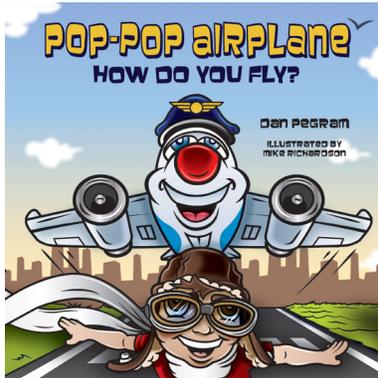


# POP-POP AIRPLANE

## HOW DO YOU FLY?

RETIRED AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND AIRLINE PILOT, DAN PEGRAM, TEACHES KIDS THE BASICS OF FLYING IN *POP-POP AIRPLANE, HOW DO YOU FLY?*



### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dallas, Texas: Have you ever seen a plane in the sky and wondered how it soars high above the clouds? Brown Book Publishing Group is proud to announce the arrival of the first book of its series, *Pop-Pop Airplane: How Do You Fly?* by Dan Pegrām on October 22, 2019. Pop-Pop Airplane is eager to teach every young and curious mind just how airplanes really get off the ground! With his lovable, fun character, author Dan Pegrām is thrilled to teach young readers about the wings, engine, and even parts of the plane you've never heard about – like the ailerons or the elevators – so that the next time you see a plane go by, you can know a little more

about how it flies!

A retired Air Force and airline pilot who has spent years in the air, Pegrām is now president of Contrail Creations LLC, an organization dedicated to children's education, literacy, and marketing. With three grandchildren of his own, he has found a new passion for sharing his wild and fun adventures of flying with everyone.

"All my grandchildren call me Pop-Pop," Pegrām explains. "My grandson knew I flew airplanes for a living. Each time we were outside he would look up at an airplane and say 'Pop-Pop Airplane.' From this, the character was born."

Pop-Pop Airplane makes learning fun! Pegrām's book features colorful illustrations and charming rhymes that are sure to please any young reader. His simple yet effective explanations of the many parts of a plane provide youngsters with knowledge and understanding.

"Literacy is the cornerstone to learning and success," states Pegrām. "I hope this book encourages children to read, enjoy reading, and feel as though they have been on a learning adventure."

It's time to grab your ticket and buckle your seatbelt – Pop-Pop Airplane is on his way!

For more information about the book and the author, please visit [www.danpegram.com](http://www.danpegram.com).

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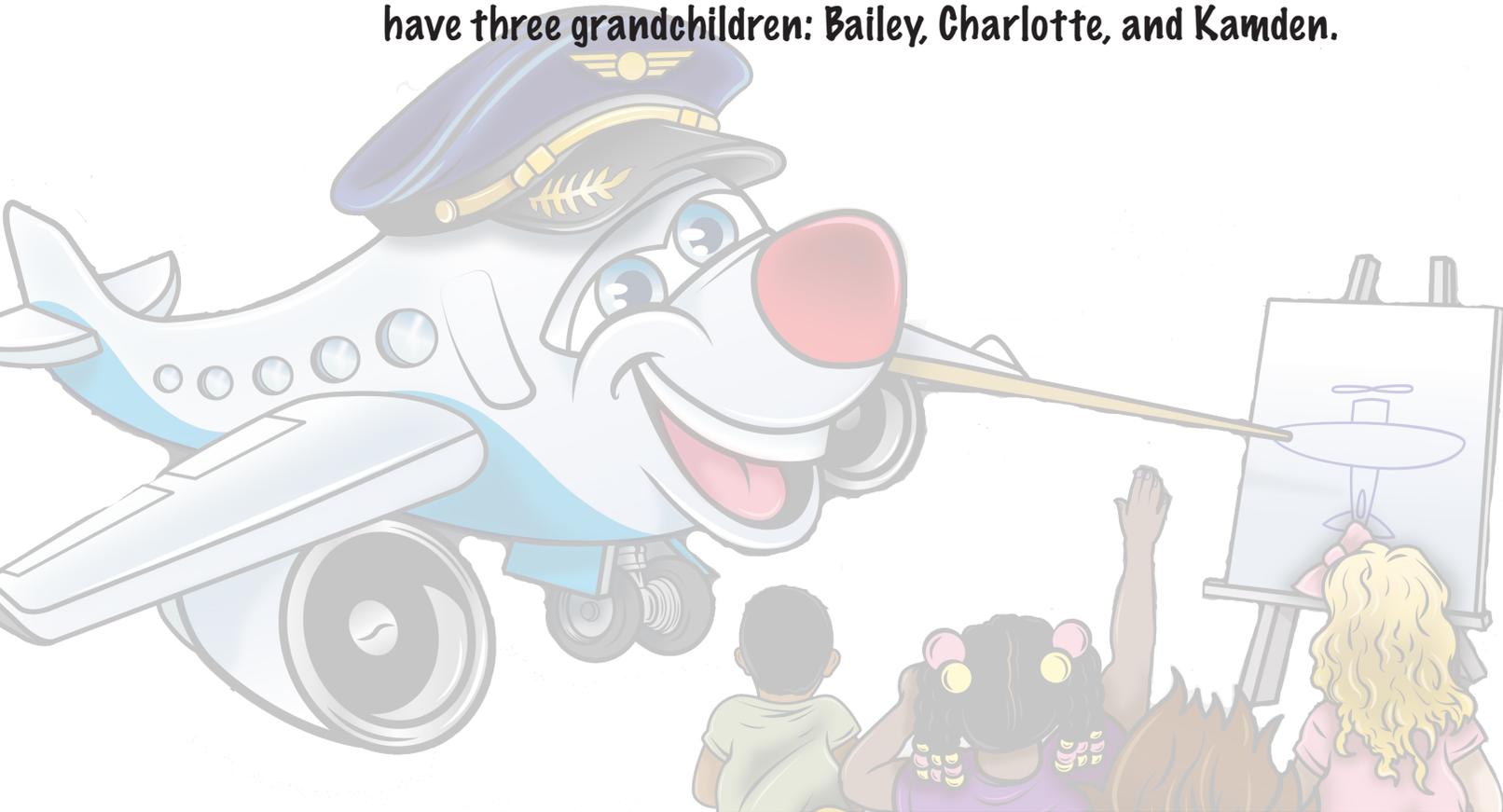


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# About the Author



**Dan Pegram** is a retired United States Air Force lieutenant colonel and command pilot who flew the KC-135 aerial refueling aircraft. After his retirement from the Air Force, Dan worked at Southwest Airlines, where he served as a Boeing 737 captain and chairman of the airline union's professional standards committee. Dan Pegram is now the president of Contrail Creations LLC, which is dedicated to children's education, literacy, and marketing. Dan resides in Crowley, Texas, with his wife Suzanne. They are the proud parents of daughter Leslie, and sons Brian and Kevin. They have three grandchildren: Bailey, Charlotte, and Kamden.



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# Q & A with Dan Pegram



## 1. What inspired you to write a children's book?

I realized how curious children are about airplanes and flying. I also know that most parents didn't know how to answer their children's questions. As a former pilot for over forty years, both in the U.S. Air Force and for Southwest Airlines Co., I was urged by my wife to write a book to teach children and the ones reading to them how an airplane operates and flies in the simplest terms.

## 2. Can you tell us the story behind Pop-Pop Airplane's name?

All my grandchildren call me "Pop-Pop." My grandson knew I flew airplanes for a living. Each time we were outside he would look up at an airplane and say, "Pop-Pop Airplane." From this, the Pop-Pop Airplane character was born.

## 3. How does your book stand out from others that teach children about planes and flight?

Children learn to read through rhyming and the artwork on the page. My nephew, who illustrated my book, captured my vision perfectly with his artwork. What makes this book so special is the complementary blend of text and pictures to tell an interesting story.

## 4. What lessons do you hope children will take away from learning with Pop-Pop Airplane?

Literacy is the cornerstone to learning and success. I hope my books encourage children to read, enjoy reading and feel as though they have been on a learning adventure with each book I write. Reading is fun and helps connect children with the world around them. Whether children are first-time fliers or seasoned travelers, this book and the series will be fun, educational and entertaining.

## 5. What advice would you give to children who are interested in becoming pilots or learning more about planes?

Aviation is a wonderful and exciting career path. Flying as a career offers tremendous opportunities for travel and adventure. It is like no other job. Going to work each day is both exciting and challenging.



# Q & A with Dan Pegram



## 6. Can you describe your experiences as an Air Force pilot?

I started my flying career as a second lieutenant student pilot at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, where I learned to fly both the T-37 and T-38 trainer aircraft. Following graduation from undergraduate pilot training, where I earned my pilot wings, I trained to fly the KC-135 aerial refueling aircraft. This was the aircraft I flew the rest of my career in the Air Force. During my career, I held every position in the KC-135 from co-pilot to squadron commander and traveled all over the world flying very exciting missions. Every day was both challenging and rewarding. My time in the Air Force is an experience I will cherish the rest of my life.



## 7. What was one of the most difficult parts of being a pilot, either in the Air Force or with Southwest Airlines?

First off, becoming a career pilot requires a four-year college degree in most cases. Then, completing training is a tremendous challenge both academically and mentally. Learning flying concepts, procedures and navigation skills proved to be very challenging, yet rewarding. Most flying jobs require you to spend several days a month away from home. However, once you get on the job, you will agree it is all worth the effort.



## 8. What are some of your favorite destinations to fly to, and why?

My favorite destination has always been Hawaii. The islands are beautiful, and the people are especially welcoming. I also enjoyed England, Spain and Saudi Arabia while flying in the Air Force. These were destinations I had read about and was thrilled to visit.

## 9. In the book, *Pop-Pop Airplane* teaches about plane's wings, engines and more. What is your favorite part of a plane?

My favorite part of an airplane is its engines. They are the heart of any airplane and what makes it go. Feeling an engine's power and hearing its roar on takeoff is better than any amusement park ride.

## 10. Can readers expect more from *Pop-Pop Airplane*? If so, what does he have in store for them?

The *Adventures of Pop-Pop Airplane* is going to be a travel and education series for young readers. Travel is always exciting and intimidating for children, so let's educate them on what to expect. Then, let's take them to wonderful places, both near and far, and be an entertaining tour guide as we go.

# Praise for the Book



"By showing readers the magic and simple mechanics of flight, author Dan Pegrām encourages curiosity in the world around them, preparing kids to become lifelong learners – and confident travelers. *Pop Pop Airplane, How Do You Fly?* imparts empowering principles through the joy of aviation, and I'm thrilled to see a member of the Southwest family carrying on our commitment to educating future leaders."

- **GARY KELLY** | Chairman & CEO of Southwest Airlines

"*Pop-Pop Airplane, How Do You Fly?* is a great introduction to basic aerodynamics for young readers. Capt. Pegrām's easy-to-understand treatment of the technology of flight fills a long-standing void in children's literature and is sure to inspire young minds to learn more about the science of aviation."

- **BRUCE A. BLEAKLEY** | Retired Air Force Veteran, Aviation Historian and Author, and Former Director of the Frontiers of Flight Museum and the San Diego Aerospace Museum

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## Synopsis

Ever wonder how airplanes fly in the sky? Pop-Pop Airplane is here to teach you a little something about them, from wings to engine and the parts in between. See how much you can learn from Pop-Pop Airplane!

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