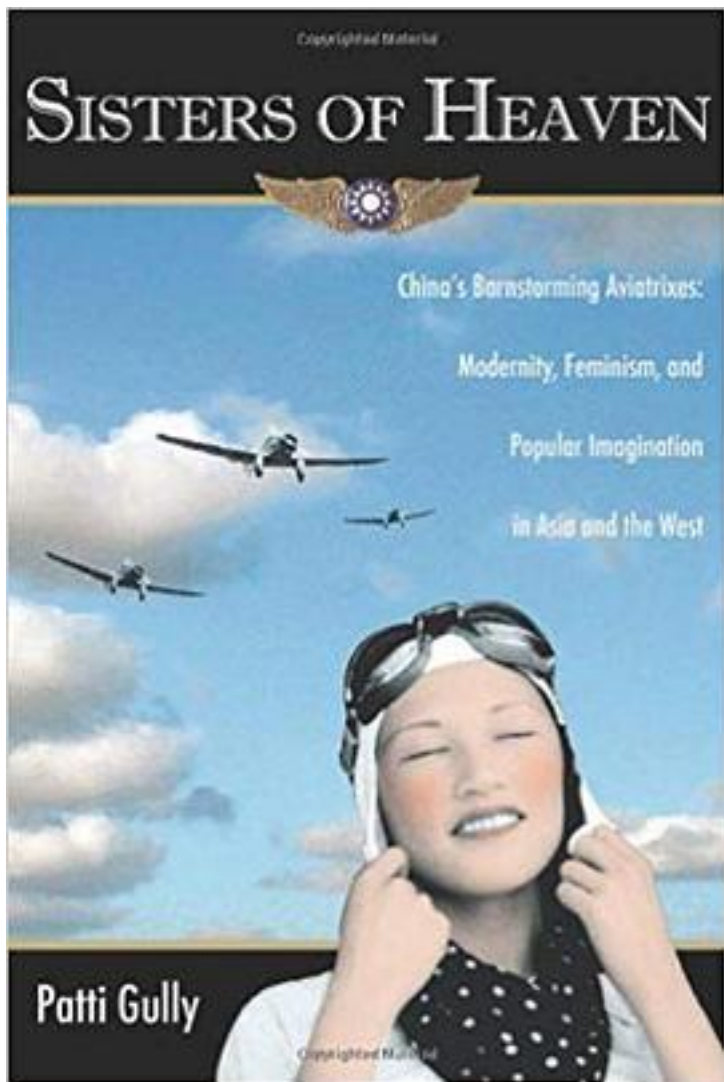


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Gully explores the lives of a trio of largely unknown Asian aviatrixes: Hilda Yan, Li Xiaqing, and Jessie Zheng. Although the women are certainly noteworthy for their flying adventures in the 1930s, Gully goes far beyond the field of aviation in recounting their experiences. Through their biographies, she writes about modern Chinese history prior to Communism in a way that is both invigorating and quietly dazzling. Each of the women came from families heavily involved in Chinese politics, and their commitment to their country was largely what drove them to obtain pilot's licenses in a time when many Chinese women still bound their feet. Gully exposes the challenges the women faced, and the hard decisions they made, particularly when it came to their spouses and children. The aviation exploits are impressive, but just as remarkable is the work the three did promoting Chinese relief agencies after the Japanese invasion. An objective and adroitly crafted work of history, replete with copious notes, photos, and maps, Gully's unprecedented group portrait is also a grand introduction to Chinese politics and feminist studies.

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提到七，八十年前的中国女子，你眼前闪过的第一个形象是什么？各人有各人的答案。但我敢打包票，即便你想到的是宋美龄，而不是小脚与目不识丁，一万个人里头也不会有一个把三十年代的中国女子与翱翔蓝天的飞行员联系在一起，更不用说单人驾机环飞整个美洲为抗战募捐了吧 -----...

三个女的的确是精英，不仅家庭背景很好，能力好，会社交外。无一例外的精英，当时的社会精英，无一例外的全都离过婚，离婚就是一种暗伤，那时候离婚可不像现在那么容易。不拿结婚和离婚当回事，现在的中国的离婚率是37%，美国是50%。
做女人难，美丽与哀愁，三个真实的飞天名媛。

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