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Many people who own old machines have noticed their tendency to develop idiosyncrasies, moods

and characteristics...personalities if you will, that almost make them seem alive, as if they are actually trying to communicate with their human operators. But I suspect that owners of old airplanes notice this sooner than the owners of, for example pickup trucks and tablesaws. Bach trades his old Fairchild monoplane for an even older, rare antique biplane and spends a few weeks flying it cross country. He and we become acquainted with his new toy, which, by the end of the book has grown from a mechanical assemblage of wood, metal, canvas and wire, into an old and familiar friend. Better than any other writer I've read, he captures that magic moment when a small airplane, rattling and vibrating down the runway, comes alive in its natural element, the air. It has been interesting to compare this book, one of Bach's first, to his latest book, *Travels with Puff*, in which he completes a similar journey in a much newer, but no less unique seaplane. For people who view airplanes as nothing more than a means of transport, both books may fall flat, but if you are fascinated by things that fly, you will love both.

As a young boy, I fell in love with early airplanes. I didn't know much about them but I did know what a "Biplane" was. So, I went to the local desert library (small cinder block building in a desert lot) and asked the librarian to order me some books on biplanes. I got what I asked for literally -- "Biplane" by Richard Bach. What a gift, I learned about airplanes, what it meant to fly, and what great writing was all about in one book. I got lucky. This book really did change my life. Very few writers can express themselves and their passion the way Richard Bach does here. A book written for Dreamers. It's wonderful.

Wonderful story of buying an old plane in preference to modern machinery. I did the same with an old Skylark glider. Lose the gizmos and complications and just enjoy the sky. Really enjoyed this tale. If you like this then I recommend you read Richards short aviation stories. I will never forget the tale "there's something the matter with seagulls" Thank you Richard for sharing your stories

If you like like literate writing and old aircraft this a book for you. You probably have to be old to meet those specs. But this book is a masterpiece. Read it and then find someone who will take you for a ride in a biplane and you'll see what it's all about. You need a Waco, or a Fleet, maybe a Stearman so you feel the cold, hear the roar, bounce with the air movement. I would give a lot to be able to fly a biplane since I can't this is close to seeing what it's like.

This is perhaps one of Bach's best books. Full of adventure and descriptive in words that pull you

into the cockpit, it tells the simple story of one man and one biplane. It reveals one great lesson of life.

Bach always keeps me enthralled and never, ever disappoints. Besides, when you look at a book cover, see the word "Biplane" and an image of the same, how can you not like the book?! I can almost hear the purr of the engine. Now, if we could just get this biplane pilot to Galesburg, Illinois for a Stearman Fly-In. After all, he barnstormed in Monmouth, just a stone's throw away! Okay, Mr. Bach, since your barnstorming wasn't in a Stearman, I'll let you off the hook.

Once again Bach has succeeded my expectations. Great read. Write on Richard.

I like all Richard's books and this is no exception.

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