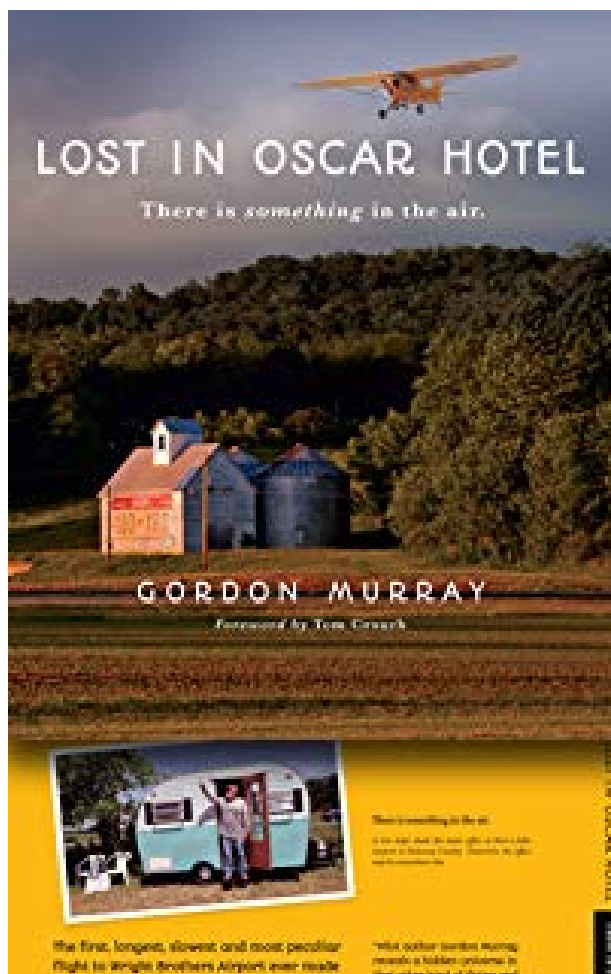


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"The first, longest, slowest and most peculiar flight to Wright Brothers Airport ever made." This is a true, strange record of hours, won alongside an accounting of odd discoveries, beautifully captured photographs and the spinning of flying tales. It is a story of love and a nearly forgotten secret: Airplanes were the original Internet—invented to bring people in this world together.

Words from a dead pilot recalled in a freezing rainstorm and memories of singing TV hillbillies ignite the spark for a college professor to do something no one has ever tried. He is joined by a Vietnam-era flight surgeon and the unlikely pair set out to fly a couple of aviation's holy relics to Wright Brothers Airport in Dayton.

It's the 75th anniversary of the airplane that taught a half-million veterans to fly. Take off with them—in the wrong direction. Fly from sunrise to sunset for 10 days; low enough to smile at farmers; slow enough to count your bings. Cover 44,825 square miles and land in every Ohio county, claiming a peculiar world record while nearly 50,000 people follow. You have uncovered a tribe of kindred souls and they invite you again to dream.

In the end, a chance to reclaim your spirit's erstwhile pieces and be reminded living, much like all flying—is done first in the imagination.