

# Once there was a King of Wake Island!

Women adored him. Men admired him. Learn all about him:

## **Riding the Reef** **A Pan American Adventure – with Love**

A thrilling story of building air bases on remote Wake and Midway Islands for Pan American Airways' first commercial trans-Pacific flights in 1936. Young Bert Voortmeyer earned the nickname "King of Wake Island" for his physical prowess in battling the elements – and caught the eyes of the first female passengers to cross the Pacific by air. But his heart belonged to the beautiful woman to whom he wrote long letters each night in his tent.

Carol Nickisher, Bert's daughter, has compiled her father's writings and rare photographs into this loving tribute to her father and to all the dedicated, nameless men who labored on these remote islands so that Pan Am's famed *China Clipper* could fly across the Pacific into aviation history.

Lecture and Book Signing by

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