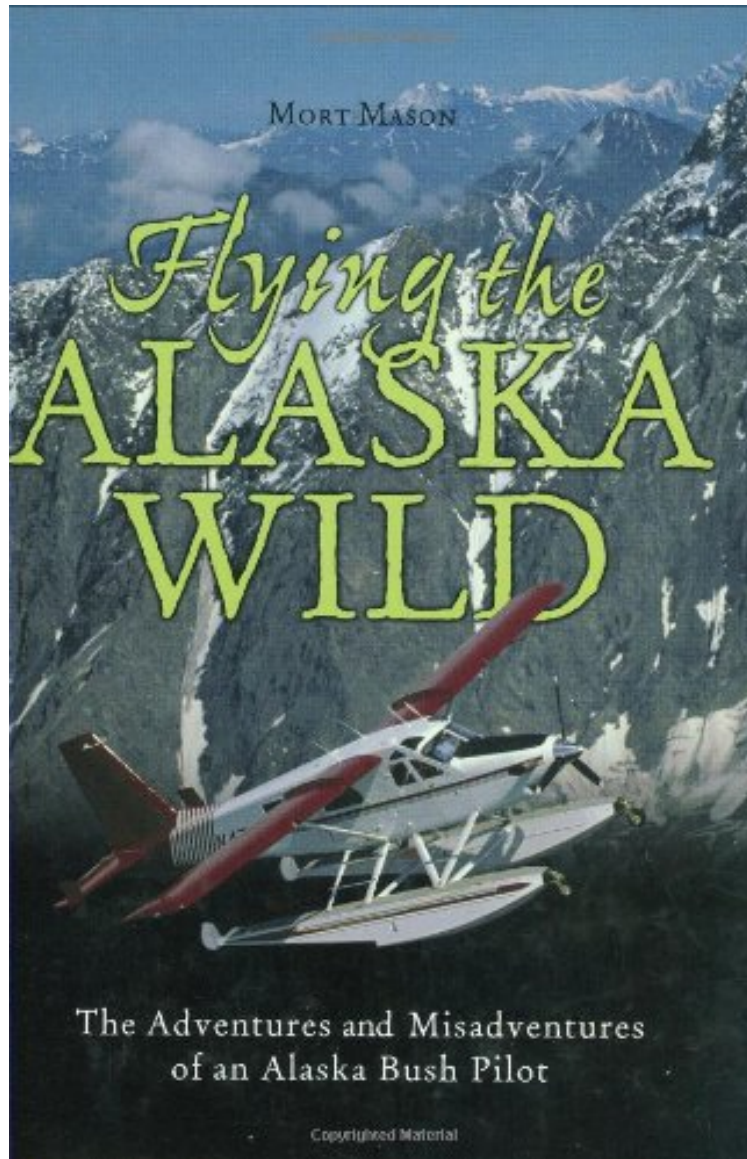


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and loved every page that I read. I laughed so hard when I read about Mort trying to pee out the door while flying and it all came back inside! I am a pilot and will be moving to Alaska in the next short while, and would like to try bush flying, which is why I got these books in the first place. This has definitely opened my eyes to what bush flying is really like. I would recommend this book to any pilot, because as we all know...pilots love to talk and swap stories with other pilots, and read about them as well. My mother is next in line to read this book because of how great it sounded to her when I talked about it over the phone. I will be starting on the sequel to this book tonight, and have high hopes for this one as well. Do yourself a favor...get this book and add it to your collection! you will not be disappointed!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hold on tight for some hair raising flyingBy MarkInteresting stories of extreme flying. But I was impressed more by the bush repairs than the flying. Not to diminish his flying accomplishments because they were certainly impressive. However, I worked as a crew chief in the USAF for 11 years including three at Elmendorf in Anchorage, AK. So I'm looking at this writing from the mechanics viewpoint. Hearing of the creativity and skill used to make aircraft repairs in the middle of nowhere with virtually no materials or tools made me think about what I would have done in the same situation.I wish I could turn the clock back and take another flight into the Alaskan bush!I would recommend this to anyone with an interest in aviation and interested in Alaskan adventure. But it may not appeal to those without an aviation background due to the constant references to the technical jargon associated with flying.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Superb Book!By Dittybopper1954I just finished reading Mort Mason's "Flying the Alaska Wild," and it was a superb book, one that is difficult to put down---the reader wants to go on to see what it was like for Mort in another flight situation in a part of our country that is very unforgiving to anyone but a great pilot. Mason also does a great job of writing it (as a retired high school English teacher, I can be very critical of writers, but there is nothing to be negatively critical of here!). The book was extremely interesting for me personally, because I spent the summers of 1958 and 1959 working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a radio operator in one of the locations that Mason mentions, the village of King Salmon. At King Salmon, we had a Grumman Goose amphibian (N789, now on display at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum in Anchorage) in which I spent many sorties riding "co-pilot" with our pilot who had to fly supplies to our streamguards and then also to patrol the salmon fishing boundaries in the Bristol Bay area. But---enough of that. I just want to say that anyone who is interested in flying and especially anyone who likes stories of flight in Alaska, should, by all means, read this one!

Imagine flying through wildly unpredictable weather conditions and over the unforgiving terrain of the Big Empty, with only yourself to rely on in life and death situations. This type of true grit adventure was a common occurrence for Alaska bush pilot Mort Mason, who encountered numerous white-knuckle situations while honing his skill--and his luck--in a profession that only a handful of pilots have had the stamina to endure. Flying the Alaska Wild is a heart-pounding, edge-of-the-chair collection of fascinating stories about the rough-and-tumble life of an Alaska bush pilot--straight from the pilots seat. Recounting thirty years of adventures, skilled storyteller Mason presents tales of his own experiences, and also tells the legendary stories of other old-time bush pilots.

About the AuthorMort Mason has written about Alaska hunting, sport fishing, and backcountry flying for more than twenty-five years. Mason flew for 18,000 plus hours in the formidable and unforgiving outback of the Alaska bush country. He and his wife, Peggy, started the successful periodical Alaska Outdoors. His first book, Flying the Alaska Wild, has become a favorite among pilots and non-pilots alike. Although he is semiretired, Mason occasionally tows banners along the golden beaches of the Atlantic Ocean.