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By Kelly Crow

A pair of aluminum goggles worn by Amelia Earhart during her record-setting transatlantic flight in 1932 will be offered for auction on Oct. 8-9 by Profiles in History, a memorabilia auctioneer in Calabasas, Calif. Once on loan to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, the auction house expects the goggles to sell for between \$100,000 and \$150,000.



Earhart in 1928

In 1932, Ms. Earhart, who is the subject of a new biopic starring Hilary Swank, became the first woman to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, beating Charles Lindbergh's flight record by 18 hours in the bargain. Two years later, she crossed the Pacific and in 1937, she died attempting to fly around the world.



The auction house said the winning bidder will be given a letter Ms. Earhart wrote to aerial cinematographer Ray Fernstrom, in which she praises the padded eyewear because they "cling around my unconventional nose more effectively than new ones."

Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

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