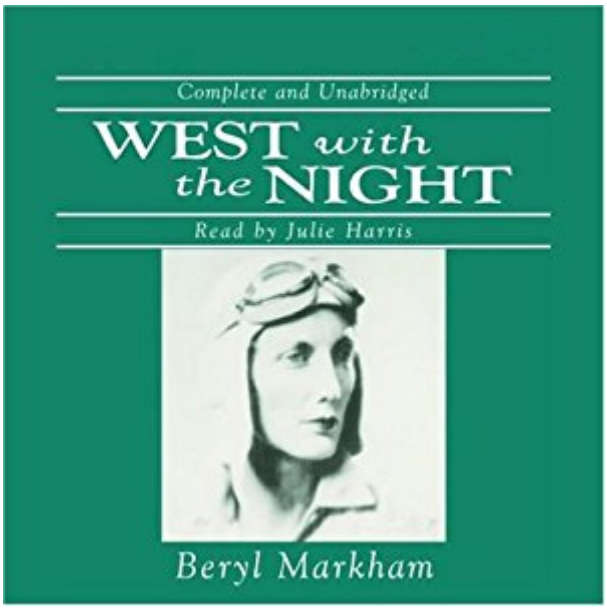
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Synopsis

Markham grew up in East Africa, apprenticed as a horse breeder, piloted passengers and supplies in a small plane to remote corners of Africa, and became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic from east to west. 6 cassettes. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Awesome read! Hemingway gave this the highest of praise and I must agree. I love stories about strong females, especially from the 30’s and 40’s when it was even harder to do so. Her upbringing and venture off on her own at age 17 and half was incredible. I like that each chapter is a memory from her past and ends at the end of the chapter. The next chapter may be years later when she is much older. You could actually pick this book up and read any chapter without having to start at the beginning if you knew the basic story of her life. Markham has a way with words that sings to you like poetry. I usually pass books on when I am done but this one will stay in my bookcase.

My book club choose this for a month I was unable to attend, so I’m just now catching up with it. I’m sorry I missed the discussion because it would have been interesting to see how it was received.What a woman she was! Growing up running wild in Africa, independent horse trainer, flyer at a young age, Beryl had a wild streak and an independent spirit. She had a gift for writing, too. She has the ability to make the reader feel she is right there, whether Beryl is making impossible

landings, crossing the Atlantic east-to-west in a solo flight, or hunting elephants from the air to spot them.An adventurous woman for an adventurous time.

I didn’t know anything about Beryl Markham or where she was raised before I started reading this book.It’s a remarkable story that often has nothing to do with flying. Beryl grows up on a ranch in Kenya and had more dangerous adventures and scars than most little girls could survive. It sounds as though she ran wild from a young age which could explain her lack of fear of anything as an adult.There are those who say that Ms. Markham did not write this, that she couldn’t have because she didn’t have the educational background. My feeling is that she wrote it. A person who didn’t live her life could not have written it with the detail and the beautful expression of feelings and thoughts. And I don’t feel that Beryl Markham had the patience to read and reread and say "No, I meant this, not that".This is an amazing book that I am so happy I purchased and read. I am sorry that some people don’t feel that way.

The first chapters somehow missed the mark with me. But I am so,so glad I kept reading. It is hard to find the right words to describe this book and the person who wrote. She grew up in the early years of the 29th century hunting barefoot in East Africa with her dog, her spear and Murani men. The rest of her life was no less unconventional. At 17 she set out on her own.Beryl Markham became a recognized horse trainer and bush pilot in the early days of aviation. It is an odd memoir in that there is no mention of her mother, brother, son or husbands yet the story seemed complete without them.It is easy to see why Hemingway praised her writing. It is clean, eloquent and devoid of sentimentality.

This book comes with a built-in audience...women, pilots, lovers of Africa, loners...and, above all, those who love the English language and how descriptive it can be.This is NOT a memoir; more a series of vignettes that Markham put together from her memory which she announces from the beginning that is extremely hard to recover accurately. Reprinted when she was in her 80s, it became a best seller. The original printing was received well, but not nearly so well as when she was rediscovered. It didn’t help that many believe she was not the "real" author; she never wrote anything else that came close to the beautiful prose exhibited here.Praised by Hemingway, who evidently envied her writing skills, fame faded away from this woman whose personality was forbidding (except for her lovers, one presumes) and enigmatic. Not one word about her somewhat unconventional life is present in this volume, but her deep and abiding love for Africa is evident

throughout. Worth reading for its use of language and evocative images, don't look for her to reveal the private details of a life that must have been fascinating.

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