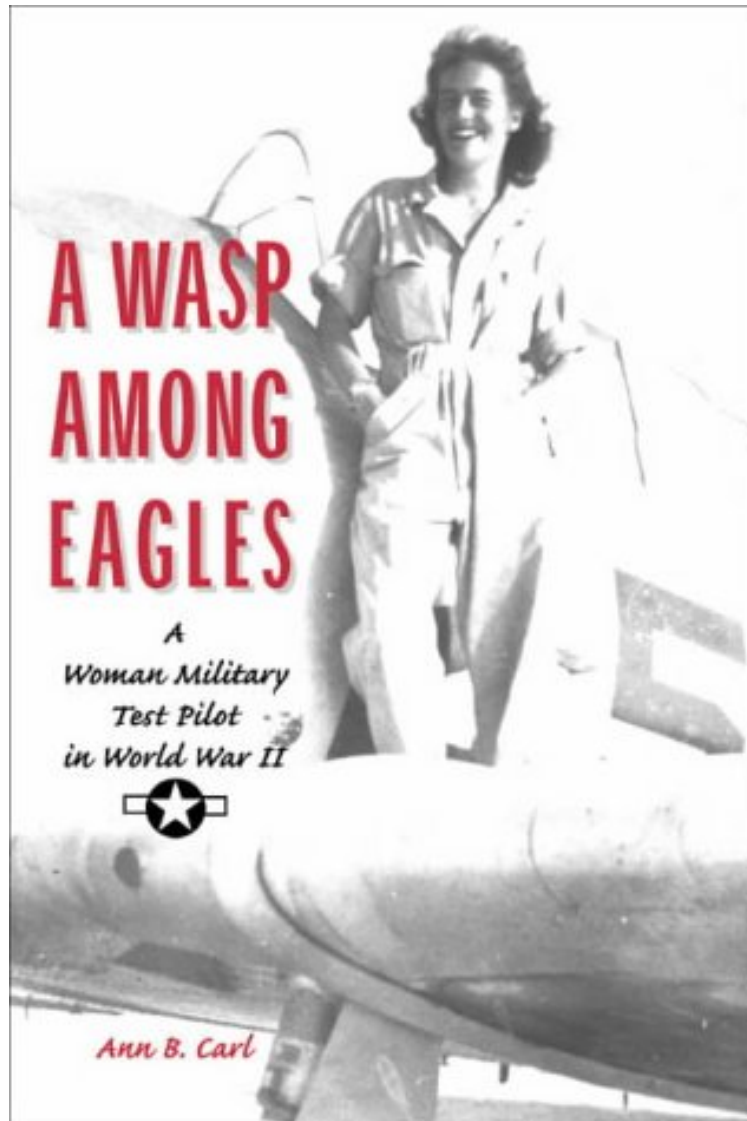


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paragraph with a sentence that had nothing to do with the rest of the paragraph and it left me wondering if she would get back to it but it would just hang there. Other times she would allude to something and then never make it clear which conclusion to come to. I wish it had been written in a more interesting manner with a better flow to it. She was supposedly a journalist. I put the book down many times for more interesting fare but finally made myself get thru it.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating womanBy KayJayI purchased this book after seeing a display about Ann Carl in the 8th Air Force Museum in Pooler GA (near Savannah) My husband I had known Ann Carl from the church we both attended in Islip on Long Island. We knew she had been a pilot, but never realized the fascinating things she had done in her life and the interesting people she knew, such as one of the Wright brothers and Amelia Aerhardt. She was way ahead of her time as far as being a woman who worked mostly with men. We both enjoyed the book heartily, great fun to learn all these things about someone who sang in our church choir.⁵ of 6 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely amazing autobiography!By Carol Simon LevinI used it as the basis of my one-woman show about her: Flying Higher: The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War IIDuring World War II, more than one thousand women volunteers completed the WASP military pilot training program. Graduating WASPs flew over 60,000,000 miles (sometimes towing targets that soldiers shot at with live ammunition!) Thirty-eight of them died serving their country. Then they were told that men needed their jobs and they were dismissed and forgotten. Jersey girl "Ann Carl" tells about the origin and training of the WASPs and how she became the only American woman to test-fly experimental planes during the war and the first woman to fly a jet airplane! (tellingherstories.com)

Before World War II most Americans did not believe that the average woman could fly professionally, but during the war more than a thousand women pilots proved them wrong. These were the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), who served as military flyers on the home front. In March 1944 one of them, Ann Baumgartner, was assigned to the Fighter Flight Test Branch at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. There she would make history as the only woman to test-fly experimental planes during the war and the first woman to fly a jet. A WASP among Eagles is the first-person story of how Baumgartner learned to fly, trained as a WASP, and became one of the earliest jet-age pioneers. Flying such planes as the Curtiss A-25 Helldiver, the Lockheed P-38, and the B-29 Superfortress, she was the first woman to participate in a host of experiments, including in-air refueling and flying the first fighter equipped with a pressurized cockpit. But in evaluating the long-awaited turbojet-powered Bell YP-59A, she set a first record that would remain unchallenged for ten years.

From Publishers WeeklyA jet-age pioneer, Carl was the only American woman to test-fly experimental planes during WWII and the first woman to fly a jet. She was one of about a thousand WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots), women military flyers on the home front, whoAwith zero publicity and very low statusAferried planes to bases, served as flight instructors and test-piloted repaired aircraft. This extraordinary memoir is a spirited, timely story about staying aloft in a male-dominated profession. The WASPs learned that they had to look out for themselves, checking the planes for defects, befriending mechanics and passing the hat to pay for the funerals of the 38 women aviators who lost their lives. (Congress would not pass legislation making female military pilots full-fledged members of the Air Force until 1977.) The author, who married aeronautical engineer Major William Carl just after V-E Day, test-piloted planes like the B-29 Superfortress bomber. In 1944, she made history evaluating the Bell YP-59A jet fighter at the Wright-Patterson test center in Dayton, Ohio, where soft-spoken Orville Wright was a frequent guest, ushering in the age of jet propulsion. The writing is a bit pedestrian, and this autobiography may lack the romantic flair of other aviatrix' memoirs, but when Carl gets down to reliving hazardous assignments or describing the sheer magic of flying, her narrative is bracing and enthralling. Her resilience and energy are evident in her postwar activities as a journalist, environmental activist, homemaker and sailor whose two-year journey from Bermuda to Turkey and back was described in her 1985 book, *The Small World of Long-Distance Sailors*. Photos. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. ...is a restrained, precise autobiographical account that achieves elegance through understatement...Clearly it is a means of celebrating not herself but the WASPs, those 1,000 largely overlooked Women Airforce Service Pilots who served from 1942- 1945 ferrying planes to bases, towing targets for artillery gunners and performing other airborne obligations to release men for combat; 38 WASPs lost their lives -- Norfolk, VA, Virginian- Pilot, April 18, 1999Ann Baumgartner Carl is an excellent writer, having written one previous book and over 2000 newspaper columns and magazine articles on science and the environment...Her book details not only her own experiences, but also a watershed era in the history of aviation. Highly recommended. -- Calvin Bass, Tulsa Oklahoma World, Tulsa, OK, May 16, 1999About the AuthorANN B. CARL was the first American woman to fly a United States Army Air Forces jet aircraft.