



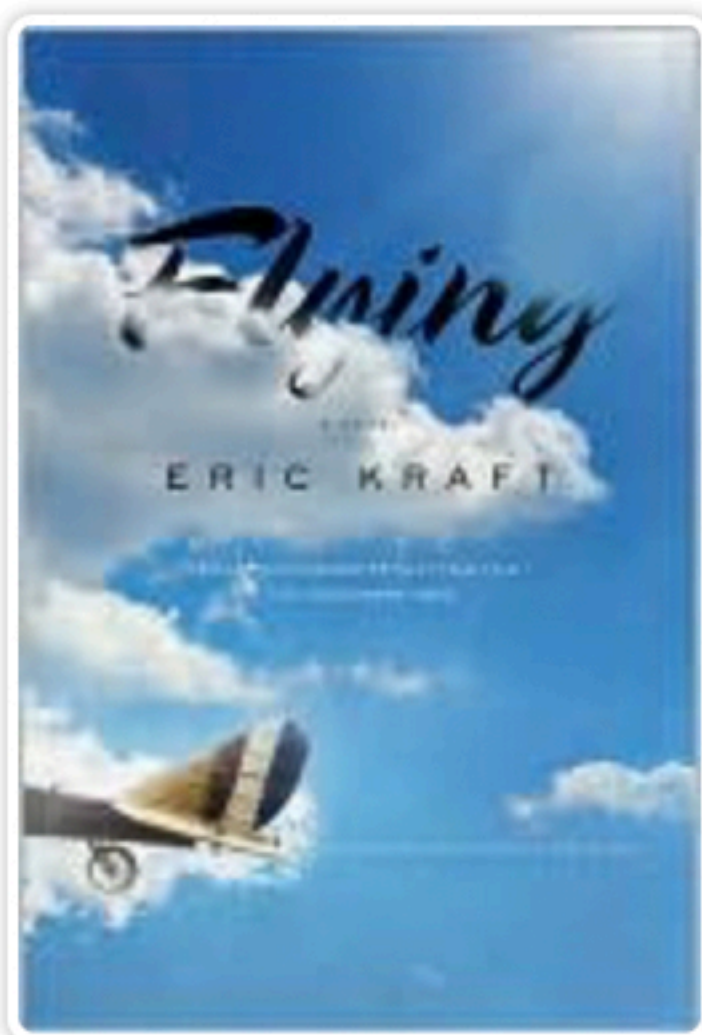
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# The Best Books of 2009: Editors' Picks

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## FICTION



### Flying

Eric Kraft

Bringing together the author's previously published tales of Peter Leroy, *Taking Off* and *On the Wing*, with a concluding story, *Flying Home*, this volume comprehends the entire exuberant comedy of Eric Kraft's invention about his protagonist's adventures with a flying motorcycle in 1950s Long Island. Our reviewer, Matthew

Battles, wrote: "If you were to pick up a hitchhiking Jorge Luis Borges and Robert Pirsig, or to listen as Thomas Pynchon recited *Ulysses* from memory over longnecks on J. D. Salinger's tab, you might catch the flavor of Eric Kraft's work." The result is a wholly original celebration of the aspirational and artistic energy unleashed by the imaginative magnetism of the tall tale.

Review by Matthew Battles