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American aviator who flew around the world. A corporate pilot, Post raced his employer's airplane, the *Winnie Mae,* to win the 1930 Bendix Trophy. The next year, Post and his navigator, Harold Gatty, were the first to circle the globe in an airplane. Post wrote *Around the World in Eight Days* (1931). In 1933 Post repeated the trip solo. He created a high-altitude flying suit, attaining a height of 49,000 feet. Post died in an Alaskan plane crash with humorist Will Rogers.