

# **Movies About Flying**

## **Classic & Epic Aviation**

1. **Top Gun (1986)** – Iconic, stylish, adrenaline-filled fighter pilot story.
2. **The Right Stuff (1983)** – Epic, true story of the first American astronauts.
3. **Memphis Belle (1990)** – WWII bomber crew drama; tense and heroic.
4. **The Spirit of St. Louis (1957)** – Biographical flight story of Charles Lindbergh.

## **True Story & Historical**

5. **Sully (2016)** – Clint Eastwood-directed, intense and grounded true story of a heroic pilot.
6. **Flight (2012)** – Dark, gripping, character-driven story about a pilot's struggle.
7. **Apollo 13 (1995)** – Though space, brilliantly captures the tension and skill of flight.
8. **First Man (2018)** – Stunning, realistic depiction of the Apollo 11 mission.

## **Aerial Adventure & Fantasy**

9. **Porco Rosso (1992)** – Studio Ghibli anime about a pilot; whimsical and visually gorgeous.
10. **The Aviator (2004)** – Howard Hughes' story; stylish, ambitious, and visually dazzling.
11. **The Wind Rises (2013)** – Poetic Studio Ghibli film about aviation, dreams, and flight.
12. **Up (2009)** – Animated adventure with iconic flying sequences and heartfelt storytelling.

## **Thrillers & Tense Flight Drama**

13. **Non-Stop (2014)** – Suspenseful in-flight thriller; smart and gripping.
14. **Captain Phillips (2013)** – Tense maritime/airborne rescue sequence; high-stakes storytelling.
15. **Air Force One (1997)** – High-octane, stylish, and tense political thriller in the air.

## **Cult & Stylish Flying Stories**

16. **Catch Me If You Can (2002)** – Aviation-adjacent story; clever, stylish, and fast-paced.
  17. **Red Tails (2012)** – True story of WWII Tuskegee Airmen; inspiring aerial action.
  18. **The Great Waldo Pepper (1975)** – Classic stunt pilot story; nostalgic and thrilling.
  19. **Flyboys (2006)** – WWI fighter pilots; stylish aerial combat and camaraderie.
  20. **Stealth (2005)** – Modern, futuristic jet fighter story with cool aerial cinematography.
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