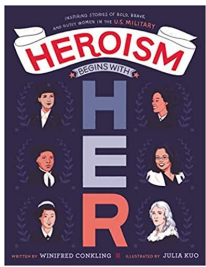
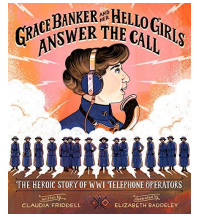


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Elementary

Grace Banker and Her Hello Girls Answer the Call by Claudia Friddell

Follow Grace Banker's journey from her busy life as a telephone switchboard trainer in New York to her pioneering role as the Chief Operator of the 1st Unit of World War I telephone operators in the battlefields of France. With expert skill, steady nerves, and steadfast loyalty, the Signal Corps operators transferred orders from commanders to battlefields and communicated top-secret messages between American and French headquarters. After faithfully serving her country Grace was the first and only woman operator in the Signal Corps to be awarded the Army's distinguished Service Medal.

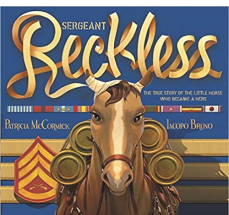
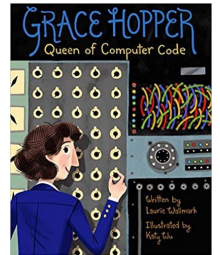


Heroism Begins with Her: Inspiring Stories of Bold, Brave, and Gutsy Women in the U.S. Military by Winifred Conkling

From the Revolutionary War to present day, women have proudly served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard as nurses, pilots, engineers, soldiers, and more. They dressed as men, worked for little pay and no benefits, and endured prejudice to break down barriers and earn their place beside their fellow servicemen. The achievements and courageous acts of these women forever changed the way the military operates!

Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code by Laurie Wallmark

Who was Grace Hopper? A software tester, workplace jester, cherished mentor, ace inventor, avid reader, naval leader—AND rule breaker, chance taker, and troublemaker. Grace Hopper coined the term “computer bug” and taught computers to “speak English.” Throughout her life, Hopper succeeded in doing what no one had ever done before. Delighting in difficult ideas and in defying expectations, the insatiably curious Hopper truly was “Amazing Grace” . . . and a role model for science- and math-minded girls and boys. With a wealth of witty quotes, and richly detailed illustrations, this book brings Hopper's incredible accomplishments to life.



Sergeant Reckless by Patricia McCormick

When a group of US Marines fighting in the Korean War found a bedraggled mare, they wondered if she could be trained to as a packhorse. They had no idea that the skinny, underfed horse had one of the biggest and bravest hearts they'd ever known. As cannons thundered and shells flew through the air, she marched into battle—again and again—becoming the only animal ever to officially hold military rank—becoming Sgt. Reckless—and receive two Purple Hearts.

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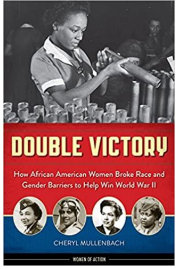
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Middle School

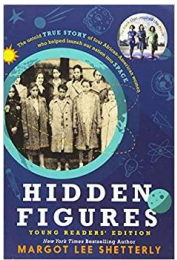
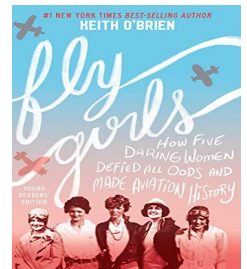


Double Victory: How African American Women Broke Race and Gender Barriers to Help Win World War II by Cheryl Mullenbach

Double Victory tells the stories of African American women who did extraordinary things to help their country during World War II. Some, such as Mary McLeod Bethune and Lena Horne, were celebrated in their lifetimes. But many others fought discrimination in order to contribute to the war effort yet were overlooked during those years and later forgotten, such as Hazel Dixon Payne, the only woman to serve on the remote Alaska-Canadian Highway; Deverne Calloway, a Red Cross worker who led a protest at an army base in India; and Betty Murphy Phillips, the only black female overseas war correspondent.

Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History Young Readers Edition by Keith O'Brien

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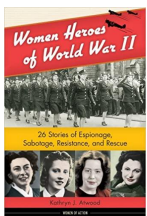
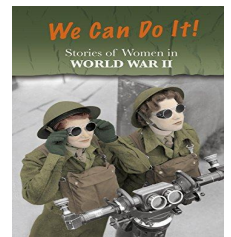


Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. This book tells the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, who lived through the Civil Rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.

Stories of Women in World War II: We Can Do It! By Andrew Langley

During World War II millions of women stepped forward to take on work they had rarely done before, such as fighting fires, ploughing fields and cracking codes. These are the stories of four trailblazers who achieved amazing things in difficult circumstances. Anne-Marie Walter became a secret agent. A painting of Ruby Loftus operating machinery became an iconic image. Nancy Love became one of America's leading pilots. “Red” Harrington and her fellow captured nurses set up a hospital to look after the thousands of other prisoners of war.



Women Heroes of World War II: 26 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Resistance, and Rescue by Kathryn J. Atwood

Twenty-six engaging and suspense-filled stories unfold from across Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, and the United States, providing an inspiring reminder of women and girls' refusal to sit on the sidelines around the world and throughout history.

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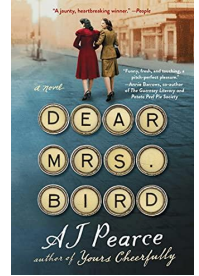


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High School/Adult Novels

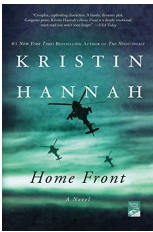
Dear Mrs. Bird: A Novel by A.J. Pearce

Emmeline is doing her bit for the war effort and trying to stay cheerful, despite the German planes making their nightly raids. Emmy dreams of becoming a Lady War Correspondent, and when she spots a job advertisement in the newspaper she seizes her chance; but after a misunderstanding, she finds herself typing letters for Henrietta Bird, renowned advice columnist of *Woman's Friend* magazine. Mrs. Bird is very clear: letters containing any Unpleasantness must go straight into the bin. But as Emmy reads the desperate pleas from women who many have Gone Too Far with the wrong man, or can't bear to let their children be evacuated, she begins to secretly write back to the readers who have poured out their troubles.



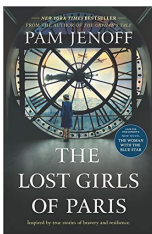
Home Front by Kristin Hannah

Like many couples, Michael and Jolene Zarkades have to face the pressures of everyday life even as their twelve-year marriage is falling apart. Then an unexpected deployment sends Jolene deep into harm's way and leaves Michael at home, unaccustomed to being a single parent to their two girls. It agonizes Jolene to leave her family, but as a soldier she has always understood the true meaning of duty. In her letters home, she paints a rose-colored version of her life on the front lines, shielding her family from the truth. But war will change Jolene in ways that none of them could have foreseen. When tragedy strikes, Michael must face his darkest fear and fight a battle of his own—for everything that matters to his family.



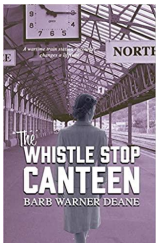
The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff

One morning while passing through Grand Central Terminal, Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs each of a different woman. Grace takes the photographs and quickly leaves the station. She learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, a leader of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent as couriers and radio operators, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Grace sets out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs.



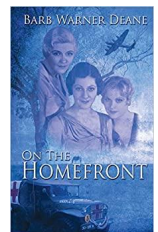
The Whistle Stop Canteen by Barb Warner Deane

After losing her fiancé in WW1, Margaret Parker settled into a quiet life in North Platte, NE. After the US enters WW2, Margaret volunteers as the historian for the Servicemen's Canteen. Captain Tom Carver is immediately drawn to Maggie and works hard to woo her as he heads off to war. Maggie opens her heart to women she works with, while fearing for the lives of the servicemen she meets at the Canteen. When Tom winds up MIA, Maggie must come to grips with her fear of another loss. Relying on her new family and friends, she must take a chance on love, if she wants to make a life for herself after the war is over.



On the Homefront by Barb Warner Deane

In 1941, WWII begins for the United States, and life will never be the same for three women as they send their husbands, brothers, and friends off to war. Ruth, a young wife and teacher, Lilly her teenaged sister-in-law, and Helen, a British war bride, learn to cope with rationing, change, fear, loss, humiliation, and brutality while they forge an impenetrable bond and grow to be stronger than any of them ever dreamed possible. They lean on each other for support, aided by the family and friends who surround them, but when one decides to go to the front lines as part of the American Red Cross Clubmobile program, how can they cope with her absence—and more telegrams reporting loss?



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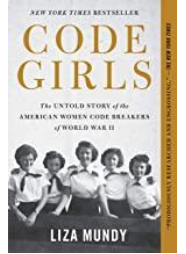


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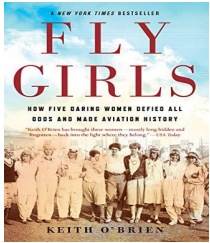
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Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by Liza Mundy

Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during World War II. While their brothers and boyfriends took up arms, these women moved to Washington and learned the meticulous work of code-breaking. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them. A strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history; now, through dazzling research and interviews with surviving code girls, this riveting and vital story of American courage, service, and scientific accomplishment.



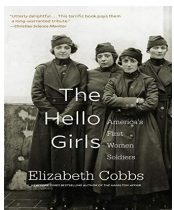
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Women in Vietnam: The Oral History by Ron Steinman

Collects personal narratives of sixteen women who served as members of the Women's Army Corps and the Red Cross in the Vietnam War, highlighting their experiences on the front lines.

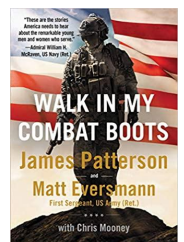


The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers by Elizabeth Cobbs

In 1918 the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent 223 women to France to help win World War I. Elizabeth Cobbs reveals the challenges these patriotic young women faced in a war zone where male soldiers resented, wooed, mocked, saluted, and ultimately celebrated them. Back on the home front, they fought the army for veterans' benefits and medals, and won.

Walk in My Combat Boots: True Stories from America's Bravest Warriors by James Patterson and Matt Evermann

These are the brutally honest stories usually only shared amongst comrades in arms. Here, in the voices of the men and women who've fought overseas from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan, is a rare eye-opening look into what wearing the uniform, fighting in combat, losing friends and coming home is really like. Readers who next thank a military member for their service will finally have a true understanding of what that thanks is for.



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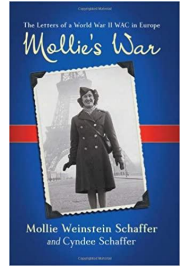


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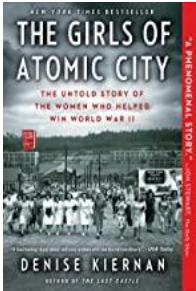
Mollie's War: The Letters of a World War II WAC in Europe by Mollie Weinstein Schaffer and Cyndee Schaffer

The 150,000 women who served in the Women's Army Corps are now seen as the undersung heroes of the Second World War. This memoir describes the life of a WAC enlistee who would serve in England when it came under attack, France immediately after the Allied invasion, and Germany after VE Day. From her experience in basic training in Daytona Beach to the climactic moment when she saw the Statue of Liberty as her ship approached American shores upon her return home, this work provides a glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in American history.



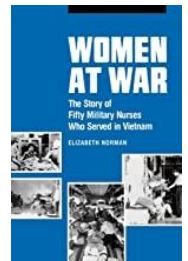
The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan

One of the Manhattan Project's secret cities, the Tennessee town of Oak Ridge didn't appear on any maps until 1949, and yet at the height of World War II it was using more electricity than New York City and was home to more than 75,000 people. Their jobs were shrouded in mystery, but they were buoyed by a sense of shared purpose, close friendships—and a surplus of handsome scientists and Army men! The penalty for talking about their work was job loss and eviction. One woman was recruited to spy on her coworkers. They all knew something big was happening at Oak Ridge, but few could piece together the true nature of their work until the bomb "Little Boy" was dropped over Hiroshima, Japan, and the secret was out. The shocking revelation: the residents of Oak Ridge were enriching uranium for the atomic bomb.



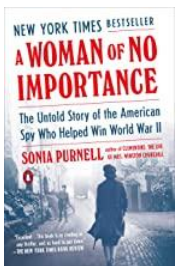
Women at War: The Story of Fifty Military Nurses Who Served in Vietnam by Elizabeth Norman

Norman tells the dramatic story of fifty women—members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Nurse Corps—who went to war, working in military hospitals, aboard ships, and with air evacuation squadrons during the Vietnam War. Here, in a moving narrative, the women talk about why they went to war, the experiences they had while they were there, and how war affected them physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped win World War II by Sonia Purnell

Virginia Hall was a Baltimore socialite who talked her way into the spy organization dubbed the "Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare." She became the first Allied woman deployed behind enemy lines and established vast spy networks throughout France, controlled weapons and explosives, and became a linchpin for the Resistance. Even as her face covered wanted posters and a bounty was placed on her head, Virginia refused order after order to evacuate. She finally escaped through a death-defying hike over the Pyrenees into Spain, her cover blown. But she plunged back in, adamant that she had more lives to save, and led a victorious guerilla campaign, liberating swathes of France from the Nazis after D-Day.



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