



## Reviews

" Flying Boats and Spies is a marvelous tale of the men and women who pioneered the sky during an adventurous era. Dodson takes his readers back to those great, old days when aviation was young and nothing seemed impossible. Reading Flying Boats and Spies made me feel like a boy all over again."

Homer Hickam, author of **Rocket Boys/October Sky** and **The Ambassador's Son**

"Delightful! Flying Boats & Spies is a welcome return to a glamorous age of high-adventure and heroes--and a tribute to the grand-adventure series of yesteryear. Rollicking and great fun, this well-told tale of international intrigue should appeal to every generation in a family. I look forward to future volumes in this series."

Ralph Peters, author of **The Officers' Club**

"Flying Boats and Spies nails it! I have sailed those waters, lived some of Nick Grant's adventures, and shared the very skies he flew. Jamie Dodson got it all right with a page-turning story that took me back to my youth and Pacific adventures that others only dream about. Grab this book before someone else does. And bring shark repellent... you'll forget it's not you in the book."

Austin Boyd, Navy pilot and submarine hunter, award-winning novelist, and author of the **Mars Hill Classified** trilogy

# FLYING BOATS & SPIES

A NICK GRANT ADVENTURE  
By Jamie Dodson   
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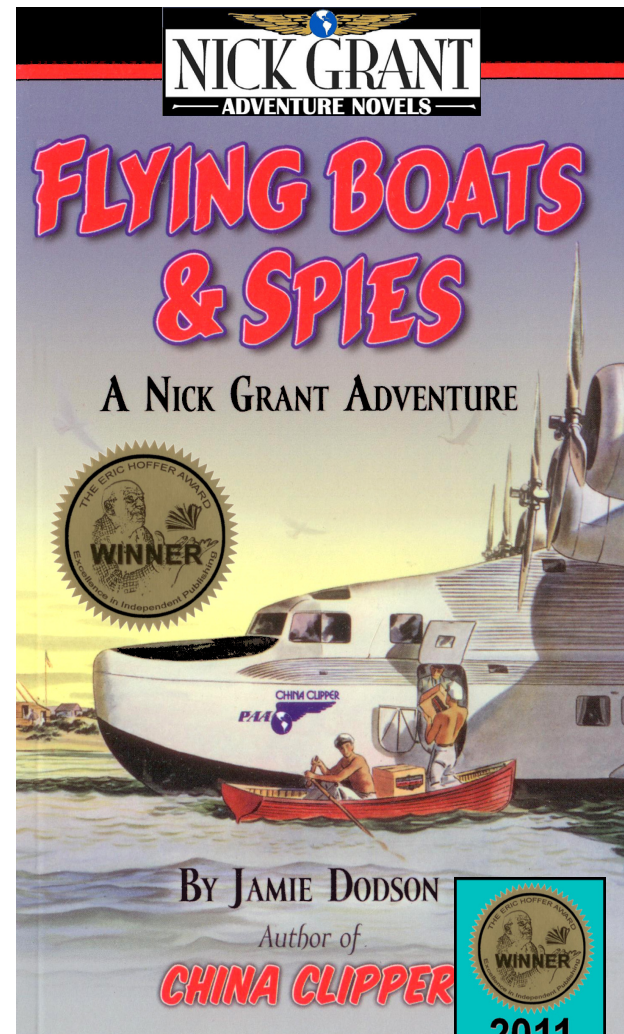
Teen pilot Nick Grant joins the crew of the *S.S. North Haven* to build island stepping stones across the Pacific. Pan American Airways great flying boats need bases to reach China. However, Nick carries a secret package that a Japanese *ninja* will kill to possess

Nick battles raging seas, tropical storms and Japanese spies as he journeys to manhood across the world's largest ocean.



Sikorsky S-42B Samoan Clipper at Pago Pago, American Samoa, 1937, By Ian Marshall. Used with artist's kind permission

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### Why Flying Boats?

The flying boats were designed because originally there were very few long runways that could handle a large airliner. The flying boat overcame this handicap neatly with ready-made water runways available all over the world.



"Decades before the space race with the Soviet Union, the United States was in a race with the Japanese to control the air routes across the Pacific. It was a time of intrigue and adventure." Ann Marie Martin, The Huntsville Times,

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### The Espionage War

Japanese intelligence was very interested in the Pan Am Flying Boats. They were the most advanced aircraft of their time. The men who flew them were held in the same esteem as the modern day astronauts.

Japan was at war with China and the Clippers represented a clear physical as well as a symbolic threat. The United States provided the majority of China's support and the Clippers cut weeks off the supply lines. Imperial Japan wanted Pan American and the *China Clipper* in particular to fail.

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