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The eBook also highlights the Johnson Family's ownership of Hull's notorious fish salt-drying estate and its "rude, crude and lewd" Cod Farm lasses. Amy dreaded being associated with them or her dad's fish merchant business. Nevertheless, she was not averse to taking money from the Cod Farm profits to buy her aircraft JASON to become the first woman in history to fly solo to Australia in May 1930.

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As well as a tribute to Amy, this book highlights how her Hessle Road tomboy traits contributed enormously to her self-determination to succeed on the world stage. She is a role model for all, but especially young women.

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