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Kate Evans and Paul Anderson are finally married, settling in, and starting a family. They rejoice when Kate finds she is pregnant, but soon it is clear that there are hurdles ahead. Should she continue in her dangerous profession as an Alaskan bush pilot? Can she really fall into the role of a wife? Then tragedy strikes, life begins to unravel, and Kate fears she may have lost Paul for good.

Chock-full of high-flying adventure, romance, and the drama of life, "Joy Takes Flight" is the exciting conclusion to Bonnie Leon's Alaskan Skies series.

Joy Takes Flight Details

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From Reader Review Joy Takes Flight for online ebook

Jan Springer says

I loved Joy Takes Flight. A very emotional read and some tragedy that brought me to tears. More bush pilot adventures with Kate in Alaska...I wish there were more to come...hint. LOL
Great read. Highly recommend for readers who love adventure, romance, Alaska and bush pilots!!

Jan

Becca says

I had been impatiently waiting for this conclusion to the trilogy, but was unfortunately disappointed. It was not as good as the first two. It was kind of slow and predictable. There were a couple shocking moments in the plot, but not enough to sustain my interest.

Bill Tillman says

This is the third book in Bonnie's series, but works well as a stand alone too. There is always danger and adventure where Kate is! She has a skiing accident, fights a killer while flying her plane among the tastier bits in this tale. Fantastic read.

Stacie Wood says

This was a great series. I really enjoyed getting to know Kate and Paul.

Lyn says

I enjoyed *Joy Takes Flight* by Bonnie Leon. It's rare to read a book about a married couple, but I found the story intriguing. I really gave it 3.5 stars but didn't know how to show the 1/2! I am a tough reviewer and this was a heartwarming story about characters I cared about. But I thought the tension sometimes eased too much.

But all in all I like it and I think the author is a NEAT woman!

I interviewed her on my blog and she told an amazing story about her Aleut grandmother. If you're interested, here's the link.

<http://booksbylyncote.com/SWBS/author...> ?

Sarah Sundin says

Joy Takes Flight is a gripping story filled with adventure and excitement, but it also shows wonderful character development for both Kate and Paul as married life forces them to stretch. Those who have enjoyed the first two books in this series (and they DO have to be read in order) will love watching the sub-plots come to satisfying - although never easy - conclusions. I highly recommend this series.

Ada Brownell says

Joy Takes Flight by Bonnie Leon

Here's another good book in the Alaska Skies series by Bonnie Leon. Bonnie brings reality to the airplane cockpit flying in and out of the primitive frozen Alaska runways .

You hear the crunch and feel every bump as the wheels touch down or prepare for takeoff.

The author brings readers to the skies and into the frigid valleys of Alaska but Bonnie Leon doesn't live in there, and she's not a pilot.

How does an author write effectively from a location where she doesn't live and a career she's never experienced?

Bonnie Leon says you pick brains and do research. Ah, but there's more to Bonnie Leon than that. She also knows how to plot a compelling story. We get the feel of flying through blue skies, looking down on moose, bear—and the rustic cabin where a murderer probably is holed up.

Bonnie characters are so true to life it feels like a close friend is telling (actually showing) you the story about real people. Newlyweds Kate and Paul fuss and have head butting arguments just like normal couples, but their love is deep, their risks and problems large.

As with many Christian novels, there is spiritual pay dirt in this book and good advice on making sound marriages as characters discuss the challenges and the way to work them out.

The story is wrapped in brilliant writing and inspiration. Writers will notice good craftsmanship, strong active verbs, and good examples of showing instead of telling.

How you dodge bullets and an attacker when you're flying a plane?

The way to find out is to read this compelling book. A great read.

Note: I was provided a review copy, but the opinions here are my own.

Maritza says

I loved Paul and Kate's story so much I was really sad that this book is the conclusion.....I feel disappointed because some questions were left unanswered....do they ever have a baby? Do they sell the house in San Francisco? Does Kate ever meet his family? I need another book Bonnie! please?!

Cindy Nipper says

Another emotional journey!

What a wonderful emotional journey! I cried several times while reading, thinking about my own mother and my own faith in God's sovereignty!! I look forward to reading more of Bonnie books!

Joanie Standridge says

Super awesome ending to a great trilogy! Wow! This book was a great read. The whole story itself was a lot like a thrilling plane ride with ups and downs, sudden banking turns, heart thumping unexpected drops and tears of course. Wow. Only one thing that I had a thought about: in real life, when people share their thoughts and feelings with one another, there's generally not so much of an accepting kind of atmosphere between people. Or, most people are really aloof and not so engaged with sharing their real thoughts with one another. Too bad there's not more openness and acceptance of one another in real life as there is in this book... But the writing was great--the action, the characters, the plot. Thanks for a great read Bonnie Leon. :) I may well look into another one of her series in the future.

ChrisGA says

The poignant story of a female bush pilot in Alaska in the late 1930s as she tries to adjust to marriage to a bush doctor while continuing to fly. They face together the usual newlywed conflicts, then heartbreaking grief. Inherent in their work and even daily living in the Alaskan wilderness is danger on many sides. Action packed plot with likeable characters. This is the third in the Alaskan Skies series, and while it was fine as a stand-alone, I regretted not knowing more of the backstory on the characters and Kate's life prior to her marriage. I received this book from bookfun.org but the opinions are my own.

Ann says

Kate believes she's living her dream when she and Dr. Paul Anderson marry. After all of the hurdles their relationship faced, now life promises smooth sailing.

But some promises can be misleading. Kate visualizes her life as an Alaskan bush pilot continuing without a hitch. Unfortunately, Paul has other ideas, especially after they learn they are expecting a child. Demons from his past haunt him, and Kate is unable to break through the barriers he's erected around himself. She wants one thing, Paul wants another. As their life unravels, Kate comes to believe she's lost Paul for good. Joy Takes Flight is an engrossing story, filled with authentic details of Alaska in the 1930's. Reading Leon's skilled descriptions of flight in a bush plane will have you clinging to the edge of your seat.

Joy Takes Flight is the thrilling conclusion to Leon's Alaskan Skies series. If you haven't read the first two books, hurry out and buy all three! You're in for a treat.

My thanks to Revell for providing my review copy.

Laura says

Title: JOY TAKES FLIGHT

Author: Bonnie Leon

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Genre: historical

Kate Evans is finally marrying Paul Anderson. And even though the wedding is everything she dreamed of, and more, reality starts to intrude on the holidays. Kate wants to remain independent, to do what she did before marriage, live where she lived, and fly. She doesn't want to be a submissive little wife with no life other than Mrs. Paul Anderson. And she begins to get irritated when people assume she'll move to Paul's remote cabin, or she'll give up being an Alaskan bush pilot.

When Kate and Paul discover that they're expecting their first baby, they are ecstatic. But then a disaster strikes, their lives begin to unravel, and Kate fears she might have lost Paul for good.

JOY TAKES FLIGHT is the exciting conclusion to Ms. Leon's Alaskan Skies series. Readers will want to read *Touching the Clouds* and *Wings of Promise* first as this book doesn't stand alone. Kate is a very independent woman, and fiercely protective of her personality, and Paul is more laid back, but he can be firm and expect obedience, which causes more personality clashes between him and Kate.

If you are looking for an adventure filled historical to read then JOY TAKES FLIGHT and any of the other books in this series are recommended. Almost as good as taking a trip to Alaska yourself. \$14.99. 336 pages.

Jo says

Kate, a bush pilot in Alaska, has forged her position in an area where men pilots dominate. Before Kate and Paul, a medical doctor, marry he promises her she can continue her role as pilot. When a doctor is needed in any part of Alaska, she flies and he is the doctor she takes to where ever the need awaits. When tragedy hits the newlyweds, Paul blames himself. His brother calls him that their mother is near death and Paul returns to his former home in San Francisco. Kate, impatient that Paul hasn't returned when planned, flies to San Francisco to urge him to return to Alaska. Can the two find a compromise that will meld them together? A great conclusion to Leon's Alaskan Series of books. The vivid description of setting makes the reader feel the cold as Kate pulls her parka's hood tighter around her face. Action-packed adventures, romance, and memorable characters.

Linda says

Loved it. I really enjoyed how Bonnie explored the deeper issues in her characters. Each of her leads had to work through their own issues, but came around to supporting the other. I very much enjoyed the piloting exploits in all three books. Thank you, Bonnie.
