wings.