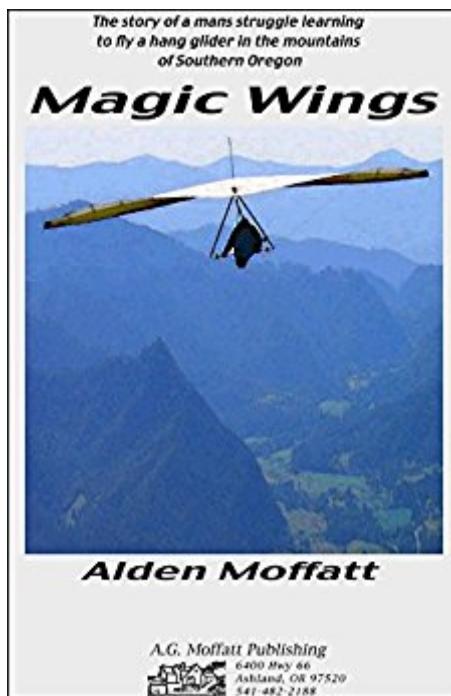


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# Magic Wings



## **Synopsis**

Learning to fly a hang glider in the mountains of Southern Oregon, he stepped into a new and thrilling world with no instincts to help his survival. If you have ever looked up at the birds and wondered what it would be like to fly, this is a MUST READ book. Come along for a wild ride into the vastest, little explored wilderness, just above the ground. MAGIC WINGS is filled with heart pumping action and adventure. MAGIC WINGS is "Enjoyable," "Excellent," "A Page Turner," "Very Remarkable," according to readers, and from John M. Schwarz, english professor at Fullerton University, now retired: "A helluva good book, honest, clearly written....reminds me of those other American classics of the wilderness: HUCK FINN, TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST, MOBY DICK."

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If you are a hang glider pilot, you know there is nothing like flying. But, you also know you can't fly every day; so for those "grounded" days, you can pick up Magic Wings and pretend! The book is well-written and flows nicely. Pilots will certainly relate to the adventures. I wish he'd write another

one!

Alden captures the thrill, fear and wonder of hang gliding. We get inside the head of someone focused on flying. The many nuances of the sport are described in detail. This is a great book for anyone considering this sport.

Magic Wings was a pretty good read of the plight of one mans quest to learn to fly. Alden Moffatt tells a good tale and makes it easy for the reader to get an idea if this would be a path they might chose to follow.

An arm-chair traveler, reader of adventure magazines and dreamer, incessantly talks about soaring like a bird. His long time obsession with the subject obligates him to get a hang glider. Stepping way outside of his comfort zone just to make the purchase, he squirms to store it unopened in a shed but he finds himself lured by the wing. Soon caught up in a world of pilots, peer pressure pushes him to take risks. First skimming the ground with his new wing or rolling it on wheels, after a year of knuckle-biting training he and a friend make a pioneering flight off a 4000 foot mountain where no hang glider has launched before. The agitating of peers becomes incessant and the adventures escalate to a frenzy. MAGIC WINGS becomes a discussion about the philosophy of risk taking and a beautiful observation of the sky and the people who seek to soar in it. MAGIC WINGS is rich with detail about every step in the progression from armchair to radical storm front soaring. According to script writer Bruce Klein: "Boy, I'm really, really enjoying your book.... I hear your voice as though you're sitting across from me telling the story -- you've done a fine job storytelling and very much have something worth saying. "... Courage and craziness required is obviously off the charts. I've watched hang gliders here for almost 20 years, scores of fliers arrive each spring, but it wasn't until reading MAGIC WINGS that I realized how truly dicey the entire enterprise actually is." MAGIC WINGS takes the reader into a new and thrilling world where people have no instincts to help their survival. If you have ever looked up at the birds and wondered what it would be like to fly, this is a MUST READ book. Or, if you have flown for years, this book records the anxiety and exhilaration of flight in a way you will love remembering and sharing. This is not a book about catastrophe and disaster. It is about life and living it to the fullest, about the philosophy of risk taking. It is about adventure and discovery, inside and out. It is about the mark we have made upon the world (compared to the one we think we have made) and the oblivion to which all our work descends. Take a wild ride into the vastest, little explored wilderness, just above the ground. MAGIC WINGS is

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