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When California entrepreneur Desmon Williams sees Cassie in a local airshow, he invites her to California where she breaks new ground as a test pilot. Soon Cassie's record-breaking flights make her a media darling. Drawn by Desmon's plans for her to break Amelia Earhardt's records, but determined to avoid her mistakes, Cassie trains for the remarkable journey around the world. From public appearances to press conferences, easily used by both her husband and the press, Cassie realizes that there is more to life than making headlines. Risking her life, pushing herself to her limits, she decides to chart her own course and pursue her own destiny, whatever it costs her.

*Wings* is set in a time of constant change, when the world was on the brink of war and the skies were filled with adventurers, a time when courage and daring forever changed modern-day aviation.

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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Steel's novel of a daring woman pilot circa WWII was a PW bestseller for eight weeks.

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From Library Journal

Steel has cranked out another predictable melodrama. Cassie O'Malley's dad is a pilot and owner of the airfield where Cassie develops her love of flying and flying machines. Dad doesn't believe women are meant to be pilots and at first refuses to let Cassie fly. When she proves what a truly gifted pilot she is, she is allowed to work for her father. She enters an air show and is spotted by the wealthy millionaire and airplane manufacturer Desmond Williams. Cassie is lured to Los Angeles to promote and test Desmond's planes.

Soon, Desmond marries her in order to ensure her loyalty and control her life. Cassie's true love, Nick, feels he is too old and poor for her and runs away to England to join the Royal Air Force. The rest is fairly predictable, but libraries should expect huge demand for this. [Literary Guild and Doubleday Book Club main selections; previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 9/1/94.]-Dawn L. Anderson, North Richland Hills P.L., Tex.

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From [Booklist](#)

Romance takes second place in this story about a young woman whose real love is for airplanes and flying. Steel fans won't need to be told that she is, of course, a natural or that flying is going to be the cause of much of the novel's sadness, but the author does a good job of capturing the intense pleasure flying brings to (mostly) men and (some) women; the technical stuff--dry stick landings, how to recover from an engine stall, and so on--is quite convincing to a nonflier. But there are three engines to this narrative: the danger of flying, the danger and seduction of glamour, and the struggle of a woman to find and assert herself in a man's world. These last two themes are, routinely, part of the Steel formula, but the last is noticeably prominent here. Because the novel is set in the years leading up to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, heroine Cassie has to struggle against a lot of unthinking male prejudice, initially from her father, and then from her cold and manipulative husband. But, of course, Cassie prevails, finds the authentically kind and generous man, and even survives a crash that leaves her alone and delirious on a desert island in the pacific. Less emotional and more adventurous than recent Steel novels, this is yet a page-turner from beginning to end. *Stuart Whitwell*

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