



# World War II



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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

## YOUNG ADULT FICTION

### Acts of Resistance

by Dominic Carrillo

YA F CARRILLO

*Based on a true story of the heroic effort by the citizens of Bulgaria to save nearly fifty thousand Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and told from the perspective of three alternating teenage narrators. 223 pages*

### This Light Between Us

by Andrew Xia Fukuda

YA F FUKUDA

*Alex Maki and Charlie Levy have been pen pals since they were ten-years-old, sharing hopes and dreams in their letters. The memories of those letters help them hold on as Alex is placed in an internment camp in the states and eventually joins the army and Charlie endures the Nazi occupation in France. 382 pages*

### A Separate Peace

by John Knowles

YA F KNOWLES

*Set at a boys' boarding school in New England during the early years of World War II, A Separate Peace tells the story of Gene, a lonely, introverted intellectual and Phineas, a taunting, daredevil athlete. What happens between the two friends one summer, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world. 204 pages*

### Traitor

by Amanda McCrina

YA F MCCRINA

*In 1944, the Polish city of Lwów has been liberated from Germany but is caught among the insurgent armies of several countries and its resistance fighters; in this city, loyalty comes second to self-preservation. In order to eat, Tolya joins the Red Army but is rescued by Ukranian freedom fighters after he murders a Soviet officer in the street. That doesn't mean he trusts them, though. 355 pages*

### Resistance

by Jennifer Nielsen

YA F NIELSEN

*After a smuggling mission to a Jewish ghetto goes wrong and her colleagues are arrested, Chaya Lindner, a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland, decides to go to Warsaw, the location of an uprising. 385 pages*

### The Hunger Between Us

by Marina Scott

YA F SCOTT

*When her best friend disappears in the summer of 1942, Liza resolves to rescue her, entangling herself in a dangerous web with two former classmates, one a member of the militia, and the other forced to live in Leningrad's tunnels. 298 pages*

### The Paper Girl of Paris

by Jordyn Taylor

YA F TAYLOR

*Sixteen-year-old Alice spends the summer in Paris to solve the mystery of why her grandmother abandoned her home after World War II. However, the more time she spends digging through the mysteries of the past, the more she realizes there are secrets in the present that her family is still refusing to talk about. 359 pages*

### The Enigma Game

by Elizabeth Wein

YA F WEIN

*In the small Scottish village where she cares for an elderly German woman, fifteen-year-old Jamaican Louisa Adair uncovers an Enigma machine and helps solve a puzzle that could turn the tide of World War II. 437 pages*



### **Stateless**

by Elizabeth Wein

YA F WEIN

*Stella North is a young pilot competing in a 1937 air race to promote peace in Europe, but when one of her competitors is sabotaged, Stella races to determine who is capable of murder, and who might be the next victim.* 384 pages



### **White Rose**

by Kip Wilson

YA F WILSON

*White Rose is a non-violent resistance group and Sophie Scholl, a young German college student, joins the group to challenge the Nazi regime during World War II.* 358 pages

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

### **Gaijin: American Prisoner of War**

by Matt Faulkner

YA COMICS FAULKNER

*After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, a thirteen-year-old California boy who is half Japanese is sent to an internment camp. Story based on the history of the author's great-aunt.* 144 pages

### **Displacements**

by Kiku Hughes

YA COMICS HUGHES

*Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco when suddenly she finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to.* 274 pages

### **Resistance: Book 1**

by Carla Jablonski

YA COMICS JABLONSK

*Paul and Marie's bucolic French town is almost untouched by the ravages of WWII. When the Jewish parents of their friend disappear, and he goes into hiding, Paul and Marie realize they must take a stand.* 121 pages

### **Freiheit!: The White Rose Graphic Novel**

by Andrea Grosso Ciponte

YA COMICS 943.086 GRO

*Disillusioned by the propaganda of Nazi Germany, Sophie Scholl, a young German college student, her brother, and his fellow soldiers formed the White Rose, a group that wrote and distributed anonymous letters criticizing the Nazi regime and calling for action from their fellow German citizens.* 111 pages

### **Black Cotton Star**

by Steve Cuzor

GRAPHIC NOVELS CUZOR

*A Revolutionary War-era secret sends three soldiers on an epic quest across 1940s Europe to recover a piece of American history. The book is a magnificent war drama, unfolding a fictional tale of struggle, resilience, and sacrifice with themes that resonate deeply in a divided modern-day America.* 168 pages



### **Onward Towards Our Noble Deaths**

by Shigeru Mizuki

GRAPHIC NOVELS MIZUKI

*A semi-autobiographical account of the desperate final weeks of a Japanese infantry unit at the end of World War Two. The soldiers are instructed that they must go into battle and die for the honor of their country, with certain execution facing them if they return alive.* 204 pages

### **The Librarian of Auschwitz**

by Salva Rubio

GRAPHIC NOVELS RUBIO

*Based on the experience of real-life Auschwitz prisoner Dita Kraus, this is the story of a girl who risked her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust.* 120 pages

### **Papaya Salad**

by Elisa Macellari

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO SOMPONG

*Papaya Salad tells the story of the author's great-uncle Sompong who found himself in Europe on military scholarship on the eve of World War II. Sompong, a gentle and resolute man in love with books and languages, is in search of his place in the world. He chronicles his life during the war.* 223 pages



### **They Called Us Enemy**

by George Takei

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO TAKEI

*In a graphic memoir, Star Trek actor Takei revisits his haunting childhood in American concentration camps, as one of over one hundred thousand Japanese Americans imprisoned by the U.S. government.* 204 pages

## NONFICTION

### The Correspondents

by Judith Mackrell

070.4499 MAC

*On the front lines of the Second World War, the lives of six remarkable women are intertwined. The Correspondents paints a vivid, intimate, and nuanced portrait of these pioneering women, from chasing down sources to conducting clandestine love affairs. 433 pages*

### Atomic Women

by Roseanne Montillo

YA 355.8251 MON

*Meet the women who came from across the country and foreign lands to work in the secret sites of the Manhattan Project. They played a crucial role in the development and success of the atomic bomb. 266 pages*

### Fly Girls

by Keith O'Brien

629.13 OBR

*High adventure and high ideals merge when a corps of intrepid female aviators battle to take part in the hugely popular air shows of the 1920s and 1930s. Ultimately, one of our heroines would win a race that earned her the right to be called America's best pilot. 338 pages*

### Bridge to the Sun

by Bruce B. Henderson

940.5308 HEN

*The true story of the Japanese American soldiers who helped fight the war in the Pacific in WW II. 448 pages*

### Women Heroes of World War II

by Kathryn J. Atwood

YA 940.5309 ATW

*Meet the courageous women and girls who risked their lives through their involvement in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. 235 pages*

### The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line

by Mari K. Eder

940.5309 EDE

*See inside the lives and experiences of fifteen unknown women heroes from World War II. The women who served, fought, struggled, and made things happen during WWII, both in and out of uniform, will inspire and empower generations of women to come. 378 pages*

### Children of Manzanar

by Heather Lindquist

YA 940.5317 CHI

*Captures the experience of the children and young adults held at Manzanar during World War II under Executive Order 9066. 146 pages*

### The Eagles of Heart Mountain

by Bradford Pearson

940.5317 PEA

*A painstakingly researched account details the tragic and triumphant story of the Eagles, a high school football team from Cody, Wyoming's World War II Japanese-American incarceration camp. 388 pages*

### Ravensbrück: Life and Death in Hitler's Concentration Camp for Women

by Sarah Helm

940.5318 HEL

*Traces the sobering history of World War II's largest female concentration camp, revealing the torturous experiences and deaths of thousands of women prisoners of more than twenty nationalities. 743 pages*

### Half American

by Matthew Delmont

940.5403 DEL

*Over one million Black men and women served in World War II, only to be denied housing and educational opportunities on their return home. Half American shares the inspiring and galvanizing stories of African Americans' bravery and patriotism in the face of unfathomable racism. 374 pages*

### Facing the Mountain

by Daniel Brown

940.5412 BRO

*In this unforgettable chronicle of war-time America and the battlefields of Europe, Daniel Brown portrays the journeys of Japanese American soldiers abroad, Japanese American immigrants in US concentration camps, and Japanese American resisters who stood up in defense of their own rights. 540 pages*

### **Standing Up Against Hate**

by Marie Cronk Farrell

YA 940.5412 FAR

*Standing Up Against Hate tells the stories of the African American women who enlisted in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in World War II. These women left loved ones and careers to face unknown and sometimes dangerous territory, making crucial contributions to the military war effort.* 196 pages

### **Taking Paris**

by Martin Dugard

940.5421 DUG

*May 1940: The world is stunned as Hitler's forces invade France with a devastating blitzkrieg aimed at Paris. Within weeks, the French government has collapsed and has fallen under Nazi control.* 385 pages

### **The Bomber Mafia**

by Malcolm Gladwell

940.5425 GLA

*In Bomber Mafia, Malcolm Gladwell weaves together the stories of a Dutch genius and his homemade computer, a band of brothers in central Alabama, a British psychopath, and pyromaniacal chemists at Harvard to examine one of the greatest moral challenges in modern American history.* 240 pages

### **Last Mission to Tokyo**

by Michel Paradis

940.5425 PAR

*An account of the brave Doolittle Raiders and their raids during World War II. It depicts the attack on mainland Japan, the fate of the crew members who survived the mission, and the international war crime trials that defined Japanese-American relations and changed history.* 469 pages

### **Fly Girls**

by P. O'Connell Pearson

YA 940.544 PEA

*Patricia Pearson offers an account of the remarkable, but often forgotten, group of female fighter pilots who flew for the United States during World War II.* 198 pages.

### **A Thousand Sisters**

by Elizabeth Wein

YA 940.544 WEI

*Discusses the contributions, obstacles, missions, and legacy of Soviet airwomen, the only women to fly in combat during World War II.* 388 pages

### **The Women with Silver Wings**

by Katherine Sharp Landdeck

940.5449 LAN

*The thrilling and inspiring true story of the daring female aviators who helped the United States win World War II despite not being cleared for combat. They fought for their country and then they fought for recognition as military veterans and for their place in history.* 435 pages

### **A Game of Birds and Wolves**

by Simon Parkin

940.5451 PAR

*Ten members of the Women's Royal Naval Service developed a winning strategy, similar to the boardgame Battleship, that defeated Nazi U-boats and delivered a decisive victory in the Battle of the Atlantic.* 309 pages

### **Flowers in the Gutter**

by K.R. Gaddy

YA 940.5485 GAD

*Teenagers living in Germany under Hitler's rule stood up and said no to joining the Nazi party. They became known as the Edelweiss Pirates. Although the Gestapo pursued and arrested hundreds of Pirates they continued to join in sabotage and armed resistance risking the ultimate punishment.* 301 pages

### **Asian American Spies**

by Brian Masaru Hayashi

940.5486 HAY

*Tells of the vital role Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Americans played in US intelligence services in Asia during World War II.* 281 pages

### **Information Hunters**

by Kathy Lee Peiss

940.5486 PEI

*An unlikely band of librarians, scholars, soldiers, and spies pushed to acquire foreign publications and information in World War II Europe. It was the beginning of book and document acquisition as part of the apparatus of national security, military planning, and postwar reconstruction.* 277 pages

 **Geniuses at War**

by David Price

940.5486 PRI

*Geniuses at War is the dramatic, untold story of the brilliant team who built the world's first digital electronic computer at Bletchley Park, during a critical time in World War II. Decoding the communication of the Nazi high command was imperative for the success of the Allied invasion of Normandy. 243 pages*

 **Eight Days in May**

by Volker Ullrich

943.086 ULL

*On April 30, 1945, in a bunker deep beneath the Old Reich Chancellery, Adolf Hitler and his newly wedded wife, Eva Braun, killed themselves. But Nazi Germany lived on, however briefly, and the subsequent eight days were among the most turbulent in history. In a taut, propulsive narrative, eminent historian Volker Ullrich depicts the final days of the Nazi empire through the eyes of Germans, both famous and ordinary. 322 pages*

**The Princess Spy**

by Larry Loftis

BIO GRIFFITH

*Chronicles the extraordinary life of OSS spy Aline Griffith, who performed deep-cover intelligence missions during and after World War II. 361 pages*

  **A Woman of No Importance**

by Sonia Purnell

BIO HALL

*Virginia Hall was of the greatest spies in American history. She came to be known as Madonna of the Resistance and coordinated a network of spies to blow up bridges, report German movements, and recruit and train fighters. She risked her life time and time again to bring down the Nazis. 352 pages*

  **Dutch Girl**

by Robert Matzen

BIO HEPBURN

*The story of young Audrey Hepburn from the beginning of the war till the end. The book examines her parent's Nazi past, Audrey's career as an acclaimed ballerina, her involvement in the Dutch Resistance, and the dark months in the line of fire as the war came to an end. 373 pages*

**The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler**

by James GIBLIN

YA BIO HITLER

*Traces Hitler's life from his childhood in Austria to his final days in Berlin, exploring how his promises of prosperity and power along with anti-Semitic rhetoric allowed him to lead the nation of Germany into World War II. 246 pages*

**A Light in the Darkness**

by Albert MARRIN

YA BIO KORCZAK

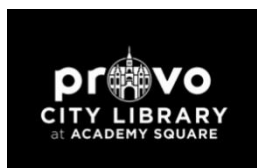
*A Polish Jew on the eve of World War II, Janusz Korczak turned down opportunities for escape in order to stand by the children in his orphanage as they became confined to the Warsaw Ghetto. 388 pages*

 **Code Name Lise**

by Larry Loftis

BIO ODETTE

*The extraordinary true story of Odette Sansom, the British spy who operated in occupied France and fell in love with her commanding officer during World War II. 360 pages*



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