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Beryl Markham : The Illustrated West With the Night before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Illustrated West With the Night:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. 1940's style memoir of a fascinating woman.By Bill ManionReads in the 1940 style prose that fits the memoir. It is a well done work that if your first taste of Beryl Markham you will become interested in her life. However, would recommend first reading other works (i.e. Straight on Until Morning and Circling the Sun) on Markham before reading her own memoir. It will make this much more interesting.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. In Love Within MinutesBy Carol MayerI was in love within minutes. Not with Beryl Markum, but with the writing in West With The Night. One person with this incredible writing talent should have written more books. I found myself reading many passages several times over because of the author's ability to see the ordinary and mundane with extraordinary depth of thought and skill with words, turn it into something beautiful and thought provoking. For example, starting with the last paragraph on page 48 we are given a very lengthy and vivid description of silence as the author views it. "There is the silence after a rainstorm, and before a rainstorm, and these are not the same. There is a silence of emptiness, the silence of fear, the silence of doubt..." and it ends THREE PARAGRAPHS LATER with -- "a silence holding the spirit of wanton mischief, like the quiet smile of a vain woman exultant over a petty and vicious triumph." Wow! So much to say about the lack of noise. It's obvious this author is intelligent, perceptive, and a master wordsmith. I did find it amazing that a person with little formal schooling and also not known for being much of a reader could produce such a wonderful piece of art using words.This is not a memoir. It is a series of individual, not necessarily related, stories that stand on their own, each one

excellent. If you want to learn about British East Africa in the early 1900's, or read exciting, heart-racing (yours) stories about near-death (and death) experiences, a little girl running with the natives killing lions, hunting wild boar, and later fly-scouting for elephants, a horse race that defies the law of physics, amazing feats in aeroplanes, or if you just want to read a beautifully written book, this would be the one. I'm going to read it again because I liked it that much. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Memoir of Kenya in the 20s and 30s and a harrowing flight across the Atlantic By merry sunshine This is a beautifully written memoir/biography, originally published in 1942, which covers the formative years, horse training years, and early flying years of a most amazing woman. There is a great deal of controversy over whether this book was actually written by Beryl Markham or was, instead, written by one of her lovers/husbands. Having read it, I don't think there's any doubt that someone else actually penned the book (and did an incredible job in so doing), but it does not change the fact that Beryl Markham lead a very interesting life, well worth reading about. She lived with her father in Kenya (then called British East Africa) at a time when British Colonialism was coming to a close, successfully educated herself as a horse trainer (which was probably unusual for women in the late 1920s/early 1930s, most especially in Kenya), and then became the first female pilot in Africa, going on to break distance records and set records for flying which even males had not yet accomplished. She leaves a great deal out of this book (her many husbands and lovers, many other flights she took, the years she lived in the U.S.), but if you want to know about Africa in the 1920s and 1930s, want to know about horse training, or want to know about flying in that period, then put this fascinating book on your list.

The author describes growing up in an Africa that no longer exists, training and breeding race horses, flying mail to Sudan, and being the first woman to fly the Atlantic from east to west

From Library Journal Markham's *West with the Night* was originally published in the early 1940s and disappeared, only to be rediscovered and reprinted in the 1980s when it became a smash hit. This latest incarnation is a lavishly illustrated edition. Though Markham is known for setting an aviation record for a solo flight across the Atlantic from East to West-hence the title-she was also a bush pilot in Africa, sharing adventures with Blor Blixen and Denys Finch-Hatton of *Out of Africa* fame. Hemingway, who met Markham during his safari days, dubbed the book "bloody wonderful." Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. Beryl Markham was the first woman in Africa, where she grew up, to earn a pilot's license, and she went on to be the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic. She was also a horse breeder, an adventurer and a writer of exquisite sensibilities. With elegant prose she describes her life in Africa and in the clouds in this beautifully illustrated reissue of her 1940s classic. -- From *The WomanSource Catalog : Tools for Connecting the Community for Women*