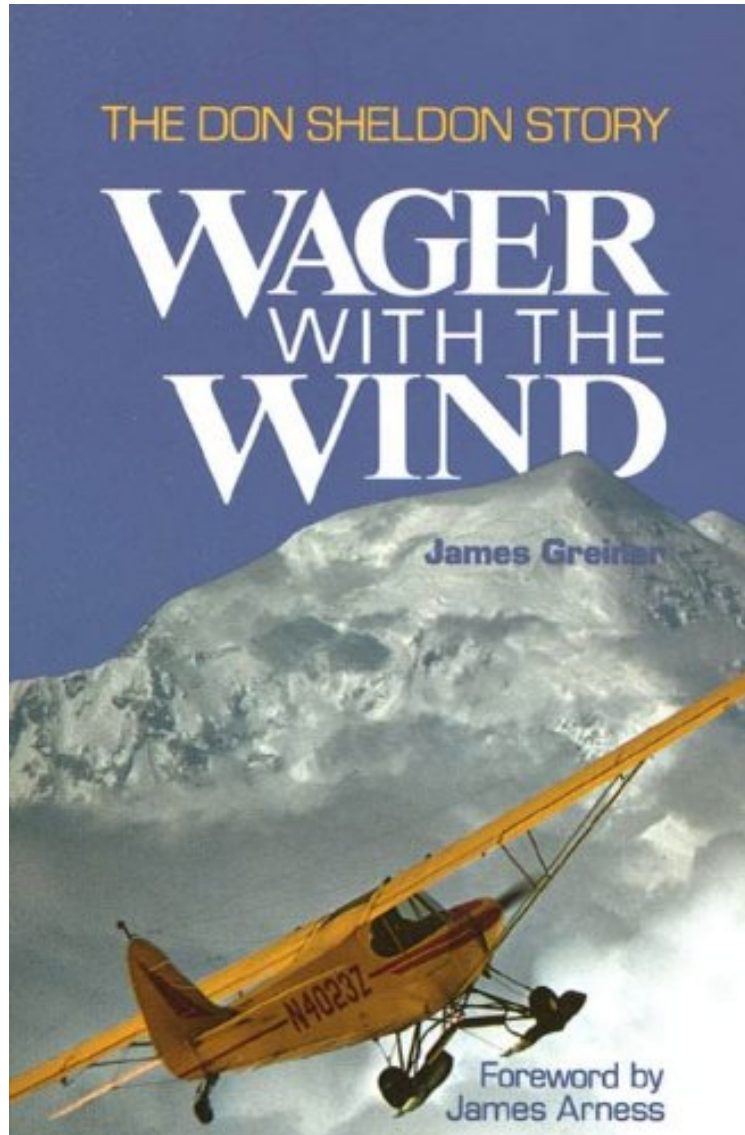


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**Von James Greiner : Wager with the Wind: The Don Sheldon Story** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wager with the Wind: The Don Sheldon Story:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A spellbinding account of flying in this rugged frontierVon dennis.j.reber@state.mn.usMy one regret is that I didn't read this book before my wife and I visited Talkeetna last September. I spent 13 months, in the late 50's, stationed at a U.S. Air Force ACW installation out of Fairbanks, and I have faint memories of the harsh Alaska elements which Don

Sheldon had to pit his skills against on a routine basis. The author, James Greiner does a magnificent job of packing one illustrious episode after another of the exploits and accomplishments of what surely is one of the most remarkable aviators this country has known. Don Sheldon epitomized the skills and dedication of a bush pilot and a humanitarian. His uncanny ability to "cheat death" repeatedly, illustrates total mastery and understanding of the limits of his aircraft, and his intimate familiarity with the terrain over which he flew. Utter disregard for his own safety in a number of instances where he placed the well being or survival of complete strangers, above his own, is vivid testimony to both his piloting skills and his humanitarian heart. Reviewing pictures that we'd taken in Talkeetna (A beautiful little town of friendly residents off the "beaten path.") revealed glimpses of the main street runway and the Talkeetna Air Service hangers that Mr Sheldon built and used. Had I read the book prior to our visit in Talkeetna, I would have made a special effort to learn more from local residents about this fascinating man. This is truly a "must read" book for aviators or anyone who has an interest in one of the more intriguing occupations in Alaska. My wife and I will return to Talkeetna for a visit next year and I hope to learn more about this man and his exploits. Don Sheldon is a legend, and James Greiner does an exceptional job of making that point!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very compelling book if you enjoy Alaska aviation. Von Ein Kunde I have personally visited Talkeetna (the town of Don Sheldon's home) during my tenure on the US Army's High Altitude Rescue Team (79-82) as well as the places described in the book, including the landing sights on Mt. McKinley where Mr. Sheldon conducted his various climbing operations. The book is an insight to what a bush pilot had to endure in order to accomplish the flights in the harsh Alaskan environment. There are several examples of humorous incidents such as the rather large lady Mr. Sheldon rescued as well as the horrific crashes he miraculously survived. Mr. Sheldon help pave the way for other bush pilots through his common-sense approach to flying, while at the same time having an extremely high respect for the Alaskan wilderness. Mr. Grenier done an excellent job in exposing the aviation legend for which the skill of all bush pilots are measured. This book also looks inside Mr. Sheldon's personal life with his wife and children, as well as the personal relationships he had with his fellow pilots, the Alaskan climbing community, the US Government and his friends. His compassion for life and his commitment to his family elevated him to an icon status as a symbol of what Alaska was all about during his life. I have read this book more than a dozen times because it is an example of what a person should strive to accomplish in the short period of time that each of us have on this earth. I will again read this book with the same amazment I had the first time I opened the cover.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must read if you are a pilot or mountain climbing fan. Von jgraham@cyberzane.net I must have stumbled into this book 20 years ago, and loved it, recommended it and gave it as gifts. I had a in-active pilots license then. I purchased a plane and started flying again, 10 years ago. I re-read it, loved it , recommended it and gave it as gifts. Because of this "bush" flying, I changed planes and started doing this type of "off-airport" flying. My wife ( flying is not her bag) read it this spring and suggested that we fly our little two seater to Talkeena from Ohio, and make a three week vacation there. We just got back, and I've ordered 6 more books for gifts. We got to meet Don's wife and grand daughter, and landed and camped beside his old Aeronca sedan that he used in the famous river canyon rescue. Read this book, it might change your life.

Kurzbeschreibung Don Sheldon has been called 'Alaska's bush pilot among bush pilots', but he was also just one man in a fragile airplane who, in the end, was solely responsible for each mission he flew, be it a high-risk landing to the rescue of others from certain death in the mountains of Alaska or the routine delivery of supplies to a lonely homesteader. Read James Greiner's Wager with the Wind to learn how a hero was born, and also how he made his courageous journey to the unknown skies of dealing with cancer. Pressestimmen "Don Sheldon is the unchallenged guardian angel of the mountain climber and downed aviator in distress...his story is a rare opportunity for those who place the quest for high adventure above all other worthy endeavors."--"L.A. Herald Examiner" "We'll wager this is one book you won't be able to put down!"--"Seattle Times" "It's full of hair-raising true stories. I have flown with Don Sheldon. He is one of our super airmen."--Lowell Thomas Don Sheldon is the unchallenged guardian angel of the mountain climber and downed aviator in distress...his story is a rare opportunity for those who place the quest for high adventure above all other worthy endeavors. "L.A. Herald Examiner" We'll wager this is one book you won't be able to put down! "Seattle Times" It's full of hair-raising true stories. I have flown with Don Sheldon. He is one of our super airmen. "Lowell Thomas" "Don Sheldon is the unchallenged guardian angel of the mountain climber and downed aviator in distress...his story is a rare opportunity for those who place the quest for high adventure above all other worthy endeavors. L.A. Herald Examiner We'll wager this is one book you won't be able to put down! Seattle Times It's full of hair-raising true stories. I have flown with Don Sheldon. He is one of our super airmen. Lowell Thomas" "Don Sheldon is the unchallenged guardian angel of the mountain climber and downed aviator in distress...his story is a rare opportunity for those who place the quest for high adventure above all other worthy endeavors." --L.A. Herald Examiner "We'll wager this is one book you won't be able to put down!" --Seattle Times "It's full of hair-raising true stories. I have flown with Don Sheldon. He is one of our super airmen." --Lowell Thomas Kurzbeschreibung Don

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