

# Flygirl Sherri Smith: The Incredible True Story of the Tuskegee Airman Who Defied the Odds

Sherri Smith was a trailblazing member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American aviators who fought in World War II. This is the incredible true story of her life and how she defied the odds to become one of the country's first female military pilots.



## Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith

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## Early Life and Education

Sherri Smith was born in Denver, Colorado, in 1923. She grew up in a family of educators and had a passion for aviation from a young age. In high school, she joined the Civil Air Patrol and learned to fly. After graduating from high school, Smith attended the University of Denver, where she studied engineering. In 1943, she joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC) and was assigned to the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama.

## The Tuskegee Airmen

The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of African American aviators who fought in World War II. They were the first African Americans to fly for the United States military. The Tuskegee Airmen were trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama and flew combat missions in Europe. They were known for their bravery and skill, and they helped to pave the way for the integration of the United States military.

### **Smith's Military Career**

Smith was assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion at Tuskegee. She was one of the first women to fly for the Tuskegee Airmen, and she quickly proved herself to be a skilled pilot. She flew a variety of missions, including reconnaissance, bombing, and strafing. Smith was also a member of the 477th Bombardment Group, which was the first all-African American bombardment group in the United States military.

### **Post-Military Career**

After the war, Smith continued to fly. She was a commercial pilot for several airlines and also worked as a flight instructor. In 1988, she was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame. Smith passed away in 2020 at the age of 96.

### **Legacy**

Sherri Smith was a trailblazing aviator who defied the odds to become one of the country's first female military pilots. She was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American aviators who fought in World War II. Smith's story is an inspiration to all who dream of achieving great things.



Sherri Smith in her Tuskegee Airmen uniform

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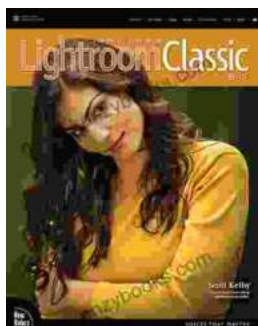
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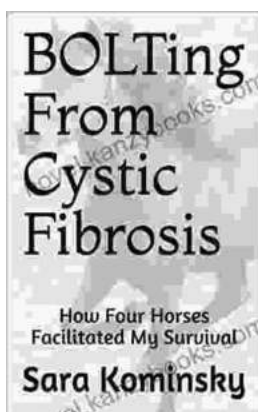
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