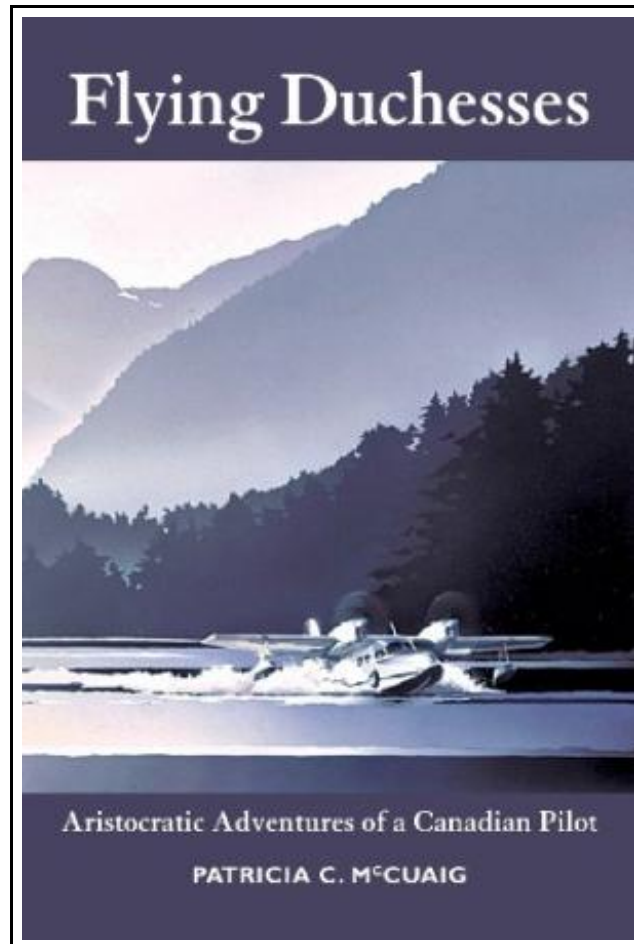


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Patricia C. McCuaig. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 120 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.9in. x 0.2in. Your Grace, will you please lift up the left wing, Capt. Ken McCuaig said to the Duchess of Westminster who was at the controls of her familys plane, a Grumman Goose. Ken was a Canadian who, during the winter of 1964-65 was the first personal pilot for Englands 4th Duke of Westminster. Using her fathers log books, letters and diaries, Patricia McCuaig has woven an intriguing story that brings to life the historic Goose and one reclusive branch of the British Aristocracy. The book describes Kens professional aviation career starting with the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II when he was posted in Loch Erne, Northern Ireland and continues with his career and personal life in Vancouver, BC, Canada The Grumman Goose aircraft plays a central role in this story because of its flexible amphibious characteristics. The perilous flight of this tiny Goose, with Ken as pilot, across Canada and over the North Atlantic included a lengthy leg of the trip in poor weather, which had never been done before. The Duke chose the Goose as his first aircraft because of its suitability in the UK to allow his extended Grosvenor family to commute easily between their homes on Loch Erne, Dublin, Chester and Northern Scotland; business interests in London; and social engagements in other parts of the UK. The wealthy Grosvenor family and their connection to the UKs Royal Family is explained in as much detail as Patricia could find. Kens adventures with the various people, places, palaces, cars, and the like include depictions of the Grosvenors family homes and Christmas dinner with a Princess Diana. As a pilots wife, Jean, had her own aristocratic adventures. Excerpts from her diary and letters...

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