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When Flying the English Channel was like the Race to Mars

Chatwin Books is excited to host Layne Maheu, author of the forthcoming novel *Man of the World*, at booth #2351 from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Man of the World is a breakthrough novel of romance and life at the leading edge of early aviation. Maheu's book is based on the real-life—and larger-than-life—escapades of dashing and aristocratic adventurer Hubert Latham, the first man to attempt crossing the English Channel in a heavier-than-air flying machine. Latham was a contemporary of, and competitor with, the Wright Brothers and other early aviation heroes.

This brilliant work, told through the eyes of Latham's young apprentice, blends the mad risks of early flight with the passion and heartbreak Latham shared with Antoinette, namesake of his signature aeroplane and beloved daughter of his main backer. Lovers of historical fiction and aviation history will be equally enthralled.

Maheu works as a carpenter in Seattle and often spends summers as a commercial fisherman in Alaska. "I like working with my hands in the day," he says. "It frees up my mind to tell stories."

His first novel, *Song of the Crow*, was a Booksense Pick (now IndieBound) and received a starred review from *Library Journal*. His second novel, *Man of the World*, is a forthcoming publication from Chatwin Books.