

# For the Love of Flying

## The Story of Laurentian Air Services

Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail

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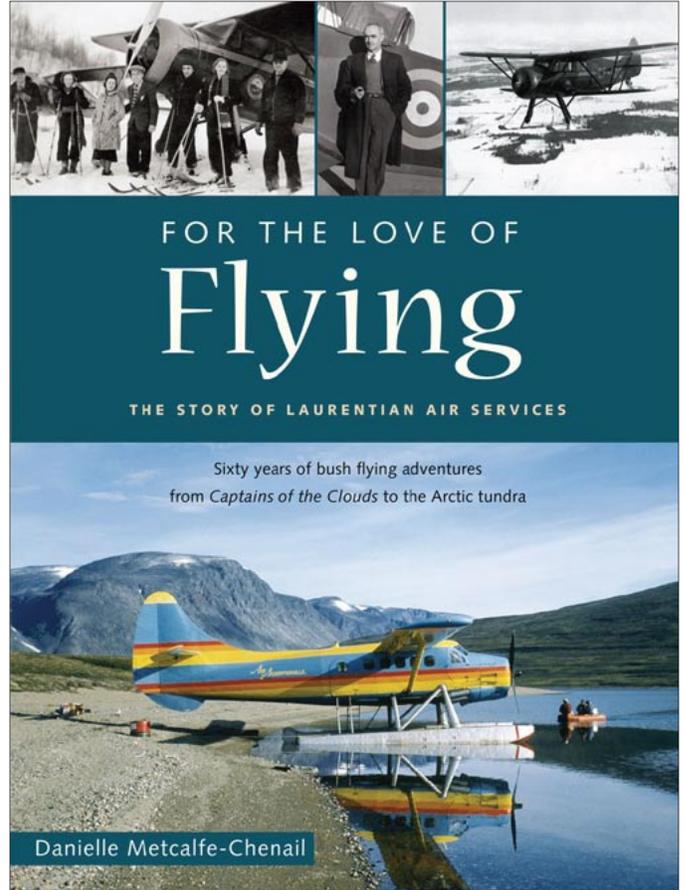
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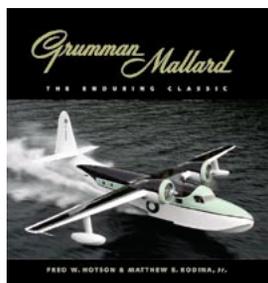
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