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It's 1953 - Ada, Marjorie and Esther yearn to escape the hardships of post-war life in the Netherlands, and their own past. They take part in an international air race and travel to New Zealand in a flight full of other girls like them: brides on their way to their fiancés.

During the trip they meet Frank, a charismatic bachelor who will come to have a dramatic influence on their lives. While their lives in New Zealand follow different courses, when they are reunited years later they discover how intrinsically their paths have been bound together.

Bride Flight is a bittersweet story of hope and loss. It is also a story about emigration, and the hope and promise of a better life that the southern lands held after the war in Europe. But emigration is also a flight away from a life that no longer seems satisfying. The question is: can you flee from yourself?

Marieke van der Pol shot to fame in the Netherlands as a lead character in the popular TV series *Look Out!* She gave up her acting career when she discovered her true passion in life: writing. In 2004 the film *Twin Sisters*, for which she wrote the screenplay, won the Dutch Film Industry's Film of the Year Award and was nominated for an Oscar. This success led Marieke to write the screenplay *Bride Flight* which she subsequently adapted into her first novel. The dutch film is due for an Australian release in late 2010. Marieke lives in Amsterdam and has one daughter.



***Bride Flight* is the second book that UWAP has commissioned to be translated from Dutch to English. The first book was Anna Enquist's astounding 'Counterpoint'. (Feb 2010)**

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