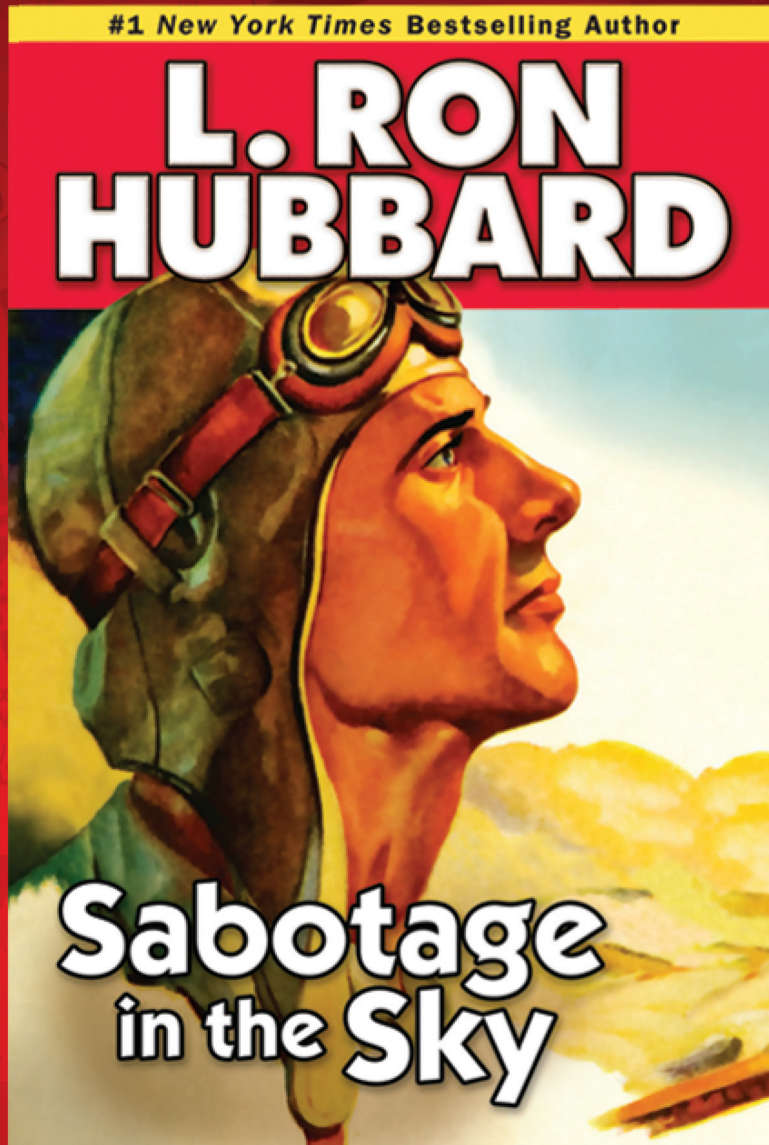




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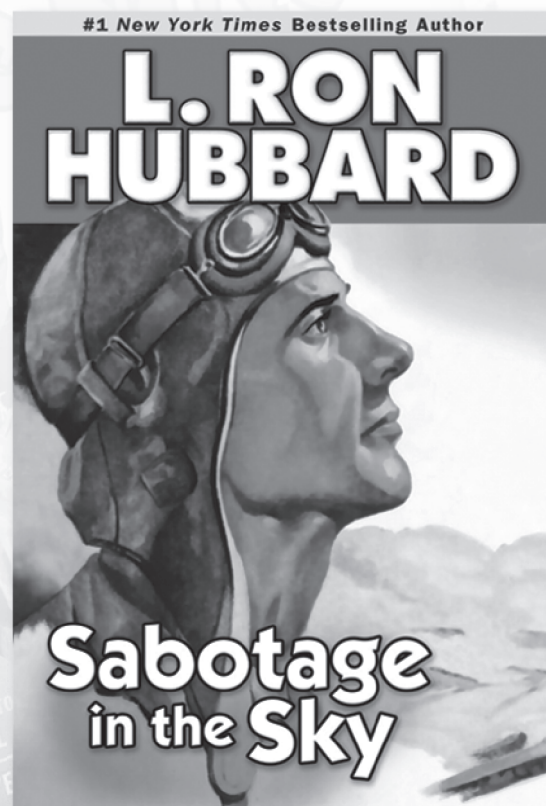
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About *Sabotage in the Sky*

Sabotage in the Sky:

(ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST 1940
ISSUE OF *FIVE-NOVELS MONTHLY*)

Bill Trevillian, an ace pilot who tests new fighter planes for the Allied forces, is competing with another company to get a multimillion-dollar aircraft contract. But covert enemy agents have tampered with the new warbird, deliberately marking it for failure regardless of the cost.



Sabotage in the Sky

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• Quiz

For this section circle the correct answers to fill in the blanks.



1. MAIN IDEA

What is the main idea of the story?

- An ace pilot is hired to test a plane and is sabotaged, but wins in the end.
- Military personnel spend most of their time buying airplanes.
- Flying is a very difficult activity for women.
- You can never trust female pilots.

2. SEQUENCE

What belongs in the middle?

- a) Bill Trevillian accepts the job of testing the BCA 41.
- b) _____
- c) Bill takes the BCA 41 up for the first time.
- Bill's mechanic is shot.
- Bill is introduced to Kip Lee at an embassy ball.
- Kip Lee makes Bill tell her she won.
- The military contract is split between the two aircraft companies.

3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Kip Lee is covered in oil, so _____

- she takes a shower to wash it off.
- she decides to quit flying.
- Bill laughs at how funny she looks.
- another pilot lends her clothing.

• Quiz

4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Bill learns that Kip Lee returned to the hangar to get her evening bag, so _____

- he goes flying alone until he feels less angry.
- he gets into a fight with the men who let her in.
- he checks to see if she left anything else in his plane.
- he drives to Lee Aircraft and accuses her of having his gauge jimmied.

5. CONTEXT CLUES

Kip Lee is upset about Bill saying that "_____ can't fly" because she can fly.

- dames
- older men
- mechanics
- generals

6. CONTEXT CLUES

The test planes used _____ to see which plane was able to accomplish the most accurate shooting.

- camera guns
- black boxes
- flags
- wings

7. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

What do you think Kip Lee and Bill Trevillian do after the end of the book?

- Start a small grocery business.
- Get married and keep flying.
- Make frequent trips to the embassy.
- Give up flying and retire.

• Quiz

8. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

Why do you think Bill lies to Kip by telling her “it was the swellest show any pilot ever put over?”

- He loves her and doesn't want her to be hurt or mad at him.
- Bill had received a head injury and wasn't thinking clearly.
- He was shy and couldn't say what he really thought around others.
- He didn't realize he was saying it to Kip.

9. FACTS AND DETAILS

What name did the Nazi saboteur use?

- Greasy Hannagan
- Albert Straud
- Mr. Cannard
- Jason Brient

10. FACTS AND DETAILS

The planes Bill and Kip were testing were to be used in _____

- the Korean War.
- Desert Storm.
- World War II.
- World War I.

11. FACTS AND DETAILS

The _____ was the plane Kip tested.

- L97
- R2D2
- B63
- 581A

• Quiz

12. FACTS AND DETAILS

A rudder is _____

- something used to steer a plane or boat.
- an airplane wing.
- the seat the pilot sits in.
- a type of headgear.

13. FACTS AND DETAILS

When Kip had trouble with her de-icers, she thought _____ had sabotaged her plane.

- the mechanic
- her brother
- Bill Trevillian
- the Nazis

14. FACTS AND DETAILS

When the plane Kip was testing reached a certain altitude, she put on _____

- a warm coat.
- an oxygen mask.
- her sunglasses.
- a hat.

15. FACTS AND DETAILS

Bill was rescued from the water by _____

- an English vessel.
- the Coast Guard.
- his mechanic.
- Kip Lee.

• Characters

CHARACTERS

WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS, AND BE SURE TO EXPLAIN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS TO THE OTHER CHARACTERS.

BILL TREVILLIAN

KIP LEE

TERRY LEE

GREASY HANNAGAN

• **Summary/SBQ**

SUMMARY

Write a summary of the book on a separate piece of paper. You may prepare for an oral summary if you prefer.

SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

1. Why has Bill Trevillian been hired by Beryl-Cannard Airlines?
2. How do Bill Trevillian and Kip Lee know each other from earlier?
3. What makes Bill think that Kip has sabotaged his plane?
4. How is Bill lured away from his plane shortly after he finds out it was monkeyed with?
5. What happens to Greasy Hannagan when he is acting as the gunner for Bill during the testing of the plane?
6. What does Kip do when she realizes that Bill is in serious danger?
7. When does Bill finally realize that Kip Lee loves him?
8. What kind of girl is the only kind Kip Lee feels Bill would look at twice?

• Story-Based Discussion

SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

1. Why is Bill being offered a grossly exaggerated salary for testing the BCA 41?
2. Why does Kip start grinning when Bill manages to safely make an emergency landing?
3. How does von Straub get his plane away from Kip Lee's when she is trying to stay right on him?

SAW (STORY-APPLIED WRITING)

Pick one topic below and write a complete response.

1. Write a few pages for the book that describe what happens to Bill while he is recovering aboard the English vessel that picked him up.
2. Compare and contrast Bill Trevillian with a character you have read about in another book.
3. Choose a few scenes from the book and rewrite them from the perspective of Kip Lee.

• Find the Meaning

For the following section circle the correct answers.

1. *piously* means

- wishfully
- without interest
- unhappily
- respectfully

2. *lacerated* means

- worn out
- roughly torn
- rectangular
- nicely painted

3. *dispersed* means

- wandered
- floated
- sprinted
- scattered

4. *premonition* means

- a cliff
- a forewarning
- a strong breeze
- a storm

5. *averted* means

- rotted
- pretended
- prevented
- worked fast

6. *recesses* means

- short bursts of sound
- small animal homes
- cracks in the sidewalk
- secluded or inner areas

7. *glowered* means

- showed sympathy
- looked at angrily
- pretended feeling
- changed something

8. *lanky* means

- rounded
- sleepy
- not happy
- tall and thin

9. *apparition* means

- a sudden or unusual sight
- a lovely person
- a large dog
- a mystical beast

10. *cunning* means

- discouraged
- unhappy
- outgoing
- sly; tricky

• Complete the Sentences

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. The audience _____ to the concession stands during the play's intermission.

- glowered
- lacerated
- premonition
- dispersed

2. He had to become _____ when he realized that strength alone wouldn't win the fight.

- lanky
- cunning
- averted
- piously

3. The wooden hull of the old boat had become _____ in many places from years of being pulled onto rocky beaches.

- recesses
- apparition
- dispersed
- lacerated

4. He's _____ now, but will put on weight and muscle on this program.

- lanky
- averted
- glowered
- cunning

5. She knew the reason for her fears was somewhere in the _____ of her mind.

- apparition
- averted
- recesses
- piously

• Complete the Sentences

6. His little brother _____ at him for knocking over his house of cards.

- averted
- cunning
- dispersed
- glowered

7. Just before her mother called to tell her about the accident, she had a _____ that there was bad news.

- lacerated
- premonition
- lanky
- recesses

8. The little girl thought she had hidden well but was actually very _____

- conspicuous.
- purveyed.
- constraint.
- savor.

9. The amazing _____ of natively dressed Indians in New York City was a sight I will never forget.

- lanky
- averted
- dispersed
- apparition

10. The accident was _____ by the quick thinking of one of the passengers.

- dispersed
- averted
- lacerated
- recesses

• Quiz: Answers



1. MAIN IDEA

- An ace pilot is hired to test a plane and is sabotaged, but wins in the end.

2. SEQUENCE

- Bill is introduced to Kip Lee at an embassy ball.

3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

- Bill laughs at how funny she looks.

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- he drives to Lee Aircraft and accuses her of having his gauge jimmied.

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- Get married and keep flying.

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9. FACTS AND DETAILS

- Albert Straud

10. FACTS AND DETAILS

- World War II.

11. FACTS AND DETAILS

- L97

12. FACTS AND DETAILS

- something used to steer a plane or boat.

13. FACTS AND DETAILS

- Bill Trevillian

14. FACTS AND DETAILS

- an oxygen mask.

15. FACTS AND DETAILS

- an English vessel.

• Characters: Answers

BILL TREVILLIAN

Bill Trevillian is one of the two best American test pilots alive, taught to fly by a man named Terry Lee. When Bill is hired by Beryl-Cannard Airlines to test a plane for the military he soon finds that his planes are being sabotaged. He thinks it is the work of his competitor, the beautiful Kip Lee (also taught by Terry Lee—her brother). When the sabotage turns deadly, Bill is knocked unconscious by a German spy and ends up on a British ship and out of the country. As a result, he doesn't even know what really happened until much later. When he discovers that Kip did everything she could to save him, Bill realizes that she loves him after all and they decide to get married.

KIP LEE

Kip Lee is the younger sister of Terry Lee, the man who taught her hero, Bill Trevillian, to fly. He has also taught her to fly and her goal has been to be as good as Bill. When she meets Bill as an adult, he doesn't recognize her and, in fact, laughs at her. She then does everything possible to show him how well she can fly. But her anger causes him to think she dislikes him enough to sabotage his plane. When he ends up in danger of dying, Kip does all she can to save him. Bill then realizes she loves him and she gets the recognition she's been after as well as a husband.

TERRY LEE

Terry Lee is the pilot who taught both Bill Trevillian and his younger sister, Kip Lee, to fly. He no longer flies himself due to an accident that left him with a bad leg. Now he owns Lee Aircraft and his company is competing against Beryl-Cannard Airlines for the government contract for a plane.

GREASY HANNAGAN

Greasy Hannagan is a mechanic assigned to Bill by the company that hired him, as well as being an old friend. Greasy also takes the part of "gunner" when the planes are tested, operating the camera gun. He is shot and pushed out of Bill's plane by the German spy, but survives and goes to work for Terry Lee when he recovers.

• Story-Based Questions: Answers

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He is hired to test a new plane that the airline owner hopes to sell to the military.
2. How do Bill Trevillian and Kip Lee know each other from earlier?
Kip is the younger sister of the man who taught Bill to fly.
3. What makes Bill think that Kip has sabotaged his plane?
He finds out that she was in the hangar earlier when he was not around.
4. How is Bill lured away from his plane shortly after he finds out it was monkeyed with?
He is told there's a phone call and is led to believe it's Kip Lee.
5. What happens to Greasy Hannagan when he is acting as the gunner for Bill during the testing of the plane?
He is shot by the German spy and pushed out of the plane.
6. What does Kip do when she realizes that Bill is in serious danger?
She gets her gunner to radio for help and she stays in the area despite putting herself in danger.
7. When does Bill finally realize that Kip Lee loves him?
When he returns from England after the battle, he finds out how much Kip put herself in danger to save him.
8. What kind of girl is the only kind Kip Lee feels Bill would look at twice?
One who could fly as well as Bill could.

• SBD/Find the Meaning: Answers

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Two other test pilots have already been killed while testing it.
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He is covered in black oil—just as she had been when he laughed at her.
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He flies over the vessel and then suddenly dives almost into the waves.

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