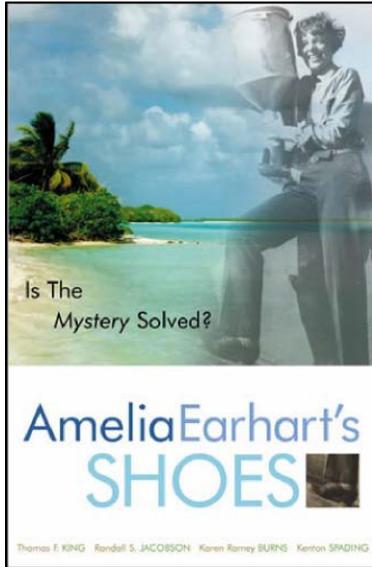


The Archaeological Search for Amelia Earhart

An illustrated lecture by Thomas F. King, PhD, co-author of *Amelia Earhart's Shoes* and author of *Thirteen Bones*



The 1937 disappearance of aviation pioneers Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan is a mystery that continues to fascinate. Several drastically different hypothetical answers have been provided to the question: “What happened to Amelia Earhart?” These include:

- Ran out of gas and crashed into the Pacific
- Captured by the Japanese and executed
- Captured by the Japanese and survived
- Hidden as part of an elaborate espionage operation by the U.S., Great Britain, or others
- Trapped in a time/space warp
- Returned to the U.S. and died in the 1990s -- and
- The Nikumaroro Hypothesis – landed, survived awhile, and died on Nikumaroro atoll in the Phoenix Islands.

Since 1989, The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) has carried out interdisciplinary research testing the Nikumaroro Hypothesis, and may be coming close to an answer. *Amelia Earhart's Shoes*, published in 2004, recounts TIGHAR's adventures and presents the evidence as of that time. *Finding Amelia*, by TIGHAR's Ric Gillespie, provides a detailed account of Earhart's disappearance and the 1937 search for her. The novel *Thirteen Bones* is a fictionalized account of events surrounding the discovery of Earhart's(?) bones on Nikumaroro in 1940.

Thomas F. King, TIGHAR's senior archaeologist and author of *Amelia Earhart's Shoes* and *Thirteen Bones*, gives illustrated lectures and question/answer sessions on TIGHAR's Amelia Earhart Search Project. To arrange for a talk, contact Dr. King at tomking106@gmail.com.



Tom King feeds the crabs on Nikumaroro

In 2017 Dr. King will be co-leading a cruise to Nikumaroro to continue the search. To join this trip, contact Dr. King or visit http://betchartexpeditions.com/aus-nz_amelia_earhart.htm

Amelia Earhart's Shoes, *Thirteen Bones*, and Ric Gillespie's *Finding Amelia* are all available from Amazon.com and other booksellers