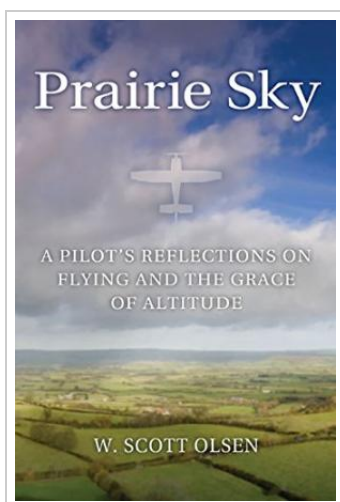




Prairie Sky: A Pilot's Reflections on Flying and the Grace of Altitude (Paperback)

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