Lindell’s List (2nd Edition)
Saving British and American Women at Ravensbrück
Peter Hore

The untold story of Mary Lindell, one of the most colourful and courageous agents of the Second World War

Summary
Already a decorated heroine World War I, British-born Mary Lindell, Comtesse de Milleville, was one of the most colorful and courageous agents of World War II, yet her story has almost been forgotten. Evoking the spirit of Edith Cavell, and taking the German occupation of Paris in 1940 as a personal affront, she led an escape line for patriotic Frenchmen and British soldiers. After imprisonment, escape to England, a secret return to France and another arrest, she began to witness the horrors of German-run prisons and concentration camps. In April 1945, a score of British and American women emerged from the Women’s Hell—Ravensbrück concentration camp—who had been kept alive by the willpower and the strength of one woman, Mary Lindell. She combined a passion for adventure with blunt speech and persistently displayed the greatest personal bravery in the face of great adversity. To counter German claims that they had no British or American prisoners, Mary smuggled out a plea for rescue and produced her list from her pinafore pocket, compiled in secret from the camp records. This vital li...

Contributor Bio
Peter Hore is an award-winning author and journalist. He served a full career in the Royal Navy and is now a Daily Telegraph obituary writer and biographer. He is the author of HMS Pickle, Nelson’s Band of Brothers and other works. In 2011 he was elected fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Larrikins in Khaki
Tales of Irreverence and Courage From World War II Diggers
Tim Bowden

Summary
With a reputation for being hard to discipline, generosity to their comrades, frankness, and sticking it up any sign of pomposity, Australian soldiers were a wild and irreverent lot, even in the worst of circumstances during World War II.

In Larrikins in Khaki, Tim Bowden has collected compelling and vivid stories of individual soldiers whose memoirs were mostly self-published and who told of their experiences with scant regard for literary pretensions and military niceties. Most of these men had little tolerance for military order and discipline, and NCOs and officers who were hopeless at their jobs were made aware of it. They laughed their way through the worst of it by taking the mickey out of one another and their superiors.

From recruitment and training to the battlegrounds of Palestine, North Africa, Thailand, New Guinea, Borneo, and beyond, here are the highly individual stories of Australia’s World War II Diggers told in their own voices—warts and all.

Contributor Bio
Tim Bowden is an acclaimed oral historian, broadcaster, and radio and television documentary maker for the ABC. He is author of many books, including the much acclaimed One Crowded Hour: Neil Davis, combat cameraman, The Changi Camera: A unique record of Changi and the Thai-Burma Railway, and Stubborn Buggers: Survivors of the infamous POW gaol that made Changi look like heaven.
My Friends, The Enemy: Life in Military Intelligence During the Falklands War
Nick van der Bijl

Nick van der Bijl's account is the first time that a prime witness involved in the Falklands War has told the story of intelligence operations.

Summary
My Friends, The Enemy recounts the Falklands War from the viewpoint of the only Intelligence Corps serving with Intelligence Section, HQ 3 Commando Brigade. It is a personal account supported by intelligence comment assembled since 1982. Although Nick van der Bijl was a Staff Sergeant, his role, as part of the Intelligence Corps, meant that he was expected to provide expert intelligence to Brigade Headquarters about the Argentines. The fact that initially he knew nothing about them meant that he was very heavily involved in collecting and collating that intelligence from a variety of sources, including information from UK and after landing documents, prisoners of war and local people. The intelligence proved to be very accurate throughout the campaign. Controversially, the intelligence provided to 2nd Parachute Battalion at Goose Green was largely rejected in favor of less accurate information supplied by the SAS. Van der Bijl was one of the first into Port Stanley after the Argentine surrender and was part of an intelligence operation to search enemy HQs for documents, select severa...

Contributor Bio
Nick van der Bijl served 24 years as a Regular in the British Army in armor, military intelligence and security and finally as an infantry officer in the Territorial Army. He saw active service in Northern Ireland and with the 3rd Commando Brigade during the Falkland conflict. He is the Senior Producer and Writer for Brush Fire Films.

A Year of Absence
Six Women's Stories of Courage, Hope, and Love
Jessica Redmond

Summary
A Year of Absence follows the lives of six women whose husbands, all members of the U.S. Army’s First Armored Division based in Germany, deploy to Iraq in April 2003.

A young lieutenant’s wife comes dangerously close to alcoholism. Marriages are pushed to the breaking point by the constant strain of fifteen months apart. Each morning the women anxiously scan the headlines, wondering if they still have a husband, if their children still have a father. Some form friendships that become their lifeline. Others somehow find courage despite their isolation.

Through tearful goodbyes, long-awaited communication from the front, and joyful yet troubled reunions, A Year of Absence captures what life is like for many families of deployed soldiers: the ever-present fear of death, the pressures of single-parenthood, and the strength and comfort that come with the support of close friends

Jena was strolling home from walking the dog when she noticed an official U.S. Army car carrying two soldiers in Class A uniforms heading toward her street. She felt her pulse quicken and, without meaning to, she sta...

Contributor Bio
JESSICA REDMOND has worked as a teacher, freelance journalist, Peace Corps volunteer, and community organizer, but one of her most challenging roles has been as a military wife.

In April 2003, during their first year of marriage, her husband was sent to Iraq as part of the U.S. Army’s First Armored Division. As the deployment dragged on, Jessica set out to discover how other wives were coping. She tells six women's stories in her first book, A Year of Absence.

Jessica has written for Stars and Stripes and The Dallas Morning News.
Surviving the Folded Flag
Parents of War Share Stories of Coping, Courage, and Faith
Deborah Tainsh

Summary
Author and Gold Star mom Deborah Tainsh gathered essays from more than twenty-five parents who received the dreaded news that their child had died in military service.

These invaluable stories show how today’s military families survive the folded flag and give a glimpse into the lives of fallen service members and their families.

Includes advice for other Gold Star parents and their friends and families. Bonus essays from a casualty assistance officer and a former soldier give deeper insight into how wartime death affects comrades left behind.

"This book is an invaluable asset for understanding what really happens in families who suffer the greatest of losses." —John C. Powledge, command chaplain, 335th Signal Command

"Deborah Tainsh has given these Gold Star parents a place to voice their grief and their gratitude for their precious children. Don't miss the chance to get to know their fallen heroes." —Carla Blowey, former editor of Living With Loss Magazine

Contributor Bio
DEBORAH TAINSH is an award-winning author of nonfiction, fiction, and poetry.

When Deborah’s stepson, U. S. Army Sgt. Patrick Tainsh, was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq on February 11, 2004, she began writing about the experience initially to sort out her own grief. She captured the raw and tender moments of her family’s sorrow and remembrance. Her book Heart of a Hawk: One family’s sacrifice and journey toward healing brings readers into the Tainsh family’s living room as Deborah and her husband, retired USMC Sergeant Major David L. Tainsh, hear the tragic news of their son’s death and begin their struggle toward acceptance and peace.

Fighting Monsters
From British Armed Forces to Rebel Fighter: A First-Hand Account of Battling Isis
Jim Matthews

Summary
Former British soldier Jim Matthews gives up a lucrative career teaching English in Saudi Arabia, and returns to northern Syria to fight ISIS alongside the Kurdish forces. But why, after years as a revolutionary, left-leaning, anti-war protester does he find himself pulled once more into a conflict zone. Does he miss war? Jim is attracted by what he calls the Kurds' "Democratic Confederalism:" 'a grassroots political system, where everyone had fair and equal representation in social decision-making.' But he is never quite convinced of his own reasons for going to Iraq. He is no cold avenger, righter of wrongs or money-grabbing mercenary. In fact, he remains apart from those around him and more in conflict with himself, even when recalling his activities in Palestine. For Jim the real conflict is within himself. An intelligent and evocatively written memoir, that makes the war zones and broken, twisted, dusty battlefields and border towns of northern Syria spring to life.

Contributor Bio
Jim Matthews is a former British soldier who fought for a year in the ranks of Kurdish-led forces against Daesh (IS/ISIS/ISIL) in Northern Syria—an area known as Rojava by the Kurds. He wrote Fighting Monsters to give a frank insider’s view of the situation, often inaccessible to journalists.
We Were Warriors
A Powerful and Moving Story of Courage under Fire
Johnny Mercer

Summary
Unflinching, action-packed, and laced with wry humor, Johnny Mercer’s We Were Warriors is a compelling read.

"An adrenalin-fuelled, gritty story of heroism on the frontline in Afghanistan." —Andy McNab

The rounds were single shot from the same two enemy positions, trying to pick me off. They were kicking up the dirt around me. Then all hell broke loose as the gunship’s Gatling vomited ammo right over my head. The sound was deafening. It was now or never. I got up and ran.

A captain in 29 Commando, Johnny Mercer served in the army for 12 years. On his third tour of Afghanistan he was a Joint Fires Controller, with the pressurized job of bringing down artillery and air strikes in close proximity to his own troops. Based in an area of northern Helmand that was riddled with Taliban leaders, he walked into danger with every patrol, determined to protect them. Then one morning, in brutal close quarter combat, everything changed . . . In We Were Warriors, Johnny takes us from his commando training to the heat, blood, and chaos of battle. With brutal honesty, he describes what it is like to ris...

Contributor Bio
Johnny Mercer served in the British army for 12 years. A captain in 29 Commando, he was deployed on three tours of Afghanistan, and weathered some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign. He left the army in December 2013 with the aim of becoming an MP, in the hope he could improve care for armed forces veterans. He was elected MP for Plymouth Moor View in May 2015 and has since led an inquiry into the treatment of troops by the Iraq Historical Allegations Team. His autobiography We Were Warriors depicts the brutal combat faced by soldiers.

Mayhem
Matthew Thompson

Summary
"A Gonzo portrait of the Mad Max of Supermax" Andrew Rule, author of Underbelly Meet BADNE$$.

He's the enigmatic, impulsive, exasperating, destructive, big-hearted Aussie outlaw who stole millions of dollars in daring bank robberies and became a folk hero as big as Ned Kelly when he masterminded two spectacular prison breaks in the space of six weeks. Now Christopher 'BADNE$$' Binse is serving a crushing 18 years in solitary. He craves death more than infamy. The only way he can find redemption is to open his tortured soul to acclaimed journalist Matthew Thompson, in the hope another wild child out there will learn from the strange and savage saga of his life and think twice. Mayhem is the bizarre, scary, brilliantly unique and jaw-dropping inside story of how a naughty little boy became Australia's most notorious prisoner. Let's get hectic!

MORE PRAISE FOR MAYHEM
"This book is like brutal poetry. A cage flight with life, by a man who spent most of his life in that cage." John Birmingham

Contributor Bio
Matthew Thompson is a writer and adventurer with a University Medal in English and a broken nose. Areas of his reportage include pool hustling, nudist colonies, mixed-sex boxing and war zones. Matt’s writing has appeared in The Sydney Morning Herald and other major newspapers, Inside Sport, Dazed & Confused, Australian Style, and HEAT. Matt has also written and recorded radio documentaries broadcast in the United States by National Public Radio, and in Australia by the ABC’s Radio National. Matthew is the author of the best-selling My Columbian Death, and its acclaimed sequel, Running with the Blood God. He lives in rural NSW.
Seasons of My Military Student
Practical Ideas for Parents and Teachers
Amanda Trimillos, Stacy Allsbrook-Huisman

Summary
"... an absolute must-have for the parents and teachers of mil-kids, and a comprehensive tool in helping our military students thrive throughout transition..."—Military Spouse magazine

"... outstandingly warm, perceptive, and practical suggestions for making transitions as rewarding as possible for our military kids..." —Military Spouse Book Review

Military-connected students move frequently, changing schools as many as nine times from preschool to high school graduation. With each move, they adjust to a different curriculum, meet new teachers and coaches, adapt to a new learning environment, and develop new friendships—all amid other military life challenges, such as a parent’s deployment.

*Seasons of My Military Student* helps parents and teachers:
-- Understand the Seasons of Transition(TM) and the storms of military life that impact a student’s education
-- Employ key provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
-- Create an effective portable Seasons Education Binder
-- Work together as a team to support a student from grade to grade and school to school

Contributor Bio

AMANDA TRIMILLOS, EdD, is an Air Force spouse, mother, and National Board Certified Teacher with extensive experience teaching military students. A professional development designer in the NBC Teacher Leadership program at National University, she has served as a mentor for the US Department of Education’s "Teach to Lead" trainings. Amanda holds her doctorate in Teacher Leadership with research focus on the professional development of teachers working with military-connected students.

Heart of a Hawk
One Family’s Sacrifice & Journey Toward Healing
Deborah Tainsh

Summary
A moving account of one family’s journey through grief and healing following the death of their son in Iraq.

David and Deborah Tainsh were living the happiest years of their lives until the dark morning of February 12, 2004, when a six a.m. knock at the door brought the news that their son, Sergeant Patrick Tainsh, had been killed in Iraq. David’s only child, Patrick was the son who overcame a rebellious, drug-addicted youth to become an outstanding U.S. Army Cavalry Scout, posthumously awarded the Bronze and Silver Stars for saving the lives of his commanding officer and other soldiers before succumbing to his own wounds.

In the wake of their loss, David and Deborah battle horrific grief and anger while trying to hold their marriage—and one another—together in an unforgettable journey toward healing.

"Be prepared to cry. Be prepared to learn. Be prepared to change. ..." —Maria Edwards, Military Writers Society of America

Military Writers Society of America Spirit of Freedom Award
Branson Stars & Flags Book Award – Silver

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Sacred Spaces
My Journey to the Heart of Military Marriage
Corig Weathers

Summary
The vulnerable true story of a journey that changed a military spouse’s perspective of deployment, herself, and her military marriage.

Like many military couples, Corie and her husband, Matt, an Army chaplain, accumulated significant unshared moments during Matt’s deployments. When Matt returned, he and Corie began using the term “sacred spaces” for significant moments they had experienced independently. After multiple deployments, sacred spaces were taking up a lot of emotional room in their relationship.

When US Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter invited Corie, as the 2015 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year, to join his team on a one-week overseas holiday trip, she eagerly accepted, hoping to gain a better understanding of her husband’s deployment experience and lessen the impact sacred spaces had on her marriage.

As Corie sat in the belly of a C-17, where her husband had said goodbye to the remains of friends and fellow soldiers, as she touched with her own hands the memorial at FOB Fenty and reflected on her grief as a care team member following the battle of COP Kea...

Contributor Bio
CORIE WEATHERS is a military wife, licensed professional counselor (LPC), sought-after speaker, and consultant. She started her career as a counselor specializing in marriage, divorce, women’s issues, and substance abuse. Certified to work with post-traumatic stress by the Center for Deployment Psychology, Corie found her passion working to build stronger relationships with military and first-responder couples.

As the 2015 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year, Corie advocated for mental health issues and served as a media correspondent writing for online and print publications, consulting for command teams, and speaking nationally on topics such as PTSD, grief, marriage, and military culture.

Life After Deployment
Military Families Share Reunion Stories and Advice
Karen Pavlicin

Summary
“No one can totally prepare us for the emotional roller coaster deployments and reintegration brings, but this book will give you tools that will help the process immensely.” — Kathy Guzzon for Homefront United Network

Life After Deployment captures the tender and moving stories of military families during their reunion. Service members and their spouses, parents, fiancées, and children share the joy and anxiety of homecoming, the adjustments of living together again, and how they coped with anger, depression, PTSD, injuries, grief, and other challenges.

Some families had fairytale endings. Most worked hard to rebuild their relationships after much time and change. A few suffered great losses. These military families talk candidly about what their experience was really like, offering hope and advice to others who walk this journey.

First Lady of the Marine Corps Recommended Reading List
Foreword Reviews Book of the Year Awards – Finalist
Military Writers Society of America – Gold Medal, Best Reference

“...a must have for today’s military families facing deployments.” — Alanna Schmidtke, Nort...

Contributor Bio
KAREN PAVLICIN is an award-winning author of several books and a dynamic international speaker known for her practicality, inspirational insight, and sense of humor.

Her challenging yet positive experiences during her Marine husband’s many deployments, and her volunteer work with military families, inspired her to write Surviving Deployment: A Guide for Military Families and lead military family workshops. She wrote Life After Deployment: Military Families Share Reunion Stories and
**Spouse Calls**
*Messages From a Military Life*
Terri Barnes

**Summary**
Based on Terri's award-winning *Stars and Stripes* column of the same name, *Spouse Calls* features a collection of her best essays on a wide range of topics: motherhood, faith, friendship, family ties, war, current events, sacrifice, PTSD, moving, homecomings, and more. As a wife and mom, Terri highlights important, pivotal moments in her own family's life as well as others', in essays that resonate with both military and nonmilitary families.

From her own kitchen table to Capitol Hill, Terri takes readers beyond the headlines and homecoming videos for an inside look at the day-to-day hardships, victories, and many ways military life shapes, challenges, and enriches its families.

Through poignant personal stories, incisive interviews, and emotive reflections, she creates an historical snapshot of American and world affairs, preserving an important piece of our nation's culture.

About her book, Terri says, "My hometown isn't a geographical location, but a place in American culture that is invisible to many people. My family lives in the hometown of military installations and military common...

**Contributor Bio**

TERRI BARNES is the author of *Spouse Calls: Messages From a Military Life*, the editor and coauthor of *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*, and the special projects editor at Elva Resa Publishing.

A well-respected journalist, Terri developed and wrote the weekly *Stars and Stripes* column Spouse Calls. Appearing in print editions worldwide and online for more than eight years, the column was honored in 2015 by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, winning second place nationally. Her book *Spouse Calls* is a select compilation of those columns.

In *Spouse Calls*, Terri continues to be a voice for military spouses and families. She has been a member of the Washington, DC, community of military families and has served in various capacities, including as a columnist and editor.

**Stories Around the Table**
*Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*
Terri Barnes, More than 40 Military Family writers

**Summary**
“Opening it up to any random story will make you feel humbled, grateful, and best of all, not alone.”
—Anette Radonski, Military Spouse JD Network

Conversations are the heart of a gathering among friends.

In *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*, military spouses, parents, children, and service members gather together to laugh, cry, lend perspective, and share personal stories from their military life experience. From poignant to practical, tragic to humorous, these candid conversations from friends old and new shed heartfelt insight on many aspects of military life:

~ friendship, depression, romance in military marriage, caring for children with special needs in a mobile lifestyle, renewing relationships after deployment, career challenges for spouses, changing schools, post-traumatic stress, faith, grief, and so much more ~

“...will touch your heart.” —Phil Paleologos, WBSM

“Awesome...like being with friends.” —Leon Francis, KFYR

“...you will find yourself laughing, remembering, or grabbing a tissue and pausing to reflect on something that grabs at your hear...

**Contributor Bio**

More than 40 military family writers, from bestselling authors to compelling new voices, contribute to *Stories Around the Table*. All military family members, they transparently share wisdom gained through tragedy, trial and error, and both everyday and extraordinary circumstances.

Anna Alexander*, Stacy Allsbrook-Huisman, Samantha Andrew*, Marna Ashburn, Terri Barnes, Tanya Biank, Janine Boldrin, Alison Bushholtz, Amy Burkota, Angela Cohen, Randi S. Cairns, Tara Crooks, Judy Davis,...
Surviving Deployment
A Guide for Military Families
Karen Pavlicin

Summary
“...if you and your family are facing deployment, you MUST have this book.” —NYPDWives.com

“... practical solutions to spouses, parents and children as they face their stressed lives during a deployment.” — Montana Parent

A personal guide for military families facing the challenge of deployment.

From the call to duty through heartwarming reunions, this comprehensive, personal guide helps US active duty, National Guard, and reserve military families turn a challenging deployment into a positive, rewarding experience.

Personal stories, practical ideas, and checklists help readers know what to expect, how to prepare, and how to personally grow as individuals and families. Survival gear ranges from a sturdy toilet plunger to the fine art of letter writing. You’ll manage financial changes, help children express their feelings, and discover a renewed appreciation for everyday life.

Military Writers Society of America - Gold Medal for Best Reference and Guide Book

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History of the Gun in 500 Photographs
The Editors of TIME-LIFE

Summary
A fascinating look into the history of the firearm and how and why it has had the impact it has on American culture and society.

Few inventions have had more of a profound impact on the course of civilization than guns: The first hand-held versions were Chinese fire lances invented in the 10th century, though it was Europeans who were credited with creating the handheld weapons that we recognize today. Americans and their expansion westward were the ones who refined, and helped define innovation and the development of an industry. Starting with Samuel Colt and the "revolver revolution," Americans took the lead in moving gun development forward. Names now well-known including Wesson, Winchester, and Browning helped create weapons that helped move a nation forward and ushered in the industrialized warfare of World War I. Now, TIME-LIFE, in the next book in the success "500 Photographs" series, following World War II in 500 Photographs and The Civil War in 500 Photographs, brings readers The History of the Gun in 500 Photographs, which traces the fascinating evolution of firearms, not ju...
**LIFE D-DAY 70 Years Later**  
*Remembering the Battle That Won the War*  
The Editors of LIFE

**Summary**
Probably the most famous combat photographs ever made were those taken on the beach in Normandy during the D-Day invasions by Robert Capa, shooting for LIFE and going in with the first wave. The saga of those images has been told before and will be again in this commemorative book: How Capa got out alive (he would later be killed while covering war in Southeast Asia), how he got his film back to London for transfer to New York, how most of his images were ruined and the 11 frames that survived had taken on a grainy quality that seemed to reflect the shaking beach under German bombardment, and even how Steven Spielberg used that look to inform the first half-hour of his classic film *Saving Private Ryan*. Armed with two cameras, LIFE’s Capa volunteered to hit the French coast, code-named Omaha Beach, with the first wave of 1st Division soldiers, and later remembered (in the kind of first-hand testimony that will fill this book) bullets tearing "holes in the water around him," and then what he saw as an idyllic shoreline becoming "the ugliest beach in the world."

Henry Luce, looking back,...

**Contributor Bio**
The editors at LIFE vigorously carry on the traditions of excellence in photography, journalism and storytelling of and about our country and our world, which began with the founding of LIFE magazine in 1936 by editor and publisher Henry R. Luce. LIFE has published books on a broad range of subjects, including *New York Times* best-sellers *One Nation* and *The American Journey of Barack Obama*.

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**TIME-LIFE World War II in 500 Photographs**
The Editors of TIME-LIFE

**Summary**
World War II, fought from 1939 to 1945, engulfed the globe in a shattering struggle over national sovereignty and individual rights. It was also the costliest battle in history in terms of human life, with millions perishing in combat, in concentration camps, and under the rubble of crushed cities. This gripping and epic battle is brought powerfully to life on every page of Time-Life Books' *World War II in 500 Photographs*. Inside, you'll find:

- Key events, battles, and turning points, year by year
- Profiles of the war's leaders, heroes, and enemies
- Memorable quotations and firsthand accounts
- Color maps and photo timelines

From the Nazis' early rise to power to Victory over Japan Day, this essential guide brings you to the front lines of the war that changed our world.

**Contributor Bio**
For more than four decades, readers turned to Time-Life Books to explore new worlds and expand their minds. Now Time-Life Books returns, still committed to offering readers brisk, engaging new encounters with their world-and to doing so with flair and authority, in a style that's clever, entertaining, and memorable.

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Time-Life Books offers curious readers fresh perspectives on history, religion, science, culture, and ancient and modern mysteries-enriching lives, one page at a time.

**Ebooks**
TIME-LIFE World War II in 500 Photographs - E-Book - 12/10/2015 $9.99 9781618938893
TIME-LIFE World War II: 1945
The Final Victories
The Editors of TIME-LIFE

As the U.S. prepares to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, TIME-LIFE Books revisits the pivotal final battles and events in one of the most influential years in history. A compelling, illustrated package, this book brings 1945 back to life for a public curious to learn about...

Summary
The name TIME-LIFE has become synonymous with providing readers with a deeper understanding of subjects and world events that matter to us all. Now, as the U.S. commemorates the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, TIME-LIFE revisits the pivotal final battles and events in one of the most influential periods in history in World War II: 1945.

Between January and August of 1945, the Allies staged their last great military victories, participated in the Potsdam and Yalta conferences, and mourned the death of FDR. Adolf Hitler committed suicide, Benito Mussolini was hanged. The first atomic bomb was dropped. These are just some of the events in the closing months of World War II, a dramatic period that both marked the end of the bloodiest conflict in history and laid the groundwork for the coming Cold War.

Organized chronologically, World War II: 1945 maps out the conflict's end in a visual, easy-to-digest format that illustrates key events, days, battles, personalities, military strategies, political maneuverings and betrayals. A compelling, illustrated package, the book will brin...

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TIME-LIFE World War II in 500 Photographs - Trade Paperback - 5/13/2014 $17.99 9781603209939
Ebooks
TIME-LIFE World War II: 1945 - E-Book - 9/1/2015 $22.49 9781618935779

LIFE The Vietnam Wars
50 Years Ago--Two Countries Torn Apart
The Editors of LIFE

Summary
LIFE covered just as vividly as the war in Southeast Asia, was waged on the campuses and at the conventions. In addition, Larry Burrows — the late father-in-law of LIFE Books' current Director of Photography — was the first photographer to document a war primarily in color, because LIFE had figured out how to accommodate more color pages with the new printing methods of the 1960s. The pictures are as arresting today as they were in their time, and all of that photography will be here in this stunning, commemorative volume.

This special book will also include new interviews with veterans, a special photo essay on the history of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, a pictorial report on unified Vietnam today, a revisiting of LIFE's editorial treatment of the war, an account of legendary photographers (Burrows, Robert Capa) lost during the era in Southeast Asia (including a reminiscence by Burrows's son, Russell, and daughter-in-law, LIFE's own Bobbi Baker Burrows), a report on the other photographs that made history (Eddie Adams's execution shot, Nick Ut's "Napalm Girl," including Joe M...

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**TIME-LIFE The Civil War in 500 Photographs**

The Editors of TIME-LIFE

**Summary**

The name TIME-LIFE has become synonymous with providing readers with a deeper understanding of subjects and world events that matter to us all. Now, with the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War upon us, **TIME-LIFE The Civil War in 500 Photographs** will be an indispensable guide to a nation-changing era and the military, social, economic, and political forces that shaped it.

The narrative of the Civil War, fought from 1861 to 1865, is familiar to almost all Americans, from Presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln's noble declaration that "the government cannot endure permanently half-slave, half-free" to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Yet the details of the battles and battlefields, the political maneuverings, and the personalities who defined the war continue to fascinate citizens of all ages.

**TIME-LIFE The Civil War in 500 Photographs** taps into that into that interest, providing a fresh and accessible way to appreciate this most important conflict. It will lay out the war's major developments in arresting, colorized images and cover topics from the b...

**Contributor Bio**

For more than four decades, readers looked to TIME-LIFE Books for paths into new worlds, for entertainment, information, and authority. The newly re-launched imprint follows in that tradition with fresh perspectives on history, religion, science, culture, and modern mysteries. The newest title in the series, **The Civil War in 500 Photographs**, is a noteworthy addition, providing readers with brisk, authoritative, and visual content, all at an affordable price.

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**LIFE LINCOLN**

An Intimate Portrait

The Editors of LIFE

**Summary**

On the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, the editors of LIFE bring readers everything that has been left to us from the life of one of history's most iconic figures. His pictures, actions, words in his speeches and his private letters are analyzed and pointed inward toward the person, to help us understand the man: the heart and soul of the man. This book is about the artifacts that are left us all these years later (letters, speeches and particularly pictures) — things that LIFE can show that allow us to know this man more intimately. And so we, with help from experts and several famous commentators, will show them in our pages, and lead the reader to the clues about Lincoln's essence.

Includes chapters such as:

- A narrative by Allen C. Guelzo, explaining the man and his image — how the image reflects the true man
- "Who Was Mathew Brady?" — the famous photographer, his life and times, his truths and deceptions (before and after shots from the Gettysburg battlefield, detailing how he moved things around — eve...

**Contributor Bio**

The editors at LIFE vigorously carry on the traditions of excellence in photography, journalism and storytelling of and about our country and our world, which began with the founding of LIFE magazine in 1936 by editor and publisher Henry R. Luce. LIFE has published books on a broad range of subjects, including bestsellers The Day Kennedy Died, One Nation and The American Journey of Barack Obama.

Allen C. Guelzo is the Henry R. Luce III Professor of the Civil War Era at Gettysburg College, where he serves as Director of the Civil War Era Studies Program. Rachel A. Shelden says that for two decades Guelzo, "has been at the forefront of Civil War-era scholarship. In particular, he has focused his analytical efforts on the life
RAAF Black Cats
The Secret History of the Covert Catalina Mine-Laying Operations to Cripple Japan's War Machine
Robert Cleworth, John Suter Linton

Summary
In March 1945 Reg Cleworth, a navigator on PBY Catalina seaplanes flying out of Darwin, went missing in action. No details were ever given about the incident that took his life, nor the reason his plane went down. For Reg’s younger brother, Robert, the news came as a prophecy fulfilled. The last time they saw each other, Reg confided in Robert, "I don’t think I’m coming back." Forty years later Robert decided to investigate what happened to his brother. What he uncovered was an extraordinary story of a covert Australian airborne mine-laying operation in cooperation with the U.S. Seventh Fleet to disrupt the Japanese supply routes. One of the riskier and more dangerous RAAF undertakings of the Pacific War, secrecy restrictions were imposed on everyone involved. They were never formally lifted. Had it not been for a chance meeting that allowed Robert access to previously unopened files in the U.S. national archives, this remarkable story may never have been told. What he unearthed revealed the sacrifice and achievements of the RAAF Catalina crews and the vital role they played in MacAr...

Contributor Bio
Robert Cleworth has compiled five books in addition to three publications on the work of RAAF Catalina Operations in World War II. John Suter Linton is a journalist, feature writer, researcher, scriptwriter, editor, and producer. He is the author of Blood Ties.

The Battle of Britain
The Pilots, The Planes, 'Their Finest Hour'
Richard Overy

Summary
On June 18, 1940 Churchill declared in the House of Commons—"The Battle of France is over... the Battle for Britain is about to begin." With the fall of France Great Britain was Hitler's last remaining stepping-stone to European domination. In July, Hitler told his commanders to prepare for the invasion of England. To do this they would have to destroy the RAF—Britain's last line of defense. As such the Battle of Britain was without doubt one of, if not the, most important victories in British history. The Battle of Britain is the story of that battle: the machines which took to the air; the tactics employed by each side; gripping accounts of the action; the people who took part from the Commanders, to the pilots, to ground crew and plotters. Fascinating facsimile documents brings this great battle to life as never before.

Contributor Bio
To come.
The Wars of the Roses
The Bloody Struggle for England's Throne
Hugh Bicheno


Summary
The Wars of the Roses were a prolonged brawl over an inheritance by a deeply dysfunctional extended family. The inheritance in question was the throne of England; the story is one of unbridled ambition and murderous treachery. From the 1450s, when the mentally unstable Henry VI struggled to control the violent feuding of his magnates, through the rise and fall of Richard of York, to the chaos and bloodshed of the 1470s which followed Edward IV's accession and his secret marriage to Elizabeth Woodville, this is a saga of ambition, intrigue, and bloodshed. Charting a clear course through the dynastic and factional minefield of the era, and offering an authoritative analysis of the battles that ensued, this book is a compelling one-volume account of England longest and bloodiest civil war.

Contributor Bio
Hugh Bicheno read history at Cambridge, and later joined the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6). He is the author of *Crescent and Cross: the Battle of Lepanto, Razor's Edge: the Unofficial History of the Falklands War*, and *Elizabeth's Sea Dogs*.

Boulton Paul Defiant
An Illustrated History
Alec Brew

Over 200 rare and previously unpublished illustrations of this iconic aircraft - the Boulton Paul Defiant.

Summary
Fighting over the beaches of Dunkirk and in the Battle of Britain, guarding the night skies during the perilous months of the Blitz, pioneering electronic countermeasures, and serving air-sea rescue roles all around our coasts, the Boulton Paul Defiant played a vital part through most of World War II, finishing it in the important target-tug role. The Defiant is rightly considered Wolverhampton's highest profile contribution to the war, and the most important product of Boulton Paul Aircraft. This book celebrates the contribution of the Defiant to the war in more than 200 illustrations, most from Boulton Paul's own archives, and many never published before. It exposes some of the false myths attached to an aircraft held in great affection by many of its crews.

Contributor Bio
Alec Brew is curator of the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre in Wolverhampton. He also writes for the *Wolverhampton Chronicle*. 
Project RAINFALL
The Secret History of Pine Gap
Tom Gilling

Summary
At the height of the Cold War the chief of one of Australia's spy agencies joined three CIA men at a remote site in central Australia to toast the success of a top secret project known in US intelligence circles as RAINFALL. The CIA listening station at Pine Gap was officially called the Joint Defence Space Research Facility, but it had nothing to do with research and was joint in name only: Australians were hired as cooks and janitors but the first spies were all American. The job of the satellites controlled from Pine Gap was to eavesdrop on Soviet missile tests. While government ministers denied that Australia was a nuclear target, bureaucrats in Canberra secretly planned for Armageddon in the suburbs of Alice Springs. No longer just a listening station, Pine Gap has metamorphosed into a key weapon in the Pentagon's war on terror, with Australians in frontline roles. Drawing on declassified documents in Australian and US archives, Tom Gilling's explosive new book tells, for the first time, the uncensored story of Australia's most secret place.

Contributor Bio
Tom Gilling is an acclaimed novelist whose works include The Sooterkin, Miles McGinty, and Dreamland. He is co-author with Clive Small of Smack Express, Blood Money, Evil Life, The Dark Side, and The Lost Battalions.

The Lost Battalions
A battle that could not be won. An island that could not be defended. An ally that could not be trusted.
Tom Gilling

Summary
They were thrown into a hopeless fight against an overwhelming enemy. Later, hundreds died as prisoners of war on the Thai-Burma Railway and in the freezing coal mines of Taiwan and Japan. Through it all, wrote Weary Dunlop, they showed ‘fortitude beyond anything I could have believed possible’.

Until now, the story of the 2000 diggers marooned on Java in February 1942 has been a footnote to the fall of Singapore and the bloody campaign in New Guinea. Led by an Adelaide lawyer, Brigadier Arthur Blackburn VC, and fighting with scrounged weapons, two Australian battalions - plus an assortment of cooks, laundrymen and deserters from Singapore - held up the might of the Imperial Japanese Army until ordered by their Dutch allies to surrender.

Drawing on personal diaries, official records and interviews with two of the last living survivors, this book tells the extraordinary story of the ‘lads from Java’, who laid down their weapons, but refused to give in.

Contributor Bio
Tom Gilling is the acclaimed author of The Sooterkin, Miles McGinty, and Dreamland. He is co-author with Clive Small of the highly successful Smack Express, Blood Money, Evil Life, and The Dark Side. His most recent book is The Griffith Wars with Terry Jones.
Reaper Force
Inside Britain's Drone Wars
Peter Lee

Summary
This unique insight into RAF Reaper operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria is based on unprecedented research access to the Reaper squadrons and personnel at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire and Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. The author has observed lethal missile strikes against Islamic State jihadists in Syria and Iraq alongside the crews involved. He has also conducted extensive interviews with Reaper pilots, sensor operators, mission intelligence coordinators, and spouses and partners. The result is an intimate portrait of the human aspect of remote air warfare in the 21st century.

Contributor Bio
Peter Lee is an expert in military drone operations. He lectured in Air Power Studies at RAF College Cranwell for nine years, specializing in the ethics of war and military intervention. From 2001 to 2008 Peter served as an RAF chaplain.

The Day the War Broke Out
Jacky Hyams

Summary
Sunday, September 3, 1939: the dawn of a new conflict that would engulf the world, following the words of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain: "This country is at war with Germany." By the time World War II ended in 1945, nearly half a million people from Britain and its empire had lost their lives, and the world had changed forever. Eighty years on, a look back at the lives of British people in September 1939 reveals a very different world from the one we know today. Unprecedented hardship lay ahead for a country where free healthcare for all was unknown: strict rationing of food and petrol, conscription for both sexes, and personal tragedy year after year amidst the chaos of Britain's bombed out cities and ports. What was it really like to be living in Britain in September 1939? The Day the War Broke Out is a fresh insight into the hearts and minds of a nation on that fateful day. With exclusive personal interviews, untold stories, wartime diaries, and newspaper reports, it reveals the innermost fears and hopes of a society on the brink of war: through the eyes of young mothers fear...

Contributor Bio
Jacky Hyams is a journalist and Sunday Times bestselling nonfiction author. She has written more than 10 nonfiction books, including three personal memoirs about post-war London in the 1950s and 1960s and several historical titles, The Female Few, Bomb Girls: Britain's Secret Army, and Spitfire Stories.
**Black Poppies (2nd Edition)**
*Britain's Black Community and the Great War*
Stephen Bourne

A fully revised and updated edition of a vitally important piece of black British history

**Summary**
In this updated edition of his acclaimed study of the black presence in Britain during World War I, Stephen Bourne illuminates fascinating stories of black servicemen of African heritage. These accounts of the fights for their "Mother Country" are charted from the outbreak of war in 1914 to the conflict's aftermath in 1919, when black communities up and down Great Britain were faced with anti-black "race riots" despite their dedicated services to their country at home and abroad. With unprecedented access to the wartime personal correspondence of the Jamaican siblings Vera, Norman and Douglas Manley, Bourne helps bring to light the day-to-day trials, tribulations and tragedies of life on the battlefield. Replete with previously unseen and unpublished images, the stories of servicemen like Arthur Roberts—"Scotland's Black Tommy"—and Trinidadian soldier and campaigner George A. Roberts sit alongside the experiences of people of African descent at home during World War I. These include a black police officer, munitions factory workers and even stars of the stage like Cassie Walmer.

**Contributor Bio**
Stephen Bourne is a leading expert on black British history. He has written for *BBC History Magazine* and is a regular contributor to the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. He is the author of *Mother Country: Britain's Black Community on the Home Front 1939-45* and *The Motherland Calls: Britain's Black Servicemen and Women*.

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**Executed at Dawn (2nd Edition)**
*British Firing Squads on the Western Front 1914-1918*
David Johnson

The controversial story of the men forced to shoot their fellow Tommies

**Summary**
Much has been written about the 302 British and Commonwealth soldiers who were executed for military offences during the First World War, but there is usually only a passing reference to those who took part—the members of the firing squad, the officer in charge, the medical officer, and the padre. What are their stories? Through extensive research, David Johnson explores the controversial story of the men forced to shoot their fellow Tommies, examining how they were selected, how they were treated before, during and after the executions and why there were so many procedural variations in the way that the executions were conducted.

**Contributor Bio**
David Johnson has a keen interest in World War I and is the author of *The Man Who Didn't Shoot Hitler: The Story of Henry Tandey VC*. 
**Napoleon's Greatest Triumph** *(2nd Edition)*

**The Battle of Austerlitz**  
Gregory Fremont-Barnes

A concise guide to one of the most important clashes of the Napoleonic Wars, showcasing Napoleon's military genius

**Summary**

In August 1805, Napoleon abandoned his plans for the invasion of Britain and diverted his army to the Danube Valley to confront Austrian and Russian forces in a bid for control of central Europe. The campaign culminated with the Battle of Austerlitz, regarded by many as Napoleon's greatest triumph, whose far-reaching effects paved the way for French hegemony on the Continent for the next decade. In this concise volume, acclaimed military historian Gregory Fremont-Barnes uses detailed profiles to explore the leaders, tactics and weaponry of the clashing French, Austrian and Russian forces. Packed with fact boxes, maps and more, Napoleon's Greatest Triumph is the perfect way to explore this important battle and the rise of Napoleon's reputation as a supreme military leader.

**Contributor Bio**

Gregory Fremont-Barnes is senior lecturer in War Studies at Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and an authority on 19th-century military and naval history. He is the author of *The Boer War 1899-1902*, *The Soviet-Afghan War 1979-89*, and many other titles.

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**Slim's Burma Boys** *(2nd Edition)*

**John Hill**

Compelling first-hand accounts of the Burma campaign – one of the bloodiest and longest campaigns of the Second World War

**Summary**

The battle for Burma was the longest and bloodiest campaign fought by the British in the Second World War. John Hill, one of the few men to survive the entire campaign, shares the personal experiences of men who fought against the merciless Japanese Army, painting a vivid picture of what it was like to be there – the intensity of war, the adrenaline rush and the fear and courage of those who took part in swollen river crossings, patrols, ambushes, skirmishes and major actions against a ruthless and determined enemy who would never surrender. Hill’s memoir is a fitting tribute to the courageous men who fought in one of the most gruelling campaigns of the Second World War.

**Contributor Bio**

John Hill led B Company of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Berkshire Regiment in the fighting against the Japanese during the Burma campaign of 1941-45. He died in 2002.
**The Cavalry that Broke Napoleon (2nd Edition)**

*The King's Dragoon Guards at Waterloo*

Richard Goldsbrough, HRH The Prince of Wales

*Provocative interpretation of who broke Napoleon's attack at Waterloo*

**Summary**

The author of *The Battle*, Alessandro Barbero, was asked which action saved Wellington at Waterloo prior to the arrival of the Prussians. He replied: "If I should indulge in that game, I’d say the cavalry charge which effectively broke d'Erlon's attack." The greatest contributor to that charge was the King's Dragoon Guards (KDG), which fielded nearly half of the Household Brigade's sabres. This book tells the remarkable story of the KDG before, during, and after the battle of Waterloo, drawing on private, unpublished archive material. It concludes with their link to the Queen's Dragoon Guards. HRH The Prince of Wales is Colonel-in-Chief 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards.

**Contributor Bio**

Richard Goldsbrough was educated at Shrewsbury and Exeter University. After graduating he spent four years serving a short-service commission in the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. He is the author of *1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards: A Brief History of the British Army's Senior Regiment of the Line* and has been published in the *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*.

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**Sabre Squadron**

Cameron Spence

**Summary**

With the outbreak of Gulf War hostilities a unit from 22 SAS slipped quietly over the border and into the enemy's backyard. It would be six weeks before any of the patrol again reached safety.

*Sabre Squadron* recounts in graphic detail their scud-busting operations deep inside Iraq. They were operating alone and out of reach of reinforcements, with the threat of detection and its fatal consequences ever present. Yet their determination to wreak havoc behind enemy lines remained undimmed, culminating in an attack that decisively reconfirmed the regiment's awesome reputation.

Cameron Spence, a senior NCO on the operation, takes you as close to the fighting SAS as you are ever likely to get, conveying the relentless tension, black humour and camaraderie punctuated by explosive, nerve-shredding action that characterized the mission.

This is the true story of an SAS operation of breathtaking audacity and flair, carried out under unimaginable pressure, in the face of impossible odds.

'A brilliantly authentic account of war with an SAS patrol, it's a fantastic read' - ANDY MCNAB, bestselling aut...

**Contributor Bio**

Cameron Spence is the pseudonym for a soldier who fought in the SAS for over ten years. He has now retired but we are not allowed to reveal his name or address.
First Heroes
The POWs Left Behind in Vietnam
Rod Colvin

Summary
The result of five years of research, *First Heroes* untangles an intricate web of information and ultimately concludes that the prisoners of war that were held captive in Southeast Asia were forgotten or ignored by their own country. Author Rod Colvin crisscrossed the country interviewing military and government officials, veterans, returned POWs, political figures, journalists, and members of the National League of Families and the National Forget-Me-Not Association and balances hard facts with the dramatic personal accounts of parents, wives, brothers, sisters, and children who have waged a difficult battle for the truth about their loved ones. This chronicle is as much a testament to the faith and unending hope of the family members as it is the story of the men themselves.

Contributor Bio
Rod Colvin is the publisher of Addicus Books, an independent publishing house, which he founded in 1994 in Omaha, Nebraska. He has written three previous nonfiction books, *Evil Harvest: The True Story of Cult Murder in The American Heartland*, *Overcoming Prescription Addiction*, and *The Type 2 Diabetes Handbook: Six Rules for Staying Healthy with Type 2 Diabetes with Dr. James T. Lane*.

Danger Close
The Battle of Long Tan, now a major motion picture
Bob Grandin

Summary
Now a major motion picture. This is the first time that those in direct command of Delta Company have shared their memories of the most significant battle fought by Australians in Vietnam, the Battle of Long Tan. They describe the experiences that brought them to Vietnam, and how Company commander Harry Smith drove Delta Company to become one of the most outstanding units in the Australian forces. Each platoon played a crucial role in Delta Company’s survival. The artillery’s commitment in providing an unbroken wall of metal through which the enemy had to advance is told from the perspectives of both the forward controller and the gun positions. We fly with the RAAF helicopter pilots whose ammunition resupply was the turning point of the battle, and experience the carnage of the battlefield through the eyes of those in the relieving APCs. The trauma of the battle did not end with the action, however, as politics began to play its part in the drama. The valour of those directly involved in the battle was never duly recognised. The ongoing efforts of the Long Tan commanders to right th...

Contributor Bio
Robert Grandin was a helicopter pilot and in this book describes the key role the helicopters played in supplying the men directly involved in the Battle of Long Tan. The other contributors to this book—Harry Smith, Geoff Kendall, Bob Buick, Dave Sabben, Morrie Stanley, and Adrian Roberts—are commanders actively involved in the battle who tell their account of it to Robert Grandin.
**what’s going on**

*A History of the Vietnam Era*
Michael Hayes

**Summary**
A half-century ago America was embroiled in a quagmire thousands of miles away from our shores that split the nation in two. Based upon extensive research and interviews, this book chronicles the history of that tempestuous timeframe. The author’s succinct yet elegant writing style makes complex issues readily palatable to the knowledge thirsty reader. Relying heavily on oral history, the author offers a rich portrait of the Vietnam Era. Older readers will appreciate the book for its ability to help put a complex period of their lives into clearer perspective. Young people will be able to appreciate the deep implications of the Era and the impact that it had on our society. There are valuable lessons shared in this work that are fully applicable today including the power of organization that helped to not only end a senseless war but also to bring down a criminal President.

**Contributor Bio**
An Army veteran of the Vietnam Era, **Michael Hayes** earned a Master’s Degree in American History and has taught US History as an Adjunct Professor at the State University of New York. He is the author of *Oak Hill: Voices from an American Hamlet: An Oral History* and *Jimmy Carter: With Family, Friends and Foes*. He has contributed to *The Long Island Historical Journal* as well as *Modern American Environmentalists*, a biographical encyclopedia. In addition, Mike has been a long-time high school social studies teacher.

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**Brokering the Good Friday Agreement**

*The Untold Story*
Mary E. Daly

**Summary**
Irish civil servants and political advisers reveal their role in the Northern Ireland peace process. Their testimonies evoke a strong sense of the highly sensitive political environment in which they worked. They reflect on the impact of an ever-changing political landscape on prospects for advancing the peace process, and on the evolution of policy and thinking about Northern Ireland from the outbreak of violence in 1968 to the conclusion of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. These personal accounts offer insight into how the Irish tried to shape the course of the negotiation of a hard-won agreement.

**Contributor Bio**
Mary E. Daly was President of the Royal Irish Academy between 2014 and 2017. She is Emeritus Professor of History at University College Dublin.
Once Well Beloved
Remembering a British Columbia Great War Sacrifice
Michael Sasges

Summary
“Our well beloved dead who died that we might live.” In the town of Merritt, in British Columbia’s Nicola Valley, stands a granite cenotaph erected in memory of 44 men who died soldiering in the First World War. Those men came from a Nicola Valley that had been suddenly and dramatically settled just a decade before by the will of railway executives and the arrival of British colliers. Twelve of those soldiers are the subject of these pages—and through them, we meet the men, women and children of the Nicola Valley, the dead and their survivors: the people who built and were built by a Canadian community that was also distinctly British Columbian.

Contributor Bio
Michael Sasges is a retired journalist and the former director of the Nicola Valley Museum.

RMS Mauretania (1907)
Queen of the Ocean
David Hutchings

The fascinating story of the 1907 RMS Mauretania, the then-most-famous liner in the world

Summary
This well-researched book tells the fascinating story of the then-most-famous liner in the world, the Mauretania. Built for the North Atlantic she was created to regain the fabled Blue Ribband that had been taken from Great Britain by a rapidly expanding and imperially ambitious Germany. Although she and her sistership, Lusitania, did regain the Ribband, speed was only part of the reason of why she had been constructed; rapid conversion into an Armed Merchant Cruiser in time of war was a role never realized as, when war finally came, this Cunard liner became a fast troopship and a hospital ship. After the Armistice, "The Grand Old Lady of the North Atlantic" continued to astound, retaining the Blue Ribband for an amazing 22 years! David Hutchings re-examines this legendary ship.

Contributor Bio
David Hutchings is a shipbuilder and the author of many successful books, including RMS Titanic Owners’ Workshop Manual and The Titanic Story.
**Scapa Flow (2nd Edition)**
**The Reminiscences of Men and Women Who Served in Scapa Flow in the Two World Wars**
Malcolm Brown, Patricia Meehan

The story of Britain’s greatest naval anchorage in two World Wars

**Summary**

Scapa Flow, a vast, natural harbour in the Orkney Islands, served as the Royal Navy’s main base during the two world wars, from where ships sailed to the Battle of Jutland in the First and in convoy to northern Russia in the Second. Thousands of men and women served in and around this remote anchorage, including soldiers and sailors who crewed the ships and manned the lonely batteries, and Wrens, nurses and civilians who were posted there. Scapa Flow brings together their memories – the bleak isolation, its implacable winds and glorious sunsets, the camaraderie and good humour – forming a compelling portrait of a unique war station that left its mark on all who served there.

**Alarmstart East**
**The German Fighter Pilot’s Experience on the Eastern Front 1941-1945**
Patrick G. Eriksson

New B-format paperback edition. The experiences of the German fighter pilots in the Second World War, based on extensive recollections of veterans as well as primary documents, and diary and flying log book extracts, with photographs from the veterans themselves, many never previously published.

**Summary**

For anyone who is interested in the air war 1941-45, the information provided here is of inestimable value. There are no more than a handful of World War II Luftwaffe members alive today. Patrick Eriksson had the foresight to record these experiences first-hand before it was too late. Some witnesses ended up as senior fighter controllers. The recollections and views of the veterans are put within the context of the German aerial war history. By no means all the witnesses were from the ranks of the so-called “aces.” It was on the Eastern Front that, essentially, much of the Luftwaffe was destroyed, and this is the subject of the second in the author’s trilogy. In addition to giving voice to those who were there, Patrick Eriksson describes pilot training and scrutinizes the Luftwaffe’s complicated victory claims system to find out if it really was as accurate as is often suggested.

**Contributor Bio**

Patrick G. Eriksson returned to primary sources, and, as an associate member of the German Air Force Veteran’s Association since 1974, interviewed and corresponded with more than 100 former members of the Luftwaffe.
Alarmstart South and Final Defeat
The German Fighter Pilot's Experience in the Mediterranean Theatre 1941-44 and Normandy, Norway and Germany 1944-45
Patrick G. Eriksson

The personal reminiscences of Luftwaffe veterans and original documents and images give a unique insight into the Mediterranean theatre and late aerial war battles.

Summary
The author utilizes extensive personal reminiscences of veterans and original documents. Veterans who flew in Me 109, Fw 190 and Me 110/410 aircraft provide their stories in their own words. They range from junior NCOs to Colonels, including a senior fighter controller and one of the Luftwaffe's psychologists. The Mediterranean theater gave the top scoring aces on both sides for the entire war (excluding the Russian front battles): Hans-Joachim Marseille (158 victory claims) on the German side and "Pat" Pattle (an estimated 41 and possibly more claims), a South African, on the British side. In the vicious air battles over the Mediterranean region, many aircrew ended up "in the drink" with small chance of ever being found. Occasionally, a miracle would happen, as with Dr. Felix Sauer of JG 53, a pre-war high school biology teacher, who survived 8 days in a dinghy at sea.

Contributor Bio
Patrick G. Eriksson has devoted many years to research for this series of books. He returned to primary sources and, crucially, as an associate member of the German Air Force Veteran's Association since 1974, he has interviewed and corresponded with more than a hundred former members of the Luftwaffe, from junior NCOs to Geschwader commanders. Such primary material is unavailable anywhere else and can never be gathered again.

Backing Bletchley
The Codebreaking Outstations, From Eastcote to GCHQ
Ronald Koorm

The role of Outstations and the considerable infrastructure supporting Bletchley Park in codebreaking during WW2 and post-war, to GCHQ.

Summary
Ronald Koorm explores the complex relationship between Bletchley Park and its support codebreaking outstations, the background to the Enigma encoding machine, and how Eastcote became the largest codebreaking outstation during the war. He analyzes the development of improvements on Alan Turing's "Bombe" machine, the contribution of the WRNS (Wrens) in operating the machines, and some of the social history in how those Wrens supported the codebreaking sites. Post-war, Eastcote became GCHQ prior to moving to Cheltenham, and there were multiple uses of the site, including anti-spy operations. The author explores the link between Alan Turing and others, in terms of the quest for Artificial Intelligence, and how talented individuals during the war helped shape our future. Backing Bletchley includes previously unpublished diagrams, charts, and illustrations of the story of the outstations, which should further inform the reader as to the extraordinary historical events that occurred.

Contributor Bio
Ronald Koorm ran his own consultancy for almost 10 years. He has lectured in various subjects including codebreaking and outstations during WW2. He is an active member of the Access Association and has written articles for RIBA and for other journals and blogs for bodies such as the Construction Industry Council.
Bomber Boy
My Life as a Bomber Pilot
Dereck French, Dennis Newton

A vivid and insightful account of the early World War Two air war from a bomber pilot's perspective.

Summary
Dereck French DFC was one the RAF's most effective bomber pilots during the Second World War. An engaging and uncompromising character, he lived and travelled in Britain, Egypt, and India. His battered old suitcase with the label D. J. French RAF was taken on all his trips away from home tied up with a leather belt and sporting a bullet hole. French’s war started in the early, primitive stages of the European air campaign. He flew RAF operational bomber tours over Europe (with 50, 106, 207, 97 and 455 RAAF Squadrons), North Africa (108 Squadron) and India/Burma (CO of 215 Squadron). During this time he experienced the death of friends and comrades on a daily basis, met many of the leading figures in RAF Fighter and Bomber Command, and on one occasion had dinner with Churchill. French was the first Australian to be decorated in the war, and was one of the RAF’s most daring officers, who passed on his knowledge to several famous flyers. After the war, he witnessed the huge social changes in British life, before returning to Australia, where he has typically forthright about the treat...

Contributor Bio
Dereck French served in the RAAF before joining the RAF early in World War II. He flew bombing missions on three continents. Flying Hampdens, Manchesters and Wellingtons, he became Australia's first decorated combatant. Dennis Newton is an aviation journalist and author of A Few of the Few, Clash of Eagles, Australian Air Aces, and First Impact. He edited the Battle of Britain memoir of Gordon Olive, Spitfire Ace.

George Errington: A Test Pilot's Story
Mike Phipp

The riveting story behind an exceptional test pilot, George Errington, whose career spanned three decades.

Summary
George Errington was a well-known and popular test pilot from 1935 to 1955. His name appeared frequently in aviation magazines of the time. He joined the Airspeed Company at Portsmouth in 1934 and became their Chief Test Pilot in 1939. Test flying in those days were vastly different from today. During World War II he was responsible for much of the testing of the Horsa assault glider, which included a number of "incidents." After the war he was responsible for testing the elegant Ambassador airliner prior to its service with BEA. When de Havilland took over Airspeed, George moved to Hatfield in 1953. Here he was involved the flight testing and delivery of Comets, Herons and Vampire Trainers.

Contributor Bio
Mike Phipp is a keen aviation historian and author of many aviation titles; he has worked in and around Bournemouth Airport all his life.
**Spitfire Deserter?**
The American Pilot Who Went Missing
Bill Simpson

New B-format paperback edition - Did Sgt Salvatore ‘Bud’ Walcott, an American who served as a Spitfire pilot with the RAF in 1942, avoid flying to Malta, the most bombed place on earth - did he desert?

**Summary**
In the early morning of April 20, 1942, 47 Spitfire Vs of the Auxiliary Air Force launched from the deck of the American aircraft carrier the USS Wasp, north of Algiers. The planes were bound for Malta, which was under heavy siege by Axis forces. Salvatore Walcott’s Spitfire never made it; he crash-landed in North Africa, was interned, and was liberated at the end of 1942. He returned to the UK and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and continued to serve as a pilot. But was that landing in Africa a defection? Here is the evidence, alongside an exploration of American and British attitudes to men who served under foreign flags. Walcott's ultimately tragic tale is set against the larger narrative of Irish/American and British/Vichy France relations, of the Mediterranean theater, aircraft design, and the U.S. entry into the war.

**Contributor Bio**
Bill Simpson has written several books about the history of the RAF as well as a number of magazine articles for FlyPast magazine and others.

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**The Lion of the RAF**
The Extraordinary Life of George Beamish, Second World War Hero and Rugby Star
Paul McElhinney, Willie John McBride

The incredible true story of Air Marshal Sir George Robert Beamish, KCB, CBE - a man who played rugby for Ireland and the British & Irish Lions before becoming a leading light of the RAF during the Second World War, and a senior commander in the years following the war.

**Summary**
This is the story of a man from early 20th century rural Cork who rose to the heights of the RAF and excelled as a major figure in international rugby in the 1920s and 1930s. Air Marshal George Beamish was one of the famous "Flying Beamishes"—six siblings who were all members of the RAF, a record they hold to this day. The highlights of his career include responsibility for the air evacuation after the Battle of Crete in 1941, participation in the Desert War and his spell as Air ADC to King George VI. In 1949, Beamish was appointed Commandant of RAF Cranwell, where he had been awarded the prestigious Sword of Honour in the 1920s. In 1962, he was appointed High Sheriff of County Londonderry and, on the strength of his military and sporting records, ran for nomination for a Northern Ireland seat in Parliament. A good all-round sportsman, Beamish excelled at rugby. He was capped 25 times for Ireland, which he also captained. He participated in the 1930 Lions tour to Australia and New Zealand and captained a regional team in an heroic victory over the Springboks in 1931. Gritty, determin...

**Contributor Bio**
Paul McElhinney is a writer and college lecturer. His career includes time as an official in the Department of the Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister), as an energy business executive and as a researcher in a US policy think tank, in Dublin, London and Washington respectively. Willie John McBride MBE is one of rugby's all-time greats. During a 13 year international career he captained the British & Irish Lions on their unbeaten tour in 1974 and won a record seventeen Lions caps over five tours. He remains a popular and highly respected figure in the rugby world.
To VE-Day Through German Eyes
The Final Defeat of Nazi Germany
Jonathan Trigg

'If Germany stays united and marches to the rhythm of its revolutionary socialist outlook, it will be unbeatable. Our indestructible will to live, and the driving force of the Führer’s personality guarantee this.' (Joseph Goebbels, 4 June 1943.) It wasn't and it didn't.

Summary
After the collapse of the German Army in the West in August 1944, everyone believed the war would be over by Christmas. But somehow, Nazi Germany managed to stave off final defeat until May the following year. In the end the agony was brought to a close with the hammer and sickle flying over the ruins of Berlin. With defeat came the wholesale surrender of the once-proud Wehrmacht; hosts of men suddenly found themselves miles from home in territories ravaged by war. Among their ranks were thousands of non-Germans from all over Europe who had thrown in their lot with the Germans; and would return home to face justice. Previous histories have focused on the fate of Adolf Hitler and his cronies, but as defeat loomed this was a battle that would be fought by junior officers and simple soldiers. This is the story of Nazi Germany's final defeat through the voices of the witnesses.

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Trigg served as an infantry officer in the Royal Anglian Regiment, completing tours in Northern Ireland and Bosnia, as well as in the Gulf. He now has his own business training long-term unemployed people to get them into work. His previous books include Hitler's Vikings and Hastings 1066.

Women on the Frontline
British Servicewomen's Path to Combat
Kathleen Sherit

The integration of servicewomen into the regular armed forces, from the legacy of wartime auxiliary status to the opening of combat roles, explaining struggles over policies and how women's careers developed.

Summary
Women on the Frontline explains how women went from unacknowledged participation in combat in World War II to the opening of all combat roles by 2018. It explores why regular service was offered after the war; the struggle to establish careers; the first crack in the non-combatant principle—the late 1970s decision to train servicewomen in the use of small arms; why the Royal Navy was the first to open its main combat role (seagoing in warships) to women in 1990; and the consequences for the RAF and the Army. The non-combatant principle governed the number of women that could be recruited, roles they could be trained for, postings, promotion chances, pay, and pensions. Being non-combatant also affected women's status in the eyes of servicemen as they could not fulfill the complete range of duties that fell to men. But women's careers were not only blighted by the principle that they were non-combatants. The second major obstacle was the treatment of married women and those who became pregnant. This book brings out the growing gulf between employment rights and armed forces’ policies. ...

Contributor Bio
Kathleen Sherit had a 22-year career in the Royal Navy. She has delivered talks on women's military participation at The National Museum of the Royal Navy, the National Army Museum, and the RAF Museum. She has also published by the Royal Air Force Historical Society, the British Journal for Military History, and in Despatches, the Imperial War Museum’s magazine for its Friends’ Association.
The Times Second World War
The History of the Global Conflict From 1939 to 1945
Peter Chasseaud, The Imperial War Museum

Follow the conflict of World War 2 from 1939 to 1945 through a unique collection of historical maps, expert commentary and photographs. Published in association and including material from the archives of the Imperial War Museum, London.

Summary
Follow the conflict of World War 2 from 1939 to 1945 through a unique collection of historical maps, expert commentary and photographs. Published in association and including material from the archives of the Imperial War Museum, London. Over 200 photographs and maps from the archives of The Imperial War Museum tell the story of how this global war was fought. Descriptions of key historical events accompany the illustrations, giving a fascinating history of the war from an expert historian. Key topics covered include:• 1939: Invasion of Poland• 1940: German invasion of Low Countries & France• 1940: Battle of Britain & German invasion threat• Dec 1941: Pearl Harbor• 1942: Turning points: Midway, Alamein, Stalingrad• 1941-45: Barbarossa and the Eastern Front• The War at Sea• The advances to Jerusalem, Damascus and Baghdad• The War in the Air• 1944: Neptune & Overlord; D-Day & liberation of France

Contributor Bio
A historian of military cartography, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the founder of the Historical Military Mapping Group of the British Cartographic Society, a member of the Defence Surveyors’ Association, the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and author of definitive works on trench mapping and toponymy.

Arnhem (2nd Edition)
Nine Days of Battle
Chris Brown

Arnhem 1944 remains the greatest airborne battle of all time – this is the ultimate companion to that battle.

Summary
The greatest airborne operation in history commenced on September 17, 1944. Nine days later nearly four out five of the British 1st Airborne Division and their Polish comrades would be killed, wounded, or captured. The ferocious and gallant actions in Arnhem and Oosterbeek have fascinated historians and students ever since. Drawing extensively on eye-witness experience and unit diaries, and providing a detailed tactical and technical analysis of the arms, equipment, and practices of the day, this book provides a fascinating day-on-day account of one of the most iconic actions of World War II. Supported by battle maps, timelines, and troop diagrams as well as touring guides, this is the perfect companion for the armchair historian or the intrepid battlefield traveler.

Contributor Bio
Chris Brown is a defense analyst and military historian.
**Burma 1942 (2nd Edition)**

**Memories of a Retreat: The Diary of Ralph Tanner, KOYLI**

R. E. S. Tanner, D. A. Tanner

The Diary of Ralph Tanner, 2nd Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

**Summary**

This unique assessment of a disastrous episode in British military history is taken in part from the diary and maps kept by Ralph Tanner, who served with 2nd Battalion The Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry during the retreat, and from the official Battalion war diary by Major Chadwick. It includes background to the mobilization of the Battalion, and considers the series of disasters which left them increasingly unable to fight as a unit. It also addresses the factors which prevented optimum military performance, includes discussions with the author's one-time enemies, and serves as a tribute to the strength of the men of the battalion.

**Contributor Bio**

**Ralph Tanner** was commissioned as a second lieutenant to the Second Battalion KOYLI on 1 January 1942, joining them for the second part of the Burma campaign and the retreat. He was posted to the War Office in 1944, returning to Burma in the British Military Administration. He was demobilized in October 1946. Historian **David Tanner** is Ralph's son.

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**Night Catch**

Brenda Ehrmantraut, Vicki Wehrman

**Summary**

When a soldier's work takes him half-way around the world, he enlists the help of the North Star for a nightly game of catch with his son.

_Night Catch_ is a timeless story that connects families while they are apart and offers comforting hope for their reunion.

"**We enthusiastically recommend it!**" —Military Child Education Coalition

"**Night Catch is the best of the best!**" —Sally Ann Zoll, Ed.D, CEO, United Through Reading

Now a full-dome planetarium video!

**Contributor Bio**

As a teacher, **BRENDA EHRMANTRAUT** spent years filling notebooks and journals with stories and ideas.

_Night Catch_ was inspired when her brother deployed to Iraq and Brenda wanted to create a story that would connect and comfort his family during their year apart.

About _Night Catch_, she says, "I love hearing how parents and grandparents get choked up reading it; it makes me feel like I've made a human connection and a tiny little difference." Brenda feels honored to play a small part in supporting the sacrifices military families make through the distribution of her book.

Brenda was a reading and language arts teacher in Ohio and Washington before having children of her own. She and her husband, a minister, live in Beresford, South Dakota, where she continues to work in education.
**The Wishing Tree**
Mary Redman, Christina Rodriguez

**Summary**
Amanda understands her dad is making the world a better place, but it doesn’t make his year-long deployment any easier. By writing her thoughts and prayers on yellow ribbons and tying them to the branches of a wishing tree, Amanda is able to express her feelings and feel connected to her dad.

As she wishes for her dad to enjoy good meals, make new friends, and return home safely, her little wishing tree comes to life with yellow ribbons of hope.

This heartwarming story beautifully illustrates the range of feelings a child experiences when a parent is deployed, the power of hope and prayer, and the joy of a parent returning home.

Wishing trees exist in many cultures as a way to bring people’s innermost thoughts and prayers to life. Amanda uses her wishing tree to express her feelings while her dad is deployed. Children can also create wishing trees to stay connected to parents traveling for work, grandparents who live far away, and even special friends between visits.

Mom’s Choice Awards Gold Recipient, Family Life

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**Contributor Bio**

**MARY REDMAN** has experienced many joys and challenges as a military wife and mother. She has managed pack-outs, given birth, visited emergency rooms, heralded holidays, bid farewell to grandparents, and attended numerous school events while her husband was deployed. Mary's experience with military deployments encouraged her to write *The Wishing Tree*, a picture book of hope.

Born overseas to multicultural parents, **CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ** grew up as an Air Force brat, moving from place to place. Christina loved to draw and paint. She was awarded a generous scholarship to the Rhode Island School of Design where she earned a fine art degree in illustration.

Christina is an award-winning children's book illustrator. She drew on her experiences growing up in a military family for her illustrations in "The Wishing Tree".

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**Victorian to World War II**
David Oakenden

**Summary**
Three Quick Read stories by David Oakenden, about different aspects of life in Britain from the late Victorian age through to World War II. Featuring the stories Trouble Down the Pit, Fit for a Queen, and Bomb Scare. Easy to read and written with witty humor, each story has historical notes to set it in context and there are also glossaries to explain any unfamiliar words.
Secrets and Spies  
Rosemary Hayes

Summary
Fast-paced and with a sure sense of time and place, this book is based on the true-life experiences of a family in rural England during World War II. Michael and his two sisters stumble across a strange piece of equipment—and what are the strange cars and lights in the night!

Contributor Bio
Rosemary Hayes was brought up and educated in the UK but has also lived in France, America, and Australia. She has a background in publishing, with Cambridge University Press and later running her own company, Anglia Young Books.

Treetop Hero  
Margaret Nash

Summary
A moving story of World War II everyday life in rural Norfolk as seen through the eyes of a young boy.

Contributor Bio
Margaret Nash grew up in the industrial West Riding of Yorkshire, and, as a child loved reading. Then she discovered she loved to write her own even more and now has had 63 books published.
### Breakout

**Donovan Bixley**

#### Summary

Flying Furballs, a hilarious action-packed adventure series, captures the romance and excitement of the era at the dawn of aviation—set in a world of cats versus dogs. Put simply, Flying Furballs is pussycats, planes, and Paris. Our hero is Claude D’Bonair, a young pilot in the cat air corp, keen to prove his worth to the older pilots and live up to the memory of his father. Will cats and dogs ever live in harmony again? Will Claude survive with his nine lives intact? In *Breakout*, Claude finds himself in Russia working with an old enemy to save important CAT allies.

#### Contributor Bio

**Donovan Bixley** is an illustrator and designer. He has illustrated more than 100 stories, including the children’s book *Old Macdonald’s Farm* and *The Wheels on the Bus*. He has also written and illustrated half a dozen books of his own, including *Faithfully Mozart* and *Much Ado About Shakespeare*.

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### Coloring My Military Life—Book 1

**Christina Rodriguez**

#### Summary

Military life is a colorful adventure, filled with challenges, blessings, and a whole lot of red, white, and blue. Frequent moves, deployments, and close friendships over the miles are just a few common shades. Each person in a military family lives a unique life. Elva Resa’s *Coloring My Military Life* books let you choose your palette to express your own military life experience.

Each book contains a variety of illustrated military life situations and emotions appropriate for all ages. One-sided pages offer options to use a variety of coloring materials, take pages out of the book to frame or share, or draw your own pictures or doodles on the blank side.

*Coloring My Military Life—Book 1* features level one coloring pages with simple scenes especially interesting to younger children. An adorable puppy makes snow angels, marches in a patriotic parade, and dreams of being a superhero dog.

Illustrator Christina Rodriguez says, “This book is an ode to the family dog—the loyal and loving companion animal who helps everyone endure the frequent geographic and emotional transitions of military li...

#### Contributor Bio

**CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ** is an award-winning illustrator of more than a dozen books. Born overseas to multicultural parents, she grew up in an Air Force family, moving from place to place. Christina loved to draw and paint. She was awarded a generous scholarship to the Rhode Island School of Design where she earned a fine arts degree in illustration.

Christina drew on her experiences growing up in a military family to bring a range of emotions into her *Coloring My Military Life—Book 1* coloring book pages as well as her paintings for the award-winning picture book *The Wishing Tree* and her illustrated activities in *My Dad’s Deployment* and *My Mom’s Deployment*. 
Coloring My Military Life—Book 2
Jessie Barnes

Summary
"... a beautifully-illustrated book which captures the heart of being a military kid in creative and sometimes unexpected ways... delightful, lively, and moving illustrations." —Military Spouse Book Review

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Coloring My Military Life—Book 2 features level two coloring pages with hand-lettering, patterns and designs, and more complex scenes especially appealing to older children, teens, and adults. Best friends, a new school day, air shows...

Contributor Bio
JESSIE BARNES is a painter, sculptor, and designer who was born in the South Pacific and grew up all over the world. Being part of an Air Force family has influenced the way she views her life, her surroundings, and her art. Jessie was born on Guam and attended kindergarten in Japan. She graduated from high school in Germany, after attending eight different schools in four states and three countries.

Jessie earned her Bachelor of Arts in studio art at Azusa Pacific University in California, where she received multiple awards for her leadership and artistic accomplishment. Jessie’s artwork has been exhibited in various galleries.
The Spy with the Wooden Leg
The Story of Virginia Hall
Nancy Polette

Summary
Inspiring, action-packed WWII spy biography!

How did a woman of no importance become one of the bravest, most valued—and MOST WANTED—intelligence agents? How, despite having a wooden leg, did she turn the course of history?

Virginia Hall had a dream to become the first woman ambassador for the United States. Turned down by the US State Department time and again, Virginia could not stand idly by while the German army swept through Europe conquering country after country.

Despite a life-threatening hunting accident, which took her left leg, Virginia volunteered to drive an ambulance in WWII France. She rescued downed airmen, radioed vital information to the Allies, and led three battalions of French Resistance forces in guerrilla warfare.

Known as la dame qui boîte or the Limping Lady, she rose to the top of the Gestapo’s Most Wanted list.

An award-winning action-packed biography for kids ages 10 and older.

Contributor Bio
NANCY POLETTE has written more than 170 books for youth, including books about World War II spies, flight nurses, and prisoners of war.

One Minute’s Silence
David Metzenthen, Michael Camilleri

Summary
WINNER: 2015 Prime Minister’s Literary Award, Children’s Fiction WINNER: CBCA Book of the Year, Crichton Award for New Illustrators, 2015 HONOUR BOOK: CBCA Picture Book of the Year, 2015

In one minute of silence you can imagine sprinting up the beach in Gallipoli in 1915 with the fierce fighting Diggers, but can you imagine standing beside the brave battling Turks as they defended their homeland from the cliffs above.

In the silence that follows a war long gone, you can see what the soldiers saw, you can feel what the soldiers felt. And if you try, you might be able to imagine the enemy, and see that he is not so different from you.

In One Minute’s Silence, you are the story, and the story is yours—to imagine, remember, and honor the brothers in arms on both sides of the conflict, heroes who shed their blood and lost their lives.

A moving and powerful reflection on the meaning of Remembrance Day.

Contributor Bio
David Metzenthen is a keen environmentalist and draws ideas from the world at large. Michael Camilleri makes picture books, comics, animations, and theater and creatively directs a number of other projects. Past projects include The Practical Guide to Love, Sex and Relationships (watch on youtube), Vienna 1913 (find at Pound Records), and various comics.
### The First World War
**1914-18**
Christine Hatt

**Summary**
The *First World War 1914-18* explores the political situation that provided the breeding ground for war, and traces the course of the fighting that killed almost nine million soldiers. It goes on to look closely at the wartime experiences of many people, and briefly examines the changes that swept the world after the armistice was signed.

**Contributor Bio**
Christine Hatt is the author of the Dress Sense series, the History in Writing series, and the Judge for Yourself series.

### The Second World War
**1939-45**
Christine Hatt

**Summary**
The *Second World War 1939-45* examines the causes of the war and details the course of the conflict in Western Europe, the USSR, Africa and the Pacific. It also describes the experiences of civilians, resistance fighters, prisoners of war and Holocaust victims.

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Attack on America
September 11
Brian Williams

Summary
This title relates the events of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon. It discusses the search for the people responsible, the response from other countries and from the United States government, and the heroism of rescuers.

Contributor Bio
Brian Williams is a former teacher and former editor of the *Children's Encyclopaedia Britannica*. He has written widely for young readers on a range of subjects, including history, biography, and technology.

Burglar for Peace
Lessons Learned in the Catholic Left's Resistance to the Vietnam War
Frida Berrigan, Ted Glick

Summary
*Burglar for Peace* is the incredible story of the Catholic Left—also known as the Ultra Resistance—from the late 1960s to the early ’70s. Led by the Catholic priests Phil and Dan Berrigan, the Catholic Left quickly became one of the most important sectors of the Vietnam War-era peace movement after a nonviolent raid on a draft board in Catonsville, MD, in May 1968. With an overview of the broader draft resistance movement, *Burglar for Peace* is an exploration of the sweeping landscape of the American Left during the Vietnam War era as we accompany Ted Glick on a journey through his personal evolution from typical, white, middle-class, American teenager to an antiwar, nonviolent draft resister. *Burglar for Peace* is the first in-depth, inside look at two of the major political trials of Catholic Left activists.

Contributor Bio
Frida Berrigan is a contributor to TomDispatch.Com and writes the Little Insurrections blog for WagingNonviolence.org. Ted Glick has been a progressive activist, organizer, and writer since 1968.
Deployment Journal for Parents
Memories and Milestones While My Child Is Deployed
Rachel Robertson

Summary
A personal journal for parents who have an adult child deployed with the military.

Gentle journal writing prompts and encouraging sayings guide you through deployment and homecoming. Keeping Track section in the back helps you log milestones, communication, and special moments. Textured teal Pellaq cover with yellow ribbon.

Contributor Bio
RACHEL ROBERTSON combined her professional training and personal experience during her husband’s military deployments to create a series of deployment journals for families: Deployment Journal for Kids, Deployment Journal for Spouses, and Deployment Journal for Parents.

Rachel is a nationally recognized expert in child behavior management, early childhood education accreditation, and training in a variety of fields. She writes for parenting publications nationally and offers workshops for military families, single parents, and education staff around the country.

Deployment Journal for Spouses (3rd Edition)
Memories and Milestones
Rachel Robertson

Summary
"...ideal for any military spouse going through a deployment..." —Julie Provost, Soldier’s Wife, Crazy Life

This popular journal guides military spouses, fiancées, partners, or special friends through the emotional journey of a loved one’s deployment, from getting ready to homecoming.

Offers encouragement and perspective, with plenty of blank pages for personal creative expression.

The beautiful botanical design of this third edition evokes thoughts of growth, hopefulness, and progress through the days of deployment. Sewn teal-blue hardcover with yellow ribbon.

Features include:
-- Gentle writing prompts
-- Encouraging quotes
-- Practical ideas and tips
-- Variety of page formats
-- Log to record special moments

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Right Side Up
Find Your Way When Military Life Turns You Upside Down
Judy Davis

Summary
Constant change ... drama ... stress ... The demands of military life can be overwhelming, but every challenge and sacrifice you rise above helps you grow into the person you want to be!

Are you ready to be happy in military life?

In this practical and motivating personal guide, written by a seasoned military spouse, you will:
-- Define your role as a military spouse and tweak your expectations of military life.
-- Identify situations that cause you stress and create strategies to calm chaos, deal with drama, and respond to change.
-- Find ways to cut the yuck from your life, make yourself a priority, and fully embrace military life.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer to living a happier life--military or otherwise--but the exercises in this book will help you create your best plan based on your needs, your personality, and your insights. Move through the emotional side of military life with strength and joy--and land right side up!

Contributor Bio
Known by military spouses around the world as The Direction Diva, Judy Davis is a motivational speaker, lifestyle blogger, and military life consultant.

Through her workshops, writing, and speaking, Judy strives to inspire military spouses one moment at a time. She wrote Right Side Up to provide military spouses with the tools and inspiration to overcome the challenges they face on a daily basis. She says, "By focusing on the emotional side of military life rather than the logistics, my goal is to help milspouses see that the military lifestyle can be an opportunity rather than a burden."

Judy was named Fort Carson Military Spouse of the Year in 2013 and 2014 and was a nominee for the national 2014 Military Spouse of the Year Award. She is an active volunteer in her local community. She is

White Star Liners at War
A History Through Illustrations
Patrick Mylon

The story of a great shipping line and its vessels through conflicts, in rare postcards and images

Summary
During the time the White Star Line existed, Britain was involved in both the Boer Wars and World War I. The White Star vessels contributed greatly to the British war effort in each conflict. They didn't always make it out intact, HMHS Britannic an example of a beautiful liner to be lost after hitting a mine. After the merger of White Star with Cunard in 1934, several of the company's vessels went on to serve in World War II. Patrick Mylon has compiled the first book to concentrate on what happened to the White Star ships in wartime, weaving together ship histories and moving human stories to create a poignant and evocative book filled with rare imagery.

Contributor Bio
Patrick Mylon spent his working life in the travel industry. He began what would become a lifetime's hobby collecting White Star memorabilia in 1983 and now has a collection of more than 4,000 items. He has previously written The White Star Collection, The Unseen Olympic, and RMS Titanic: The Wider Story.
Realm
Alexandrea Weis

Summary
A WOMAN UNLIKE ANY OTHER, SHE WILL CONQUER THE UNCONQUERABLE AND BE LOVED BY A MAN WHO IS WORSHIPPED AS A GOD.

Based on a true story.

When her homeland is conquered by the mighty Alexander the Great, Roxana—the daughter of a mere chieftain—is torn from her simple life and thrown into a world of war and intrigue.

Terrified, the sixteen-year-old girl of renowned beauty is brought before the greatest ruler the world has ever known. Her life is in his hands; her future his to decide.

Without formal education or noble blood, Roxana is chosen by the Greek conqueror to be his bride. Soon she comes to know profound happiness and unyielding desire in her warrior's arms.

However, being the king's consort comes at a heavy price. To survive her husband's treacherous kingdom, she must endure continuous warfare, deadly plots, jealous rivals, victory-hungry generals, and the stigma of being a barbarian. Persian blood will keep her from claiming the grandest title of all—queen—but her reign will seal the fate of an empire.

History tells his story. This is hers.

Contributor Bio
Alexandrea Weis, RN-CS, PhD, is a multi-award-winning author, an advanced practice registered nurse, and historian who was born and raised in the French Quarter of New Orleans. She has taught at major universities and worked in nursing for thirty years, dealing with victims of sexual assault, abuse, and mental illness in a clinical setting at many New Orleans area hospitals.

Having grown up in the motion picture industry as the daughter of a director, she learned to tell stories from her earliest childhood.

N is for Never Forget
POW–MIA A to Z
Nancy Polette, Paul Dillon

Summary
"...packed with riveting real-life stories, fascinating facts about POWs and MIAs, and unique art and illustrations..." —Stars and Stripes

Engaging true stories for older children and adults!

A is for Artists whose artwork reflects the hardships of prison life. E is for Escape as determined prisoners make daring plans to regain their freedom.

More than one hundred thousand American service members have been captured by an enemy and imprisoned during war. Tens of thousands are still missing. This book tells the true stories of only a few of these brave men and women, but their stories represent the experiences of many others.

The accompanying illustrations are based on surviving artwork, current and historic photographs, and firsthand descriptions of people, places, and events.

From Geneva Conventions to Operation Homecoming, Tap Code to Yellow Ribbon and more, N is for Never Forget is a compelling journey through wartime history, honoring the sacrifices of prisoners of war (POWs), those missing in action (MIA), and their families.

Poignant illustrations and stories capture key people, con...

Contributor Bio
NANCY POLETTE has written more than 170 books for youth, including books about World War II spies, flight nurses, and prisoners of war.

Nancy taught elementary school for thirty years and directed gifted programs and school libraries for St. Louis County Schools. Her education career also includes thirty-seven years as a professor of education at...
**A Long Night for the Canteen Boat**
Vic Ould

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**Summary**
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The very last escort vessel then became known as ‘THE CANTEEN BOAT’.

The vessel would be commanded by the lowest ranking of the Royal Navy escort Vessels.

H.M.S. CASSANDRA a brand new Destroyer was in her last stages of "Working up".

The story here is remarkable how an inexperienced war ship and ships company battled the odds with I

**All Change**
Carol Godsmark

The Untold Story of WWI on both sides of the Channel.

**Summary**
All Change

The Untold Story of WWI on both sides of the Channel

August 1914. The Ministry of War requisitions over a thousand iconic red double decker buses from the streets of London to act as troop transports, as ambulances and mobile lofts for carrier pigeons for the Western Front.

*All Change* tells the untold story of WWI through the eyes of Ted Digby, a middle-aged bus driver who, on an impulse, si
Conversations with Adolf Hitler: Volume II
Ayad Gharbawi

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If Hitler is a criminal, what about the acts of other leaders? Is Churchill equal to Hitler, when we note he starved three million Bengalis in 1943? Why is Churchill not also an immoral man for being the first leader to use chemical weapons post-1918? The French ultimately killed one million Algerians whose crime was to seek independence.

Conversations with Adolf Hitler: Volume III
Ayad Gharbawi


Summary
In Volume III, questions and themes such as the following are asked and studied –

1. Can Germans Be Defined as Insane and Evil Because of Their Ardent Support of Hitler?
2. Hitler – "You Know, I Was Not Born an Anti-Semite. I Learned to Be an Anti-Semite."
3. Henriette von Schirach – The Only German Who Directly Protested to Hitler For His Maltreatment of the Jews

In addition, there are –

Conversations with the Tortured Mind of Obersturmführer Kurt Gerstein. "Finally, I Wish to End with This. We Are A Nation of Over Eighty Million Judas’s. I Am the First to Stand up and Confess. May We All Remember this Finale Fate."

Conversations with Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski - "It Took Me a Long Time to Realize That the Logical Consequence of Our Ideology Was the Extermination of Slavs And Jews."

Conversations with General Wilhelm Keitel - "Just Because Others Committed Criminal Acts Does Not Mean That I Too Should be Branded a Murderer! I Can Only Say That I Passed on His Orders."

Conversations with Hermann Goering - "I Was Told of Ongoing Excesses, of Systematic Abuses Happening in Every Camp, But I Could Not...
Elastic Truth
Kevin Green

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Here, we survey the ways that truth and lies are increasingly entwined and legitimised to support behaviour that is unjustifiable, from disaffected parties to Nation States, and all their legal and word

End of an Era
William Webster

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**Fury's Child**  
Geoffrey Abrahams

Geoffrey Israel Abrahams was born in 1933 in the east end of London to Romanian and Russian parents. A man of character or perhaps a character in this book? What is fact, what is fiction we will never know, he certainly did his national service in the RAF and some of the stories ring true from listening to him growing up.

This book was given to me, his son, eight years after his death by my mother who found it in a drawer while cleaning out his belongings. The manuscript was typed by my

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**The Everlasting Valour**  
Wendy Evelyn Viner Townsend

For Jack, innocent childhood days from 1895 were spent playing amongst the wildflower meadows of Woolwich, and sculling a boat on the Thames. Little Jack just aged 13 then ran away to sea, becoming the ‘little cabin boy’, very hard times ensued and so Jack’s Childhood was Over.

When War ‘loomed large’ just before 1914, he signed up with the Royal Navy, serving on a Mine Sweeping Gunboat in the North Sea.

Back at Chatham he was assigned to 1st Class Battleship H.M.S. Cornwallis, where all the lads enjoyed hot water and bathrooms!

Then at the Dardanelles after heavy losses, incessant bombing and battles my Dad Jack says there was a few weeks of ‘stalemate’ and, “chaps were so browned off” he had an “idea to cheer them up”, to set up a ‘jazz band’.

Instruments duly delivered and the young seamen played, and sang.
**We Will Remember Them: A Centennial Memorial to the First World War Dead of Thames Ditton**
Malcolm Cooper

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Malcolm has worked tirelessly, meticulously researching those who came from Thames Ditton to fight in World War One, and ultimately give their lives as part of the war effort. Through Malcolm's ende

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**Dutch Girl**
Audrey Hepburn and World War II
Robert Matzen, Luca Dotti

**Summary**
Twenty-five years after her passing, Audrey Hepburn remains the most beloved of all Hollywood stars, known as much for her role as UNICEF ambassador as for films like Roman Holiday and Breakfast at Tiffany's. Several biographies have chronicled her stardom, but none has covered her intense experiences through five years of Nazi occupation in the Netherlands. According to her son, Luca Dotti, "The war made my mother who she was." Audrey Hepburn's war included participation in the Dutch Resistance, working as a doctor's assistant during the "Bridge Too Far" battle of Arnhem, the brutal execution of her uncle, and the ordeal of the Hunger Winter of 1944. She also had to contend with the fact that her father was a Nazi agent and her mother was pro-Nazi for the first two years of the occupation. But the war years also brought triumphs as Audrey became Arnhem's most famous young ballerina. Audrey's own reminiscences, new interviews with people who knew her in the war, wartime diaries, and research in classified Dutch archives shed light on the riveting, untold story of Audrey Hepburn under...

**Contributor Bio**

**Robert Matzen** is the award-winning author of Mission: Jimmy Stewart and the Fight for Europe, Fireball: Carole Lombard and the Mystery of Flight 3, and five other books. He has appeared on national broadcast programs and his byline has appeared in the Wall Street Journal among other publications. **Luca Dotti** is the younger son of Audrey Hepburn and New York Times bestselling author of Audrey at Home. He is a former graphic designer and now chairs the Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund. Created by Audrey's family in 1994, the Fund helps children in need around the world.

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**Mission**

Jimmy Stewart and the Fight for Europe  
Robert Matzen, Leonard Maltin

**Summary**

*It’s a Wonderful Life* was the first motion picture Jimmy Stewart made after returning home from World War 2, where he had participated in 20 often-brutal combat missions over Germany and France. When he left Hollywood in March 1941, Jimmy Stewart was America’s boy next door movie star and a recent Academy Award winner. He left all that behind to join the United States Army Air Corps and fulfill his family mission to serve his country—only to face obstacle after obstacle from both Hollywood and Washington. Finally he made his way to the European Theater, where several near-death experiences and the loss of men under his command took away his youthful good looks. The war finally won, he returned home with millions of other veterans to face an uncertain future, suffering what we now know as PTSD. That is the man who embarked on *It’s a Wonderful Life*.

For the next half century, Stewart refused to discuss his combat experiences and took the story of his service to the grave. *Mission* presents the first in-depth look at Stewart’s life as a Squadron Commander in the skies over Germany, from ...

**Contributor Bio**

**Robert Matzen** is an American author who specializes in Hollywood history. He spent 10 years with NASA and his avid interest in aviation-related topics resulted in the bestsellers *Mission: Jimmy Stewart and the Fight for Europe* and *Fireball: Carole Lombard and the Mystery of Flight 3*. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  

**Leonard Maltin** is a film critic and historian who can be regularly seen on ReelzChannel and Turner Classic Movies. He is the author of the long-running *Leonard Maltin’s Movie Guide* and its companion, *Leonard Maltin’s Classic Movie Guide*. He lives in Los Angeles, California.

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**This Is Really War**

The Incredible True Story of a Navy Nurse POW in the Occupied Philippines  
Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi

**Summary**

In January 1940, navy nurse Dorothy Still eagerly anticipated her new assignment at a military hospital in the Philippines. Her first year abroad was an adventure. She dated sailors and attended dances. But as 1941 progressed, signs of imminent war grew more urgent. Military wives and children were shipped home to the States, and the sailors increased their daily drills. Days after Pearl Harbor was attacked, the Japanese military assaulted the Philippines.

When Manila fell to Japan in early January 1942, Dorothy was held captive in a hospital and then transferred to a civilian prison camp. Under the direction of Chief Nurse Laura Cobb, Dorothy and ten other navy nurses maintained rank and reported each day to a makeshift hospital. Cramped conditions, disease, and poor nutrition meant the navy nurses and their army counterparts were overwhelmed caring for the camp.

In May 1943, a civilian physician asked Cobb if the navy nurses would consider transferring to a new prison camp in the countryside. The twelve nurses feared the unknown, but they could not deny they were needed. On the morn...

**Contributor Bio**

**Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi** is the author of *Ugly Prey* and has contributed to the the country’s largest newspapers, including the *New York Times, Chicago Tribune*, and *Los Angeles Times*, as well as *Discover* magazine and TheAtlantic.com. She holds a PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago and teaches communication and media courses.
**Courage Under Fire**
*Testing Epictetus's Doctrines in a Laboratory of Human Behavior*
James B. Stockdale

**Summary**
When physical disability from combat wounds brought about Jim Stockdale's early retirement from military life, he had the distinction of being the only three-star officer in the history of the navy to wear both aviator wings and the Congressional Medal of Honor. His writings have been many and varied, but all converge on the central theme of how man can rise with dignity to prevail in the face of adversity.

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**Five Chimneys**
*A Woman Survivor's True Story of Auschwitz*
Olga Lengyel

**Summary**
Olga Lengyel tells, frankly and without compromise, one of the most horrifying stories of all time. This true, documented chronicle is the intimate, day-to-day record of a beautiful woman who survived the nightmare of Auschwitz and Birchenau. This book is a necessary reminder of one of the ugliest chapters in the history of human civilization. It was a shocking experience. It is a shocking book.
The Last Ring Home
A POW's Lasting Legacy of Courage, Love, and Honor in World War II
Minter Dial

Traveling forty thousand miles and inspiring love and despair in equal measure, Lt. Minter Dial’s lost Annapolis ring altered the lives of many—not just those who gazed upon its blue stone.

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The subject of an award-winning documentary film that was broadcast nationally on PBS and History Channel (ANZ), The Last Ring Home is a spellbinding account of one man’s obsession with a family mystery—and the product of decades of research and inquiries. The book relates author Minter Dial’s pursuit of the true story of his namesake, his late grandfather Lt. Minter Dial, USN, a celebrated war hero whose suffering and trauma nearly buried his memory forever.

A prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, Lt. Dial discovered the cruelest meaning of the Bushido code. Moments before he was killed, he gave his treasured Naval Academy ring to a friend. In the ensuing chaos, it disappeared.

Armed with a passion for history and a desire to...

Contributor Bio

Minter Dial is a professional speaker, history fanatic, and president and founder of Digitalproof Consultancy, a

The American Revolution for Kids
A History with 21 Activities
Janis Herbert

Summary

Heroes, traitors, and great thinkers come to life in this activity book, and the concepts of freedom and democracy are celebrated in true accounts of the distinguished officers, wise delegates, rugged riflemen, and hardworking farm wives and children who created the new nation. This collection tells the story of the Revolution, from the hated Stamp Act and the Boston Tea Party to the British surrender at Yorktown and the creation of the United States Constitution. All American students are required to study the Revolution and the Constitution, and these 21 activities make it fun and memorable. Kids create a fringed hunting shirt and a tricorn hat and reenact the Battle of Cowpens. They will learn how to make their voices heard in "I Protest" and how Congress works in "There Ought to Be a Law." A final selection including the Declaration of Independence, a glossary, biographies, and pertinent Web sites makes this book a valuable resource for both students and teachers.

Contributor Bio

The Civil War for Kids

A History with 21 Activities
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Summary
History explodes in this activity guide spanning the turmoil preceding secession, the first shots fired at Fort Sumter, the fierce battles on land and sea, and finally the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. Making butternut dye for a Rebel uniform, learning drills and signals with flags, decoding wigwag, baking hardtack, reenacting battles, and making a medicine kit bring this pivotal period in our nation’s history to life. Fascinating sidebars tell of slaves escaping on the Underground Railroad, the adventures of nine-year-old drummer boy Johnny Clem, animal mascots who traveled with the troops, and friendships between enemies. The resource section includes short biographies of important figures from both sides of the war, listings of Civil War sites across the country, pertinent websites, glossary, and an index.

Contributor Bio

World War I for Kids

A History with 21 Activities
R. Kent Rasmussen

Summary
One hundred years after the start of the “Great War,” World War I for Kids provides an intriguing and comprehensive look at this defining conflict that involved all of the world’s superpowers. Why and how did the war come about? What was daily life like for soldiers in the trenches? What roles did zeppelins, barbed wire, and the passenger ship Lusitania play in the war? Who were Kaiser Wilhelm, the Red Baron, and Edith Cavell? Young history buffs will learn the answers these questions and many others, including why the western front bogged down into a long stalemate; how the war ushered in an era of rapid military, technological, and societal advances; and how the United States’ entry helped end the war. Far from a dry catalog of names, dates, and battles, this richly illustrated book goes in depth into such fascinating topics as turn-of-the-20th-century weaponry and the important roles animals played in the war, and explains connections among events and how the war changed the course of history. Hands-on activities illuminate both the war and the times.

Kids can:
· Make a peri...

Contributor Bio
R. Kent Rasmussen is the author or editor of more than 20 books, including the award-winning The United States at War and many books on Mark Twain.
World War II for Kids
A History with 21 Activities
Richard Panchyk, Senator John McCain

Summary
Now more than ever, kids want to know about our country’s great struggles during World War II. This book is packed with information that kids will find fascinating, from Hitler’s rise to power in 1933 to the surrender of the Japanese in 1945. Much more than an ordinary history book, it is filled with excerpts from actual wartime letters written to and by American and German troops, personal anecdotes from people who lived through the war in the United States, Germany, Britain, Russia, Hungary, and Japan, and gripping stories from Holocaust survivors—all add a humanizing global perspective to the war. This collection of 21 activities shows kids how it felt to live through this monumental period in history. They will play a rationing game or try the butter extender recipe to understand the everyday sacrifices made by wartime families. They will try their hands at military strategy in coastal defense, break a code, and play a latitude and longitude tracking game. Whether growing a victory garden or staging an adventure radio program, kids will appreciate the hardships and joys experienced...

Contributor Bio
Richard Panchyk is the author of Archaeology for Kids and the coauthor of Engineering the City. Both of his grandfathers and three of his great-uncles were soldiers in World War II. He lives on Long Island in New York.

Practical Ballistics
An Introductory Guide for Rifle and Shotgun Shooters
Lewis Potter

Summary
From bullet history dating back from the earliest guns to the present, to information on how to create your own projectiles, this guide provides in-depth coverage, all focused on ballistics

This fascinating book starts with the basics, going back to the days of muzzle loading before considering the various attempts made through the centuries to improve the bullet. It moves on to examine the development of the cartridge right up to the present day, and provides the reader with a clear understanding of the principles governing the bullet's flight. Topics discussed include the development of the bullet and the cartridge, and the factors that influence ballistic performance and accuracy. The difference between internal ballistics—factors influencing performance while the bullet is still in the barrel—and external ballistics—factors affecting the bullet's flight when it leaves the barrel—are explained. This title also aims to assist those enthusiasts who make their own bullets by analyzing faults that have an impact on accuracy, both for rifled firearms and for smooth-bore guns. A number o...

Contributor Bio
Lewis Potter started shooting more than 55 years ago as a boy with an old Lincoln Jefferies air rifle. Time in the Army Cadets introduced him to the .22 rimfire, .303 Lee Enfield, and the Bren gun. In 1974 he joined a local rifle and pistol club, of which he is currently the Honorary President.
This is the Army, Mr. Jones!
The WWII V-Mail Cartoons of Harry E. Chrisman
Sheryl Jones

Summary
An amazing collection of more than 200 WWII V-mails created by artist and author Harry E. Chrisman during his service in the Pacific Theatre of Operations from 1943-45. Chrisman, who went on to become a newspaper man and a prolific author/editor of more than 14 books about life in the Old West, had a talent for capturing his war-time experiences in funny and often poignant cartoon illustrations, some of which he produced for family back home, others for his fellow GIs with whom he served.

Contributor Bio
Sheryl Jones was born and raised in the Flint Hills of eastern Kansas. She wrote her first story when she was eight years old and taught writing for 23 years. A member of the Cherokee Nation, Sheryl currently resides in Arvada, Colorado.

The Soldier Who Came Back
Alan Clark, Steve Foster

Summary
Northern Poland, 1940: at the Nazi war camp Stalag XX-A, two men struck up an unlikely friendship which led to one of the most remarkable wartime escape stories ever told. Antony Coulthard was the privately educated son of wealthy parents with a degree in modern languages from Oxford. Fred Foster, the son of a bricklayer, had left school at 14. This mismatched young pair hatched a plan to disguise themselves and simply walk out of the camp, board a train, and head straight into the heart of Nazi Germany. This audacious plan involved 18 months of undercover work, including Antony spending 3 hours each evening teaching Fred German. They set off for the Swiss border via Germany, but when they reached the border town of Lake Constance, with Switzerland within their reach, Antony crossed over into freedom, while Fred’s luck ran out. What happened to them both next is both heartbreaking and inspiring.

Contributor Bio
Alan Clark is the author of Rory’s Boys. Steve Foster joined the Royal Navy in 1966, and was promoted to Commander in 1997.
**Freedom Fighter**

*My War Against ISIS on the Frontlines of Syria*
Joanna Palani

**Summary**
Joanna Palani made headlines across the world when her role fighting ISIS in the Syrian conflict was revealed. Inspired by the Arab Spring, Joanna left behind her student life in Copenhagen and traveled to the Middle East in order to join the YPJ—the all-female brigade of the Kurdish militia in Syria. After undergoing considerable military training, including as a saboteur and sniper, Joanna served as a YPJ fighter over several years and took part in the brutal siege of Kobani. Despite her heroism, she was taken into custody on her return to Denmark for breaking laws designed to stop citizens from joining ISIS, making her the first person to be jailed for joining the international coalition. In this raw and unflinching memoir, Joanna provides an eye-witness account of this devastating war and reveals the personal cost of the battles she has fought on and off the frontlines.

**Contributor Bio**
Joanna Palani played a variety of roles for the YPJ—the female battalion of the Syrian Kurdish group YPG, the Peshmerga, and as part of coalition forces, including the SDF, supported by US and UK special forces. Her last position in the YPJ was in a sniper unit.

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**Brooklyn to Baghdad**

*An NYPD Intelligence Cop Fights Terror in Iraq*
Christopher Strom, Jerome Preisler, Michael Benson

**Summary**
*Brooklyn to Baghdad* is the true story of a retired NYPD intelligence sergeant applying his street-cop tactics and interrogation skills against a lethal insurgency that had infected Iraq. A group of retired Special Forces soldiers and law enforcement experts came together to form the counterinsurgency group codenamed “Phoenix Team.” Exposing the corruption of both the Iraqi and US governments, the team faced serious setbacks and challenges. *Brooklyn to Baghdad* shows the effectiveness of Phoenix Team, their ability to process forensic evidence and human intelligence gleaned through interrogations at the point of capture to provide direct targeting for follow-on missions. This memoir also illustrates the politics of Washington, DC, and the US Army in the war-fighting effort, which continually hampered complete success while simultaneously preserving career aspirations. Throughout are many humorous and emotional anecdotes that reveal the men behind the missions and the toll the theater of war takes on real human lives.

**Contributor Bio**
Chris Strom is a former US Marine and retired sergeant with the NYPD Intelligence Division. In October 2007, Chris was recruited by the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), a government agency that devised top-secret strategies for combating IEDs in Iraq and Afghanistan. As the lead tactical debriefing officer, he participated in over 110 combat missions and 91 captures of high-value targets (HVTs) in southern Iraq and performed more than 200 battlefield interrogations. Chris is married with two children and lives in Roanoke, Virginia.

Jerome Preisler is a native New Yorker who has written forty published books of fiction and narrative nonfiction, including all eight titles in the number-one New York Times bestselling Tom Clancy’s Power Plays series. He is also the author of the bestselling Net Force series (created by Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik).

Michael Benson is one of today’s most popular true-crime writers, whose books include *Escape from Dannemora, Nightmare in Rochester*, *Killer Twins*, and *The Devil at Genesee Junction*. He is originally from Rochester...
**The Ether Zone**  
*U.S. Army Special Forces Detachment B-52, Project Delta*  
Ray Morris

**Summary**  
Project Delta and its clandestine special reconnaissance operations proved to be one of the most successful Special Operation units of the Vietnam War, yet few Americans have ever heard of them, or know that this unit's operational model was precursor for the renowned Delta Force. This small unit of less than 100 U.S. Army Special Forces amassed a record for bravery that rivals few. For the first time, the Project Delta Quiet Professionals finally share their amazing story. Highly trained as experts in special reconnaissance techniques and procedures, the covert Project Delta missions were accomplished through recon team insertions into enemy territory. As the primary sources of intelligence collection for Project Delta, these tough and tenacious recon men recount hair-raising adventures from personal recollections. The Ether Zone is certain to appeal to those with an interest in Special Operations Group, the Vietnam War, special operations and military history in general.

**Contributor Bio**  
Raymond C. Morris was born in Jefferson City, Missouri and entered the Army at 17. He served in Vietnam from 1964-1970 and retired from active duty in 1985 after 26 years in the military. In 2005, he was commissioned by the Project Delta members to write their story.

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**Tough As Nails**  
*One Woman's Journey through West Point*  
Gail O’Sullivan Dwyer

**Summary**  
*Tough as Nails* is one woman's account of her personal experiences and the lessons learned from them; it is how West Point engraved Duty, Honor, and Country onto her soul. *Tough as Nails* gives you the West Point experience. You’ll see it, feel it and learn something from it. You'll smile and you'll laugh. This is the story that Erma Bombeck would have written had she been a member of the Class of 1981, the second class with women at West Point. *Tough as Nails* is more than a coming-of-age memoir. Originally written to assist her in her role as a West Point admissions liaison officer, the author shares knowledge gained in her 15 years working with admissions.

**Contributor Bio**  
Gail Dwyer graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with the second class of women. She retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army Reserves and has spent the past sixteen years serving with West Point admissions as a liaison officer. She and her husband have four children, two of which currently attend West Point.
A Vietnam Experience
Ten Years of Reflection
James B. Stockdale

Admiral Stockdale looks back at his ten years in Vietnam. Ranging in subject from methods of communication in prison to military ethics to the principles of leadership, the thirty-four selections contained in this volume are a unique record of what their author calls a "melting experience," a press...

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The decade that followed James Stockdale's seven and a half years in a North Vietnamese prison saw his life take a number of different turns, from a stay in a navy hospital in San Diego to president of a civilian college to his appointment as a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution. In this collection of essays he offers his thoughts on his imprisonment. Describing the horrors of his treatment as a prisoner of war, Stockdale tells how he discovered firsthand the capabilities and limitations of the human spirit in such a situation. As the senior officer in confinement he had what he humbly describes as "the easiest leadership job in the world: to maintain the organization, resistance, and spirit of ten of the finest men I have ever known." His reflections on his wartime prison experience and the reasons for his survival form the basis of the writings reprinted here. In subject matter ranging from methods of communication in prison to military ethics to the principles of leadership, the thirty-four selections contained in this volume are a unique record of what Stockdale cal...

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**My Life in Churchill's School for Spies**

*Noreen Riols, Paddy Ashdown*

**Summary**

A vivid, enthralling memoir from one of the only surviving members of "Churchill's Secret Army"

"My mother thought I was working for the Ministry of Ag. and Fish." So begins Noreen Riols’ compelling memoir of her time as a member of Churchill’s "secret army," the Special Operations Executive. It was 1943, just before her 18th birthday, Noreen received her call-up papers, and was faced with either working in a munitions factory or joining the Wrens. A fashion-conscious young woman, even in wartime, Noreen opted for the Wrens—they had better hats. But when one of her interviewers realized she spoke fluent French, she was directed to a government building on Baker Street. It was SOE headquarters, where she was immediately recruited into F-Section, led by Colonel Maurice Buckmaster. From then until the end of the war, Noreen worked with Buckmaster and her fellow operatives to support the French Resistance fighting for the Allied cause. Sworn to secrecy, Noreen told no one that she spent her days meeting agents returning from behind enemy lines, acting as a decoy, passing on messages in te...

**Contributor Bio**

*Noreen Riols* joined the BBC after the war. She is the author of 10 books. *Paddy Ashdown* was the High Representative for Bosnia-Herzegovina for nearly four years, an office that was created in 1995 to oversee the civilian implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. He is the author of several books, including *The Ashdown Diaries*.

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**Proud to Be**

*Writing by American Warriors, Volume 7*

*James Brubaker*

**Summary**

The anthology Proud to Be: Writing by American Warriors showcases writing from military veterans and their families from across the nation, including writing about WWI and WWII, Vietnam, the Gulf Conflict, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The anthology is the seventh in an annual series published by Southeast Missouri State University Press in Cooperation with the Missouri Humanities Council’s Veterans Projects and the Warriors Arts Alliance. The Missouri Humanities Council plans to expand the partnership to include additional organizations that are both concerned and supportive of American veterans.

**Contributor Bio**

*James Brubaker* is the director of Southeast Missouri State University Press. He is the author of the books *Liner Notes*, *Pilot Season*, and *Black Magic Death Sphere: (Science) Fictions*. His stories have appeared in venues including Zoetrope: All Story, The Normal School, Michigan Quarterly Review, Indiana Review, Hobart, and Booth, among others.
**Odette**

**World War Two's Darling Spy**

Penny Starns

**Summary**

Odette Brailly entered the public's consciousness in the 1950s when her remarkable—and romantic—exploits as an SOE agent first came to light. She had been the first woman to be awarded the GC, as well as the Legion d'Honneur, and in 1950 the release of a film about her life made her the darling of the British popular press. But others openly questioned Odette's integrity, even claiming that she had a clandestine affair with her supervisor Captain Peter Churchill. The first full biography of this incredible woman for nearly 60 years delves into recently opened SOE personnel files to reveal the true story of this wartime heroine and the officer who posed as her husband. From her life as a French housewife living in Britain and her French Resistance undercover work, to her unlikely survival in Ravensbruck concentration camp, it is revealed for the first time the truth of Odette's mission.

**Contributor Bio**

**Penny Starns** is the author of *Surviving Tenko*.

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**X, Y & Z**

**The Real Story of How Enigma Was Broken**

Dermot Turing

**Summary**

December, 1932: In the bathroom of a Belgian hotel, a French spymaster photographs secret documents – operating instructions of the cipher machine, Enigma. A few weeks later a mathematician in Warsaw begins to decipher the coded communications of the Third Reich and lay the foundations for the code-breaking operation at Bletchley Park. The co-operation between France, Britain and Poland is given the cover name ‘X, Y & Z’. December, 1942: It is the middle of World War II. The Polish code-breakers are in France on the run from the Gestapo. People who know the Enigma secret are not supposed to be in the combat zone for fear of capture so MI6 devises a plan to exfiltrate them. If it goes wrong, if they are caught, they could give away the greatest secret of the war. X, Y & Z describes how French, British and Polish secret services came together to unravel the Enigma machine. It tells of how, under the very noses of the Germans, Enigma code-breaking continued in Vichy France. And how code-breakers from Poland continued their work for Her Majesty's Secret Service, watching the USSR’s first...

**Contributor Bio**

**Dermot Turing** is the author of *Prof*, the acclaimed biography of Alan Turing. He spent his career in the legal profession after graduating from Cambridge and Oxford, and is a trustee of Bletchley Park. He has extensive knowledge of World War II code-breaking and is a regular presenter at major cryptology events, most recently presenting at the US National Security Agency’s Center for Cryptologic History. He lives in St Albans.
After the Holocaust the Bells Still Ring
Joseph Polak, Elie Wiesel

Summary
Winner of:
2015 National Jewish Book Award; Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir

This memoir is a fascinating portrait of mother and child who miraculously survive two concentration camps, then, after the war, battle demons of the past, societal rejection, disbelief, and invalidation as they struggle to reenter the world of the living. It is the tale of how one newly takes on the world, having lived in the midst of corpses strewn about in the scores of thousands, and how one can possibly resume life in the aftermath of such experiences. It is the story of the child who decides, upon growing up, that the only career that makes sense for him in light of these years of horror is to become someone sensitive to the deepest flaws of humanity, a teacher of God’s role in history amidst the traditions that attempt to understand it—and to become a rabbi. Readers will not emerge unscathed from this searing work, written by a distinguished, Boston-based rabbi and academic.

Contributor Bio
Joseph Polak is an infant survivor of the Holocaust, during which time he was a prisoner at two concentration camps: Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen. He has published extensively in leading popular and scholarly periodicals and newspapers, including the Boston Globe, Commentary, Jewish Law Studies, Judaism, and Tradition. He is an assistant professor of public health (health law) at Boston University School of Public Health; the rabbi emeritus of the Florence and Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University; and the chief justice at the Rabbinical Court of Massachusetts. He lives in Brookline, Massachusetts. Elie Wiesel is a Romanian-born Holocaust survivor, author of 57 books, and winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize. He lives in New York.

The Last Cambridge Spy
John Cairncross, Bletchley Codebreaker and Soviet Double Agent
Chris Smith, Dermot Turing

The first biography of John Cairncross, the fifth member of the Cambridge spy ring and colleague of Alan Turing

Summary
John Cairncross was among the most damaging spies of the 20th century. A member of the infamous Cambridge spy ring, he leaked highly sensitive documents from Bletchley Park, MI6 and the Treasury to the Soviet Union—including the first Atomic secrets and raw decrypts from Enigma and Tunny that influenced the outcome of the Battle of Kursk. Based on newly released archival materials, this biography will be the first to cover the life and espionage of this singularly important spy. In 2014 Cairncross appeared as a secondary, though key, character in the biopic of Alan Turing’s life, The Imitation Game. The result was considerable negative reaction within the national press. Despite this clear interest, the function filled by Cairncross remains an untold story. Where all of the other members of the Cambridge spy ring have been the subject of extensive biographical study, Cairncross has largely been omitted by both academic and popular writers, and no biography has yet been penned of his life.

Contributor Bio
Chris Smith has published a monograph on the history of Bletchley Park and several related articles in journals, including History of Science. Dermot Turing is the author of Prof, the acclaimed biography of Alan Turing. He is a trustee of Bletchley Park.
The Leper Spy
The Story of an Unlikely Hero of World War II
Ben Montgomery

Summary
The GIs called her Joey. Hundreds owed their lives to the tiny Filipina woman who was one of the top spies for the Allies during World War II, stashing explosives, tracking Japanese troop movements, and smuggling maps of fortifications across enemy lines for Gen. Douglas MacArthur. As the Battle of Manila raged, young Josefina Guerrero walked through gunfire to bandage wounds and close the eyes of the dead. Her valor earned her the Medal of Freedom, but the thing that made her an effective spy was a disease that was destroying her.

Guerrero suffered from leprosy, which so horrified the Japanese they refused to search her. After the war, army chaplains found her in a nightmarish leper colony and campaigned for the US government to do something it had never done: welcome a foreigner with leprosy. The fight brought her celebrity, which she used on radio and television to speak for other sufferers. However, the notoriety haunted her after the disease was arrested, and she had to find a way to disappear.

Contributor Bio
Ben Montgomery is the author of the New York Times bestseller Grandma Gatewood’s Walk, which won the 2014 National Outdoor Book Award for History/Biography. An award-winning staff writer at the Tampa Bay Times, Montgomery was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in 2010.

A Tangled Web: Mata Hari
Dancer, Courtesan, Spy
Mary W. Craig

Summary
In this new biography, published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of her execution, Mata Hari is revealed in all of her flawed eccentricity; a woman whose adult life was a fantastical web of lies and half-truths. Following a bitter divorce and the death of a young son, Hari reinvented herself as an exotic dancer in Paris, before finally taking up the life of a courtesan. She could have remained a half-forgotten member of France’s grande horizontale were it not for World War I and her disastrous decision to become embroiled in espionage. What happened next was part farce and part tragedy that ended in her execution in October 1917. Recruited by both the Germans and the French as a spy, Hari—codenamed H-21—was also almost recruited by the Russians. But the harmless fantasies and lies she had told on stage had become part of the deadly game of agents and foreign agents during wartime. Struggling with the huge cost of war, the French authorities needed to catch a spy. Mata Hari, the dancer, the courtesan, the fantasist, became the prize catch.

Contributor Bio
Mary W. Craig is a previous Carnegie scholar of the University of Glasgow where she gained a MLItt in history. She is a working historian specializing in the history of central Europe between 1848 and 1933. She also works as a community archivist involved in the creation of archival systems that protect original historical materials while increasing their accessibility to researchers and the general public.
Zulu Rising
The Epic Story of iSandlwana and Rorke's Drift
Ian Knight

Summary
The battle of Isandlwana was the single most destructive incident in the 150-year history of the British colonization of South Africa. In one bloody day more than 800 British troops, 500 of their allies, and at least 2,000 Zulus were killed in a staggering defeat for the British empire. The consequences of the battle echoed brutally across the following decades as Britain took ruthless revenge on the Zulu people. In Zulu Rising Ian Knight shows that the brutality of the battle was the result of an inevitable clash between two aggressive warrior traditions. For the first time he gives full weight to the Zulu experience and explores the reality of the fighting through the eyes of men who took part on both sides, looking into the human heart of this savage conflict. Based on new research, including previously unpublished material, Zulu oral history, and new archaeological evidence from the battlefield, this is the definitive account of a battle that has shaped the political fortunes of the Zulu people to this day.

Contributor Bio
Ian Knight is the leading authority on the Anglo-Zulu War and has written over thirty highly regarded publications on Zulu history, including the award-winning National Army Museum Book of the Zulu War. He has appeared in and written many television documentaries on the Zulus, and in 2008 was awarded the Anglo-Zulu War Historical Society's Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi Award for a lifetime's contribution to the field.

Bloody Saturday
Shanghai's Darkest Day
Paul French

Summary
Saturday, August 14, 1937—that summer Shanghai was expecting to be hit by a typhoon of "violent intensity." The typhoon passed, but what did strike Shanghai was a man-made typhoon of bombs and shrapnel that brought aerial death and destruction such as no city had ever seen before. The clock outside Cathay Hotel stopped at 4:27 p.m. precisely as the first bombs landed on the junction of the Nanking Road and the Bund; the second wave of explosions struck the dense crowds outside the Great World amusement center in the French Concession. This book reconstructs the events of that dreadful day from eyewitness accounts. No truth is hidden behind French's masterful writing, as you'll weep through loss of real people in history and get to know Shanghai on an intimate level.

Contributor Bio
Paul French is the author of the New York Times bestseller Midnight in Peking, which won the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime and the CWA Non-Fiction Dagger.
Anzac Girls
The Extraordinary Story of Our World War I Nurses
Peter Rees

Summary
By the end of the World War I, 45 Australian and New Zealand nurses had died on overseas service, and more than 200 had been decorated. These were the women who left for war looking for adventure and romance but were soon confronted with challenges for which their civilian lives could never have prepared them. Their strength and dignity were remarkable. Using diaries and letters, Peter Rees takes us into the hospital camps and the wards, and the tent surgeries on the edge of some of the most horrific battlefronts of human history. But he also allows the friendships and loves of these courageous and compassionate women to shine through and enrich our experience. Profoundly moving, Anzac Girls is a story of extraordinary courage and humanity shown by a group of women whose contribution to the Anzac legend has barely been recognized in our history. Peter Rees has changed that understanding forever.

Contributor Bio
Peter Rees has been a journalist for 40 years, working as federal political correspondent for the Melbourne Sun, the West Australian, and the Sunday Telegraph. He is the author of The Boy from Boree Creek: The Tim Fischer Story, Tim Fischer’s Outback Heroes, Killing Juanita: A True Story of Murder and Corruption (which was a winner of the 2004 Ned Kelly Award for Australian crime writing), Desert Boys, and Lancaster Men.

The Last Warlord
The Life and Legend of Dostum, the Afghan Warrior Who Led US Special Forces to Topple the Taliban Regime
Brian Glyn Williams

Summary
The Last Warlord tells the spellbinding story of the legendary Afghan warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum, a larger-than-life figure who guided US Special Forces to victory over the Taliban after 9/11. Having gained unprecedented access to General Dostum and his family and subcommanders, as well as local chieftains, mullahs, elders, Taliban prisoners, and women’s rights activists, scholar Brian Glyn Williams paints a fascinating portrait of this Northern Alliance Uzbek commander who has been shrouded in mystery and contradicting hearsay. In contrast to sensational media accounts that have mythologized the “bear of a man with a gruff laugh” who “some Uzbeks swear, has on occasion frightened people to death,” Williams carefully chronicles Dostum’s rise from peasant villager to Uzbek leader and skilled strategist who has fought a long and bitter war against the Taliban ...

Contributor Bio
Brian Glyn Williams, PhD, is a professor of Islamic history at the University of Massachusetts–Dartmouth. He worked for the Central Intelligence Agency tracking suicide bombers in Afghanistan and is the author of Predators: The CIA’s Drone War on al Qaeda, Afghanistan Declassified: A Guide to America’s Longest War, and The Crimean Tatars: The Diaspora Experience and the Forging of a Nation.
The Ragged Edge
A US Marine's Account of Leading the Iraqi Army Fifth Battalion
Michael Zacchea, Ted Kemp, Paul D. Eaton

Summary
At a time when the United States debates how deeply to involve itself in Iraq and Syria, Lt. Col. Michael Zacchea, USMC (ret.), holds a unique vantage point on our still-ongoing war. Deployed to Iraq in March 2004, his team's mission was to build, train, and lead in combat the first Iraqi army battalion trained by the US military. Zacchea tells a deeply personal and powerful story while shedding light on the dangerous pitfalls of training foreign troops to fight murderous insurgents. The Ragged Edge is the first American military memoir out of Iraq or Syria that features complex Arab and Kurdish characters and that intimately explores their culture and politics in a dispassionate way. Zacchea's invaluable lessons about Americans working with Arabs and Kurds to fight insurgency and terrorism come precisely when such wartime collaboration is happening more than at any time in US history.

Contributor Bio
Lt. Col. Michael Zacchea (USMC-ret.) led the Kurds, Shiites, and Sunnis of the Iraqi Fifth Battalion and their US advisers. He won two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and Iraq's Order of the Lion of Babylon. A veterans' advocate with VoteVets.org, he has appeared on NPR, CBS News, and elsewhere. Ted Kemp is senior editor in charge of CNBC Digital's foreign desk. Major General Paul Eaton (US Army-ret.) commanded allied coalition training efforts in Iraq. He is active with VoteVets.org and is a frequent contributor for outlets ranging from MSNBC to HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher.

The Crusader and Corsair
Martyn Chorlton

A lavishly illustrated celebration of two icons of the air, the Vought F-8 Crusader and A-7 Corsair II.

Summary
The Vought F-8 Crusader was a classic post-war aircraft; loved by its pilots, this big machine was nicknamed "The Last of the Gunfighters" because of its primary armament of four 20 mm Colt cannons. The F-8 entered service with the US Navy in 1957 and remained as one of its front line fighters until 1976, having served with distinction during the Vietnam War. Reconnaissance versions served on until 1987, while it was the French Navy who doggedly held onto their F-8s until the arrival of the Rafale in 2000. The A-7 Corsair II came about as a replacement for another US Navy aircraft, the A-4 Skyhawk, and in an effort to cut down on research and development costs, the new light attack aircraft used the same components as the F-8. Much shorter than its older sibling, the A-7 entered service in 1967 and was immediately pressed into service alongside the F-8 in Vietnam with both the US Navy and later with the USAF. Retired by ANG in 1991, the A-7 remained operational until 2014 with the Greek Air Force.

Contributor Bio
Martyn Chorl顿 is an ex-RAF photographer and editor of Military Modelling magazine.
The Defeat of the Luftwaffe
The Eastern Front 1941-45, A Strategy for Disaster
Jonathan Trigg

In 1941 the Luftwaffe was the most powerful air force in the world. This is the story of how it was utterly defeated on the Eastern Front.

Summary
In 1939 and 1940, the Nazi blitzkrieg crushed Poland and the Low Countries and France. This was a new type of warfare, with air and ground forces sweeping away all resistance. In the air its symbol was the all-conquering Luftwaffe. When Hitler looked further east in 1941, the Luftwaffe spearheaded the largest invasion in world history, destroying thousands of Red Air Force planes. Yet less than four years later that same Red Air Force flew unopposed over Hitler’s burning Reich Chancellery. Using original research, this book explains how the Nazi Luftwaffe’s victory in the east was transformed into ashes through incompetence, misjudgement, and hubris.

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Trigg served as an infantry officer in the Royal Anglian Regiment. He now has his own business training the long-term unemployed to get them into work. His previous books include Hitler’s Vikings.

The Merlin
The Engine That Won the Second World War
Gordon A. A. Wilson

First ever narrative history of the famous aero engine that powered the Spitfire, Hurricane, Lancaster, Mosquito and Mustang, the aircraft that made the difference between victory and defeat at critical moments in the Second World War - the Battle of Britain and the allied aerial offensive against G...

Summary
The Rolls Royce Merlin is the world’s most recognizable aero engine. It powered the Battle of Britain aircraft, the Spitfire, and Hurricane. It is the engine that powered the Lancaster and Halifax of Bomber Command. The Merlin was the power plant of the Mustang escort fighter. The Mosquito, was also powered by the Merlin. The Merlin worked day and night to secure the eventual Allied victory. This book tells the human story of the development of the engine and its operational use during the war featuring the voices of air crew who relied on the Merlin.

Contributor Bio
Gordon A. A. Wilson is a retired military and commercial pilot. He flew with the Canadian air forces 414 Electronic Warfare Squadron. He subsequently flew for 30 years for a major airline, and worked as a ground school instructor for Air Canada and as an aviation consultant writing standard operating procedures manuals. His other books include NORAD and the Soviet Nuclear Threat. He lives in British Columbia, Canada.
Voices of the Scandinavian Waffen-SS
The Final Testament of Hitler's Vikings
Jonathan Trigg

Summary
At the beginning of World War II, Nazi Germany invaded and occupied Denmark and Norway, but left neutral Sweden alone. Less than a year later citizens from all three of those Scandinavian nations volunteered to join the Nazi Waffen-SS and go and fight on the newly-formed Eastern Front against Stalin's Soviet Union. By the end of the War in 1945 the number of Scandinavians who had fought in the Waffen-SS had reached the thousands. Casualties were high, but there were survivors and they returned home, often to face retribution and condemnation. This book is about the war they fought in their own words—their last testament before they are all gone. Many volunteered through a deep hatred of communism. Some, of course, simply believed in Hitler’s vision of a new world order, while others were just young men with a craving for adventure. Jonathan Trigg has interviewed some of the last living survivors who tell their story with absolute truthfulness.

Contributor Bio
Jonathan Trigg is the author of Hitler's Vikings, Death on the Don, and Hitler's Flemish Lions.

Combined Arms Warfare in Israeli Military History
From the War of Independence to Operation Protective Edge
David Rodman

Summary
Combined arms warfare (CAW)—the integration of different arms on the battlefield (e.g., armor, infantry, artillery, aircraft, and engineers—is as old as war itself. This book traces the Israeli experience with CAW from the country’s War of Independence in 1947-49 through Operation Protective Edge in 2014. It describes and analyzes the IDF’s practice of CAW in each conflict that Israel has fought since the country’s establishment.

Contributor Bio
David Rodman is the author of Defense and Diplomacy in Israel’s National Security Experience: Tactics, Partnerships, and Motives; Arms Transfers to Israel: The Strategic Logic Behind American Military Assistance; Sword and Shield of Zion: The Israel Air Force in the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1948-2012; and, Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur War: Diplomacy, Battle and Lessons.
Spitfire to Reaper
The Changing Face of Aerial Warfare - 1940-Present Day
Anthony Tucker-Jones

Summary
Since the Luftwaffe’s 1940 Eagle Day attack on Britain, aerial warfare and its accompanying technology has changed almost beyond recognition. The piston engine was replaced by the jet and the pilot in some cases has been completely replaced by a computer. Carpet bombing became GPS and laser pinpointed. Whereas a bomber’s greatest enemy was once fighters and flak, these dangers morphed into air-to-air and surface-to-air missiles. In this new book, Anthony Tucker-Jones charts the remarkable evolution of aerial warfare over time, from the iconic Supermarine Spitfire to the infamous unmanned Reaper drone.

Contributor Bio
Anthony Tucker-Jones spent nearly 20 years in the British Intelligence community before establishing himself as a defense writer and military historian. He has written extensively on aspects of WWII warfare, including Hitler’s Great Panzer Heist and Stalin’s Revenge: Operation Bagration. He has also written Slaughter on the Eastern Front for The History Press.

The Roughest Riders
The Untold Story of the Black Soldiers in the Spanish-American War
Jerome Tuccille

Summary
Americans have long heard the story of Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders charging up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. But often forgotten in the great swamp of history is that Roosevelt’s success was ensured by a dedicated corps of black soldiers—the so-called Buffalo Soldiers—who fought by Roosevelt’s side during his legendary campaign. Roosevelt admitted that the black troops actually spearheaded the charge, beating him to the top of Kettle Hill ahead of San Juan Hill, but later changed his story, claiming their performance was due to the superior white officers under whom the black troops served.

The Roughest Riders takes a closer look at common historical legend and balances the record. It is the inspiring story of the first African American soldiers to serve during the post-slavery era, first in the West and later in Cuba, when full equality, legally at least, was still a distant dream. They fought heroically and courageously, making Roosevelt’s campaign a great success that added to the future president’s legend as a great man of words and action. But most of ...

Contributor Bio
Jerome Tuccille is the author of more than thirty books, including Hemingway and Gellhorn, Gallo Be Thy Name, and Trump, and has taught at the New School for Social Research in New York City. He passed away in 2017.
**Warriors and Citizens**  
*American Views of Our Military*  
Jim Mattis, Kori N. Schake

**Summary**  
A diverse group of contributors offer different perspectives on whether or not the different experiences of our military and the broader society amounts to a "gap"—and if the American public is losing connection to its military. They analyze extensive polling information to identify those gaps between civilian and military attitudes on issues central to the military profession and the professionalism of our military, determine which if any of these gaps are problematic for sustaining the traditionally strong bonds between the American military and its broader public, analyze whether any problematic gaps are amenable to remediation by policy means, and assess potential solutions. The contributors also explore public disengagement and the effect of high levels of public support for the military combined with very low levels of trust in elected political leaders—both recurring themes in their research. And they reflect on whether American society is becoming so divorced from the requirements for success on the battlefield that not only will we fail to comprehend our military, but we als...

**Contributor Bio**  
General Jim Mattis, the Davies Family Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, is an expert on national security issues, especially strategy, innovation, the effective use of military force, and the Middle East. He heads a project on the gap between civil and military perspectives and is writing a book on leadership. During the 2008 presidential election, Kori N Schake was senior policy adviser to the McCain-Palin campaign, responsible for policy development and outreach in the areas of foreign and defense policy.

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**The Incredible War of 1812**  
*A Military History*  
Donald Graves E., J. Mackay Hitsman

**Summary**  
Hitsman's account of the War of 1812 is regarded by many experts as the best one-volume history of that conflict. It is an engrossing story of the causes of the war and of the campaigns and battles that raged on land and water, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. This new paperback edition, edited by Donald E. Graves, contains the entire text of the original edition and much new material.

**Contributor Bio**  
Donald E. Graves, one of Canada's best known military historians, is the author or editor of 20 books primarily on the War of 1812 and the Second World War. His studies on the battles of Lundy's Lane (Where Right and Glory Lead!) and Chrysalis's Farm (Field of Glory) are established classics of musket-period warfare. J. Mackay Hitsman is a renowned military historian.
Remember the Liberty!
Almost Sunk by Treason on the High Seas
Ernest A. Gallo, Ronald G. Kukal, Phillip F. Nel...

Summary
One of the most explosive and hidden secrets in U.S. history – one that has never been previously told, Remember the Liberty explores how a sitting U.S. president collaborated with Israeli leaders in the fomentation of a war between them and their Arab neighbors. A war that would ensure a victory for Israel, and include the acquisition of additional land. This book will finally identify the real cause of the vicious attack on a U.S. Naval ship. After the botched plan was executed, the ship refused to sink even after being hit by a torpedo, leading the attack to be cancelled and a massive cover-up invoked. Including severe threats for the crewmembers to "keep their lips sealed." That cover-up is barely still in place, and completely exposed. Written largely by the survivors themselves, the truth is finally being told with the real story revealed.

Contributor Bio
Co-Authors, USS Liberty survivors: Phillip Tourney F., author of What I Saw That Day; and Ronald Kukal was the senior enlisted man on the crew; and Liberty Mr. Gallo worked as a Second Class Communications Technician, responsible for maintaining cryptographic hardware associated with the mission. Phillip Nelson grew up in Indiana and studied at the University of Wisconsin, and served in the Peace Corps in Brazil. He began researching the JFK assassination intensely in 2003, and published his first book, LBJ: The Mastermind of the JFK Assassination in 2010, followed by LBJ: From Mastermind to The Colossus in 2014. Raymond McGovern is a veteran CIA officer turned political activist. McGovern was a CIA analyst from 1963 to 1990, and in the 1980s chaired National Intelligence Estimates and prepared the President’s Daily Brief.

Vietnam Guns and Fury
Jerry Dallape

JERRY A. DALLAPE'S HISTORY OF HIS TIME IN VIETNAM 1966 - 1967

Summary
Many books written about the Vietnam War, dwell on the horrors of combat. Vietnam Guns and Fury is an attempt to bring to light the day by day activities which include combat, but also include hardships such as weather, loneliness, fear, and the hardships that come with living outdoors for months at a time.

Contributor Bio
The author Jerry A. Dallape was born in Collinsville, Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Collinsville, schools, until 1966, when he graduated and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His training begin at San Diego and continued at camp Pendleton, California until departing for Vietnam in December 1966. After 13 months in Vietnam Jerry was then stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina until being honorably discharged in March 1969. He attended southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois and Belleville area junior-college in Cahokia, Illinois. In 1970, a Marine Corps buddy and Jerry opened a nightclub in Collinsville. For more than 50 years Jerry has been involved in the liquor industry. Jerry and Jerilyn, classmates were married in 1970. They are blessed with three children, two boys and one girl, and many grandchildren.
The True Story of America's Longest-Held Civilian POW in the Vietnam War  
Ernest C. Brace

Summary
Ernest C. Brace was a former Marine hero, banished in disgrace from the Corps. In 1965, while working as a civilian pilot in Laos, he was captured and spent the next two years in a bamboo cage with his legs in stocks. His bravery did not diminish when transferred to Hanoi where he maintained the military code of conduct, refusing early release so that others might go free. This is the true, firsthand account of America’s longest-held civilian POW in Vietnam, his eight years in captivity, and eventual return to honor.

Contributor Bio
Ernest C. Brace was America's longest-held civilian prisoner of war in Vietnam. After his release in 1973, he went to work for Evergreen International as its VP of Operations. In 1978, he joined Sikorsky Aircraft Co. and became its Director of International Operations. Ernie is now retired and lives with his wife in Klamath Falls, OR.

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**Where We Were in Vietnam**  
A Comprehensive Guide to the Firebases and Militar  
Michael Kelley

Summary
Widely considered the definitive resource on the Vietnam War, Where We Were identifies the name, location and provides a brief historical synopsis of every military installation, firebase, landing zone, airfield, port, signal site, vessel and significant terrain feature of the American war in Vietnam. Additionally, includes a substantial number from the French War as well. Coverage includes all of Indochina. Currently features over 12,000 entries. Also includes an extensive appendix of Vietnam War research and map guidelines/resources.

Contributor Bio
Michael Kelley was drafted in 1969 and sent to Vietnam where he was severely wounded and hospitalized for more than six months. After his release, he obtained an MFA and went to work as a county appraiser, while simultaneously pursuing a career as an artist. His Vietnam-related art has been widely exhibited and he has published numerous articles about his experiences. This book is a five-year labor of love. Michael passed away in December 2011.
**We Shot the War**

**Overseas Weekly in Vietnam**

Lisa Nguyen

**Summary**

*We Shot the War: Overseas Weekly in Vietnam* examines the legacy of one of the most popular and eccentric newspapers to cover the Vietnam War. With its mix of hard-hitting military exposés, pinups, and comic strips, *Overseas Weekly* earned a reputation as a muckraking truth teller. Time magazine called it “the least popular publication at the Pentagon.” From 1966 to 1972, the paper’s reporters and photographers tackled controversial topics, including courts-martial, racial discrimination, drug use, and opposition to command. And they published some of the most intimate portraits of American GIs and Vietnamese civilians, taken with the specific purpose of documenting the daily life of individuals caught in the world’s most grueling and disputed conflict. Through striking photographs and personal essays, *We Shot the War* brings viewers behind the viewfinders of photojournalists who covered the conflict and introduces readers to two extraordinary women: founder Marion von Rospach and Saigon office bureau chief Ann Bryan. Together, they fought for the right of women to report in combat zone...

**Contributor Bio**

Lisa Nguyen is curator for digital scholarship and Asian initiatives at the Hoover Institution Library and Archives. She is a member of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and has served on the Cultural Property Working Group and Association of Research Libraries/SAA Mosaic Program. In 2011, she curated the exhibition *A Century of Change*, which received the Katherine Keyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Catalogue Award.

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**Maverick Priest**

**A Story of Life on the Edge**

Harry J. Bury, Connie Anderson

**Summary**

*A Story of the Ongoing Struggle for Peace in Our Violent World*

This is the story of one man’s unique journey around the world, in the name of human connection, peace, and active nonviolence.

Father Harry J. Bury is a Catholic priest unlike any you have ever met. His travels through Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Costa Rica, Philippines, Africa, Palestine and Israel, span over 60 years. His life-long dedication: to interact lovingly with citizens of the world in pursuit of peace and nonviolence.

His determination to help his fellow human beings put him in sometimes compromising and often dangerous situations with American law enforcement, foreign governments, and the church alike. He was:

- Kidnapped at gunpoint in Gaza,
- Arrested at the Pentagon,
- Chained to the gates of the American Embassy in Saigon,
- Participated in the release of American POWs in Vietnam,
- Served at the side of Mother Theresa in Calcutta, Arrested by Swiss Guards for saying Mass on the steps of the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, and
- Awarded the Key to Ho Chi Minh City in gratitude for his efforts to end the war...

**Contributor Bio**

ABOUT Father Harry J. Bury, Ph.D.

Harry J. Bury is an American Roman Catholic priest and Professor Emeritus of Organizational Behavior and Administration from Case Western Reserve University. He taught at Baldwin Wallace University from 1990-2010 and consulted not only in the U.S. but also numerous other countries.
Dead Men Flying
Victory in Vietnam: The Legend of Dust Off: America's Battlefield Angels
General Patrick Henry Brady, Meghan Brady Smith

Dead Men Flying is the story of salvation in the midst of horror, courage in the face of adversity, and the miracle of faith in the heat of combat. A riveting tale from America's most decorated living soldier, this is a book that no American can afford to ignore.

Summary
Vietnam may be the only war we ever fought, or perhaps that was ever fought, in which the heroism of the American soldier was accompanied by humanitarianism unmatched in the annals of warfare. And the humanitarianism took place during the heat of the battle. The GI fixed as he fought, he cured and educated and built in the middle of the battle. He truly cared for, and about, those people. What other Army has ever done that?

Humanitarianism was America's great victory in Vietnam. Spearheading the humanitarian efforts were the ambulance operations, call-sign Dust Off, the most dangerous of all aviation operations, which rescued some one million souls in Vietnam. Dead Men Flying is the story of Charles Kelly, the father of Dust Off, who gave his life to save Dust Off—the greatest life-saver ever. His dying words—When I have your wounded—set the standard for combat medicine to this day. It is also the story of the author, Medal of Honor recipient General Patrick Brady, who learned from Charles Kelly and struggled to meet his standard. Brady led the 54th Medical Detachment as it res...

Contributor Bio
MAJOR GENERAL (RET) PAT BRADY served over 34 years in the Army in duty stations across the world: In Berlin during the building of the Wall; as commander of the DMZ in Korea, in the Dominican Republic; in the Pentagon as chief spokesman for the Army and for 2 years in Vietnam. In two tours in Vietnam he rescued over 5000 wounded and flew over 2500 combat missions. He is identified in the Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War as the top helicopter pilot in that war and is one of two Vietnam soldiers to earn both the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross, our nation's second highest award. General Brady has a

Europe in Flames
The Crisis of the Thirty Years War
John Matusiak

A new book on the Thirty Years War, published to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the conflict

Summary
‘War,’ wrote Cardinal Richelieu, ‘is one of the scourges with which it has pleased God to afflict men’. Yet the prelate’s mournful observation scarcely begins to encapsulate the full complexity and unspeakable horror of the greatest man-made calamity to befall Europe before the twentieth century. Claiming far more lives proportionately than either the First or Second World Wars, it was a contest involving all the major powers of Europe, in which vast mercenary armies extracted an incalculable toll upon helpless civilian populations as their commanders and the men who equipped them frequently grew rich on the profits. Swedish troops alone are said to have destroyed some 2,000 German castles, 18,000 villages and 1,500 towns, while other vast armies in the pay of Spain, France, the Holy Roman Emperor and a host of pettier princelings brought death to as many as 8 million souls. Rarely has such a perplexing tale been more in need of a new account that is both compelling and informed, and no less comprehensible than comprehensive.

Contributor Bio
John Matusiak studied at the universities of London and Sussex before embarking upon a teaching career that eventually spanned more than thirty years. For over a third of that time, he was Head of the History Department at Colchester Royal Grammar School, founded by Henry VIII in 1539. He is the acclaimed author of Henry VIII (THP, 2012), Wolsey (THP, 2013) and The Prisoner King (THP, 2017).
Katanga 1960-63
Mercenaries, Spies and the African Nation that Waged War on the World
Christopher Othen

The first full account of an African secession that introduced the modern mercenary—and killed the head of the United Nations

Summary
Katanga 1960-63 tells, for the first time, the full story of the Congolese province that declared independence and found itself at war with the world. The Congo had no intention of allowing the renegade region to secede, and neither did the CIA, the KGB, or the UN. The UN fielded soldiers from 20 nations, America paid the bills, and the Soviets intrigued behind the scenes. Yet to everyone’s surprise the new nation’s rag-tag army of local gendarmes, jungle tribesmen, and, controversially, European mercenaries, refused to give in. For two and a half years Katanga, the scrappiest underdog ever to fight a war, held off the world with guerrilla warfare, two-faced diplomacy, and some shady financial backing.

Contributor Bio
Christopher Othen is a journalist, legal representative for asylum seekers, and English language teacher. He is the author of Franco’s International Brigades.

The Pig War
The Most Perfect War in History
E. C. Coleman

A farcical twelve-year stand-off between the British and the Americans, with a pig as the only casualty

Summary
With a plot to grace any comic opera, the 1859-1872 "Pig War" broke out when an American living on a quietly disputed island in the Gulf of Georgia shot a British pig. The nearby Vancouver Island authorities and the military leadership of the Washington Territory both wanted to escalate the trivial incident into a full-blown war between the US and Great Britain. The hot-heads decided that the problem should become one of the earliest examples of international arbitration. The German Kaiser was brought in. The Pig War is a highly readable account of a little-known episode in Anglo-American history.

Contributor Bio
E. C. Coleman is a retired Royal Navy officer who led four expeditions to the Arctic. He is the author of Captain Vancouver, Khaki Jack, and The Royal Navy and Polar Exploration.
Critical Mass (3rd Edition)
How Nazi Germany Surrendered Enriched Uranium for the United States’ Atomic Bomb
Carter Plymton Hydrick

Summary
On May 19, 1945, eleven days after the surrender of Nazi Germany in Europe, a U-boat was escorted into Portsmouth Naval Yard, New Hampshire. News reporters covering the surrender of U-234 were ordered, contrary to all previous and later U-boat surrender procedures, to keep their distance from crew members and passengers of U-234, on threat of being shot by the attending Marine guards. Why the tight security? Buried in the nose of the specially-built mammoth boat, sealed in cylinders “lined with gold,” was 1,120 pounds of enriched uranium labeled “U235” the fissile material from which atom bombs are made. Critical Mass documents how these Nazi bomb components were then used by the Manhattan Project to complete both the uranium bomb dropped on Hiroshima and the plutonium bomb dropped on Nagasaki, to defeat the Japanese and win World War Two and global domination in the modern age.

Contributor Bio
Carter Plymton Hydrick has been a professional writer and communicator for over a quarter century. While Critical Mass is his first book, he has written or produced hundreds of scripts, articles, and advertisements, as well as written, produced and directed over 100 film and video productions, including work on feature films. He has served as director of corporate communications for a Fortune 500 company, and as a global marketing executive for one of the world’s largest computer companies. He and Kris, his wife of over 40 years, make their home near Houston, Texas. They are the parents of four children and grandparents of 14 at this writing.

Der Kapitän
U-Boot Ace Hans Rose
Markus F. Robinson, Gertrude J. Robinson

Summary
Hans Rose was Germany’s fifth most successful U-boat Ace during World War I, and its most successful ace during the convoy period when attacks by U-boats were the most dangerous. This meticulously researched, lively biography examines German WWI submarine operations through his eyes. The authors convey a visceral sense of life aboard a wartime submarine, and provide a window into the dilemmas confronting German military officers as their nation spiraled into Nazism. Rose became Sea Commander of occupied Norway. This book is the only time the Rose family has agreed to make Hans Rose’s personal papers available to any researcher or biographer.

Contributor Bio
Markus F. Robinson is the author of numerous technical papers as well as being a fiction writer. Gertrude J. Robinson has published five books and over 50 articles in major journals.
A Bigger Field Awaits Us
The Scottish Football Team That Fought the Great War
Andrew Beaujon

Summary
Each November, about a hundred people with paper poppies pinned to their coats gather around a memorial in Edinburgh. They're there to commemorate the more than a dozen members of the local football team, Heart of Midlothian—almost every member of its starting lineup and many of its backup players—who went to war. When they enlisted in November 1914, the Edinburgh Evening News ran pages of splendid photos of the Hearts players in McCrae's Battalion. After the war, surviving soldiers, many of them wounded, gassed, and suffering from what was then called “shell shock,” returned home to a public that had only the weakest grasp of what had happened. Perhaps the pointlessness of so much suffering and death was too awful to contemplate. All of Edinburgh threw a parade for the men of McCrae’s Battalion when they marched off to war, but no one wanted to be reminded that their commanders later traded their lives and health for a few yards of French mud.

The Sunken Gold
A Story of World War I Espionage and the Greatest Treasure Salvage in History
Joseph A. Williams

Summary
On January 25, 1917, HMS Laurentic struck two German mines off the coast of Ireland and sank. The ship was carrying 44 tons of gold bullion to the still-neutral United States via Canada in order to finance the war effort for Britain and its allies. Britain desperately needed that sunken treasure, but any salvage had to be secret since the British government dared not alert the Germans to the presence of the gold. Lieutenant Commander Guybon Damant was the most qualified officer to head the risky mission. Wild gales battered the wreck into the shape of an accordion, turning the operation into a multiyear struggle of man versus nature. As the war raged on, Damant was called off the salvage to lead a team of covert divers to investigate and search through the contents of recently sunk U-boats for ciphers, minefield schematics, and other secrets. The information they obtained, once in the hands of British intelligence, proved critical toward Allied efforts to defeat the U-boats and win the war.

But Damant had become obsessed with completing his long-deferred mission. His team struggled fo...
An American Soldier in the Great War
The World War I Diary and Letters of Elmer O. Smith
John DellaGiustina

In 1917, U.S. military forces deployed to France and contributed significantly to the Allied defeat of Imperial Germany along the Western Front in 1918. "The War to End All Wars"—World War I—was the largest, most destructive war in human history up to that point.

More than a century later, as the country looks back, it is important to develop a deeper connection to the hearts and minds of the two million American soldiers sent overseas to fight in this major conflict. Private First Class Elmer O. Smith of Michigan was one of those brave soldiers.

This book places Private Smith’s war diary and letters into historical context, describing how a typical American soldier underwent rigorous training and then fought bravely with his unit against a determined German army foe in the brutal conditions and carnage of the Western Front.

Contributor Bio
A retired U.S. Army Military Intelligence (MI) officer, John DellaGiustina has served the nation in operational and training positions in Germany, Korea, Kuwait, Colombia, Iraq, the Republic of Georgia, and throughout the U.S. southwest. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and holds a masters degree in History from West Virginia University. John is the editor of the MI Corps Association journal The Vanguard, and currently resides in Tucson, Arizona.

Hidden History
The Secret Origins of the First World War.
Gerry Docherty, Jim MacGregor

A new theory on how World War I started—not with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, but rather 10 years earlier, by power-hungry men whose lies have infiltrated history

Hidden History uniquely exposes those responsible for World War I. It reveals how accounts of the war’s origins have been deliberately falsified to conceal the guilt of the secret cabal of very rich and powerful men in London responsible for the most heinous crime perpetrated on humanity. For 10 years, they plotted the destruction of Germany as the first stage of their plan to take control of the world. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand was no chance happening. It lit a fuse that had been carefully set through a chain of command stretching from Sarajevo through Belgrade and St. Petersburg to that cabal in London. Our understanding of these events has been firmly trapped in a web of falsehood and duplicity carefully constructed by the victors at Versailles in 1919 and maintained by compliant historians ever since. The official version is fatally flawed, warped by the volume of evidence they destr...

Contributor Bio
Gerry Docherty is the author of several historic plays. Jim MacGregor has had a life-long interest in the origins of war.
Betrayal in Paris
How the Treaty of Versailles Led to China's Long Revolution
Paul French

Summary
At the conclusion of 'the war to end war', the victors set about redesigning the world map at the Paris Peace Conference. For China, Versailles presented an opportunity to regain territory lost to Japan. Yet, the country was to be severely disappointed. This study explores China's betrayal by the West, the charismatic advocates it sent to the conference and the hugely significant May Fourth Movement that resulted from the treaty.

Contributor Bio
Paul French is author of Midnight In Peking, for which he won the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime, and North Korea: The Paranoid Peninsula.

A Tangled Web
Mata Hari: Dancer, Courtesan, Spy
Mary W. Craig

A new study of the most infamous spy of the First World War, published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of her execution

Summary
Mata Hari is revealed here in all of her flawed eccentricity; a woman whose adult life was a fantastical web of lies, half-truths and magnetic sexuality that captivated men. Following the death of a young son and a bitter divorce, Mata Hari reinvented herself as an exotic dancer in Paris, then a courtesan. She could have remained a half-forgotten member of France's grande horizontale were it not for World War I and her disastrous decision to become embroiled in espionage. What happened next was part farce and part tragedy, ending in her execution in October 1917. Recruited by both the Germans and the French as a spy, Mata Hari—codenamed H-21—was also almost recruited by the Russians. But the harmless fantasies and lies she had told on stage had become deadly during wartime.

Contributor Bio
Mary W. Craig is a historian specializing in the history of central Europe between 1848 and 1933, and a community archivist.
The Other First World War
The Blood-soaked Russian Fronts 1914-1922
Douglas Boyd

Summary
Winston Churchill called it "the unknown war." Unlike the long stalemate of the Western Front, the conflict 1914–1918 between the Russian Empire and the Central Powers was a war of movement spanning a continent. As the whole fabric of society collapsed, German money brought the Bolsheviks to power in the greatest deniable dirty trick of the 20th century, after which Russia stopped fighting, eight months before the Western Front armistice. The cost to Russia was 4 million men dead and as many held as POWs by the Central Powers. All the belligerent powers of the Russian fronts were destroyed: the German, Austro-Hungarian, and Russian empires gone forever, and the Ottoman Empire so crippled that it collapsed in 1922. During four years of brutal civil war that followed, Trotsky's Red Army fought the White armies, murdering and massacring millions of civilians, as British, American, and other western soldiers of the interventionist forces fought and died from the frozen Arctic to the arid deserts of Iran. This is the story of that other First World War.

Contributor Bio
Douglas Boyd was an RAF Russian linguist.

D-Day New Guinea
The Extraordinary Story of the Battle for Lae and the Greatest Combined Airborne and Amphibious Operation of the Pacific War
Phillip Bradley

Summary
'Java is heaven, Burma is hell, but you never come back alive from New Guinea' - Japanese military saying

The capture of Lae was the most complex operation for the Australian army in the Second World War. In many ways it was also a rehearsal for the D-Day invasion of France, with an amphibious landing combined with the first successful large-scale Allied airborne operation of the war. D-Day New Guinea brings together the extraordinary stories of the Australian, American and Japanese participants in this battle, and of the fight against the cloying jungle, the raging rivers and the soaring mountain ranges that made New Guinea such a daunting battlefield.

Phillip Bradley brings a compelling clarity, humanity and new insight into a little known but crucial Australian battle of the Pacific War.

Contributor Bio
Phillip Bradley, author of the ground-breaking Hell's Battlefield, is a leading Australian military historian. He has spent many years since researching the battle for Lae.
Alarmstart East
The German Fighter Pilot's Experience on the Eastern Front 1941-1945
Patrick G. Eriksson

Summary
For anyone interested in the air war 1939-45, the information provided here is of inestimable value. There are no more than a handful of WW2 Luftwaffe members alive today. Patrick Eriksson had the foresight to record these experiences first-hand before it was too late. The recollections and views of the veterans are put within the context of the German aerial war history. By no means all the witnesses were from the ranks of the so-called "aces." It was on the Eastern Front that, essentially, much of the Luftwaffe was destroyed, and this is the subject of the second in the author's trilogy. Death wasn't always in the air: "Quick, get out of the plane, the airfield's been overrun." German tanks ran over German wounded. Our emaciated infantrymen threw away their rifles, fell into the snow after a few metres, and died." (Pilot Hans Grunberg.) Towards the end in the Stalingrad pocket pilots were so starved they could no longer turn tightly in aerial combat without passing out.

Contributor Bio
Patrick G. Eriksson is the author of Alarmstart.

Arnhem
The Complete Story of Operation Market Garden 17-25 September 1944
William F. Buckingham

Summary
On 21 August 1944 German Army Group B was destroyed in Normandy and Allied troops began pressing east from the beachhead they had occupied since the D-Day landings. Within days British troops had liberated Brussels and reached the Dutch border. Encouraged by seeming total German collapse, the Allies gambled their overstretched resources on a high-risk strategy aimed at opening the way into Germany itself – crossing the Rhine. On the afternoon of Sunday 17 September British tanks advanced into Holland in concert with 1,534 transport aircraft and 491 gliders. Their objective was a series of bridges across the Rhine, possession of which would allow the Allies to advance into Germany. In the event the operation was dogged by bad weather, flawed planning, tardiness and overconfidence, and ended with the Arnhem crossing still in German hands despite an epic nine-day battle that cost the British 1st Airborne Division over two-thirds of its men killed, wounded or captured. Arnhem: The Complete Story combines analysis and new research by a leading authority on Operation MARKET GARDEN with the w...
Nursing Churchill
Wartime Life from the Private Letters of Winston Churchill's Nurse
Jill Rose, Emma Soames

Summary
A fresh perspective on Churchill and wartime life through the eyes of the nurse charged with looking after the Prime Minister. In February 1943, when the course of the Second World War hung in the balance, 68-year-old Prime Minister Winston Churchill was stricken with pneumonia. Doris Miles, from St Mary's Hospital in London, was appointed as his private nurse. During her time with Churchill, she wrote regularly to her husband, a Surgeon-Lieutenant with the Royal Navy, about life at the centre of Britain's war effort, and about Churchill himself. With unrivalled intimacy, her observations show a very human and seldom-seen side of the great man and include many amusing anecdotes. She describes with wry humour their arguments and conversations, and life at Downing Street and Chequers. She writes as well of the everyday events that carried on despite the war; weddings and parties, family and friends, births and deaths, and working life at one of London's busiest hospitals. She describes her feelings, her fears and her hopes for the future. This is a poignant and perceptive collection of...

Contributor Bio
Jill Rose was born at St. Mary's Hospital in London and received her B.Sc. degree from University College. She was a computer scientist for many years, and after living in Canada, Washington D.C. and Hawaii, she retired to South Florida with her husband. Jill is the second daughter of Doris and Roger Miles, and she has lovingly and meticulously transcribed their wartime correspondence. The Hon. Emma Soames is the granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill. She is the former editor of the Literary Review, Tatler, and the Telegraph magazine.

Omaha Beach 6 June 1944
The D-Day Landing
Robert J. Parker

Summary
Immortalized for a new generation in the graphic opening sequences of Saving Private Ryan, "Bloody" Omaha Beach was almost an epic failure. Among the five beaches stormed as part of the June 6, 1944 D-Day assault, the Allied invasion met its greatest difficulty and uncertainty at Omaha Beach. Only at Omaha Beach did the long anticipated Operation Overlord, and the re-entry of the Allied armies into France, threaten to fail in its execution. Reviewing the preparation and planning by the various Allied assault groups designated for Omaha Beach, Robert Parker provides a lively and composite description of one of the greatest and most important military endeavors in all of world history.

Contributor Bio
Robert J. Parker has been a schoolteacher for over 30 years. He combines his passion for the history of World War I and World War II with frequent travel to the battlefield sites. He lives in Indiana.
**Night Witches**
The Amazing Story of Russia's Women Pilots in WWII
Bruce Myles

**Summary**
In 1941, as Nazi hordes swept east into the Soviet Union, a desperate call went out for women to join the Russian air force. The result—three entire regiments of women pilots and bombers—was a phenomenon unmatched in World II. Through interviews with these courageous pilots, the author uncovers their story. Soon to be a major motion picture.

**Shadow Warriors of World War II**
The Daring Women of the OSS and SOE
Gordon Thomas, Greg Lewis

**Summary**
They were told that the only crime they must never commit was to be caught. Women of enormous cunning and strength of will, the Shadow Warriors’ stories have remained largely untold until now. In a dramatic tale of espionage and conspiracy in World War II, *Shadow Warriors of World War II: The Daring Women of the OSS and SOE* unveils the history of the courageous women who volunteered to work behind enemy lines. Sent into Nazi-occupied Europe by the United States’ Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and Britain’s Special Operations Executive (SOE), these women helped establish a web of resistance groups across the continent. Their extraordinary heroism, initiative, and resourcefulness contributed to the Allied breakout of the Normandy beachheads and to the eventual victory over Hitler. Young and daring, the female agents accepted that they could be captured, tortured, or killed, but others were always ready to take their place. So effective did the female agents become in their efforts, the Germans placed a price of a million francs on the heads of operatives who were succe...

**Contributor Bio**
**Gordon Thomas** is the author of *Gideon’s Spies* and *Operation Exodus*, and the recipient of two Mark Twain Society Awards, an Edgar Award, and the Citizens Commission for Human Rights Lifetime Achievement Award for Investigative Journalism.

**Greg Lewis** is a journalist, BAFTA award–winning producer, and author of several books, including *A Bullet Saved My Life* and *The Death of Justice*. 
My Life in the Service

The World War II Diary of George McGovern

George McGovern, Andrew J. Bacevich

Before he was a celebrated politician, Senator George McGovern served as a B-24 bomber pilot in World War II. Based in Italy, he flew 35 combat missions over Europe between 1944 and 1945, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross for saving the lives of his crew. My Life in the Service features a facsimile of the diary George McGovern kept from his first days of basic training until the end of the war. Hastily jotted down in his exacting hand whenever he had the impulse to put his thoughts on paper, the pages convey the immediacy of McGovern’s wartime experiences. Each lined sheet is decorated with illustrations, alongside aphorisms on battle and democracy from some of history’s greatest minds. This document powerfully evokes an era, while it predicts the man George McGovern would become. (For ease of reading, a typed transcription of the diary is included.) As Andrew Bacevich states in his introduction, “We also come to understand why McGovern, having experienced combat at first hand, was not in later life among those given to glorifying war or to sending their fellow citizens to fight when not absolutely necessary.”

“We are all heaving a sigh of rel...

Contributor Bio

Before he was a celebrated politician, or even a college graduate, Senator George McGovern served as a B-52 bomber pilot in World War II. Based out of Italy, McGovern flew thirty-five combat missions over German-occupied Europe from 1943-44, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross for his ingenuity in the face of adversity. After the war, Sen. McGovern returned to his family and his studies, becoming a professor of history and political science in his native South Dakota. He left the academy to enter politics full-time in 1955.

The Battalion Artist

A Navy Seabee's Sketchbook of War in the South Pacific, 1943–1945

Nancy Bellantoni, Janice Blake, Natale Bellantoni

Summary

The Battalion Artist explores the three years, three months, and three days of Nat Bellantoni’s life on the Pacific front in World War II. He had known since childhood that he wanted to be—a fact he in fact was—an artist. When he packed his seabag and took leave of his family and his sweetheart to go to war, he knew that the best way to manage the narrative of his life and to cope with the ups and downs of his feelings was to create images—visual records that spoke of what he felt, as well as what he saw. In this stunning book filled with authentic World War II images—many in full color—we see and feel the intensity of wartime life through the eyes of a talented young artist who was also a US Navy Seabee. Natale Bellantoni, a young art student from Boston, sailed across the Pacific in 1943–45 and returned home with a sea chest of art and photographs documenting his experiences in New Caledonia, New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, and Okinawa. His subject matter was his daily life: endless weeks at sea, harbors and ships, men at work, airstrips, the local countryside, and the view of e...
Gun Control in Nazi Occupied-France
Tyranny and Resistance
Stephen P. Halbrook

Summary
Nazi Germany invaded France in 1940. In every occupied town, Nazi soldiers put up posters that demanded that civilians surrender their firearms within twenty-four hours or else be shot. Despite the consequences, many French citizens refused to comply with the order. In *Gun Control in Nazi-Occupied France: Tyranny and Resistance*, Stephen P. Halbrook tells this story of Nazi repression and the brave French men and women who refused to surrender to it. Drawing on records of the German occupation and testimonies from members of the French resistance, *Gun Control in Nazi-Occupied France* is the first book to focus on the Nazis’ efforts to disarm the French.

Contributor Bio
**Stephen P. Halbrook** is a Senior Fellow at the Independent Institute. He has taught legal and political philosophy at George Mason University, Howard University, and Tuskegee Institute, and he received his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and Ph.D. in social philosophy from Florida State University. The winner of three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court (*Printz v. United States*, *United States v. Thompson/Center Arms Company*, and *Castillo v. United States*), he has testified before the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, Subcommittee on Crime of the House Judiciary Committee, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and House Committee on the District of Columbia. A contributor to numerous scholarly volumes, he is the author of the books, *Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and "Enemies of the State"; The Founders’ Second Amendment: Origins of the Right to Bear Arms; and That Every Man Be Armed: Evolution of a Constitutional Right; A Right to Bear Arms*, among others.

The 21 Escapes of Lt. Alastair Cram
David M. Guss

Summary
A genuinely new World War II story, this is a riveting account of the wartime exploits of Alastair Cram. Cram was taken prisoner in North Africa in November 1941, which began a long odyssey through 12 different POW camps, three Gestapo prisons and one asylum. He fled his captors no fewer than 21 times, including his final successful escape from a POW column in April 1945. Perhaps the most dramatic of his attempts was from Gavi, the "Italian Colditz." Gavi was a maximum-security prison near Genoa for the pericolosi, the "most dangerous" inmates because of their perpetual hunger to escape. It was here that Alastair met David Stirling, the legendary founder of the SAS, and cooked up the plan for what would become the "Cistern Tunnel" escape, one of the most audacious but hitherto little-known mass escape attempts of the entire war.

Contributor Bio
**David M. Guss** is a writer, anthropologist, published poet and translator. He was introduced to Alistair Cram’s widow, Isobel, and given full access to his papers, including the wartime journals on which this book is based. He lives in Somerville, Massachusetts.
Churchill
Military Genius or Menace?
Stephen Napier

Summary
Churchill has gone down in history as one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. From the day the Second World War was declared he stood out as the only man wanting to take offensive action. But is this accolade deserved? The first few years of the war were nothing short of disastrous, and author Stephen Napier shows how Churchill’s strategies - and his desire not to be the first British prime minister to surrender the nation - brought the war effort to the brink of ruin and back again. Did his series of retaliatory raids in response to a German accidental bombing help cause the Blitz? Were plans already at large for the US to join the war, with Churchill as the primary puppet master? Napier explores all this and more in a shocking examination of Churchill’s leadership using first-person accounts from his peers and his electorate.

Contributor Bio
STEPHEN NAPIER has studied the Second World War for more than thirty years. This work has been given years in the making and follows exhaustive research in the archives of Kew, Washington and Ottawa. His first book, The Armoured Campaign in Normandy was well reviewed, published by The History Press in 2015.

Churchill's Spy Files
MI5's Top-Secret Wartime Reports
Nigel West

Summary
World War II saw the role of espionage, secret agents, and spy services increase exponentially as the world was thrown into a conflict quite unlike any that had gone before it. At this time, no one in government was really aware of what MI5 and its brethren did. But with Churchill at the country’s helm, it was decided to let him in on the secret, providing him with a weekly report of the spy activities—so classified that he was handed each report personally and copies were never allowed to be made, nor was he allowed to keep hold of them. Even now, the documents only exist as physical copies deep in the archives, many pages annotated by hand by "W.S.C." himself. This book unravels the tales of hitherto unknown spy missions, using new research to paint a fresh picture of the worldwide intelligence scene of WWII.

Contributor Bio
Nigel West has spent the past 14 years at the Counterintelligence Center in Washington, D.C., and recently uncovered a collection of undigitized, recently declassified documents that led to this book.
Codeword Overlord
Axis Espionage and the D-Day Landings
Nigel West

A vital reassessment of Axis intelligence released for the 75th anniversary of Operation Overlord, using newly declassified documents and reports

Summary
The Allied invasion of Europe during summer 1944 was widely expected and it fell to the Axis intelligence services to provide High Command with advance warning of the precise date and place of the landings. Using cryptanalysis of Allied signals, undercover agents and ships, and photographic evidence, Axis intelligence was pitted directly against their Allied counterparts, who actively tried to create a decoy and aim their enemies at the wrong location. The success of Operation Overlord has played a large part in historians usually disparaging the German army as incompetent and corrupt. However, recently declassified documents suggest a different story. Spies on the ground, codebreakers from across the Axis, and photo intelligence: theirs was a sophisticated, integrated intelligence system that was supremely conscious of the Allies' counter-intelligence schemes. For the first time, acclaimed intelligence author Nigel West provides the full, true story of Axis intelligence and how they affected the events of the D-Day landings.

Contributor Bio
Nigel West has written more than 40 books on security and intelligence topics, including Churchill's Spy Files, MI5 in the Great War, and Spycraft Secrets. He has spent the past 14 years at the Counterintelligence Centre in Washington DC.

D-Day
Before and After
Mirrorpix, Philip Hamlyn Williams

A compilation of memorable photographs commemorating D-Day and its aftermath

Summary
D-Day: 6 June 1944, the Normandy landings, and an incredible turning point in the war. Operation Overlord saw Allied forces land on the beaches of northern France, a staggering achievement and the result of lengthy and secretive planning and the application of true technological warfare on the sea and in the air. Within a few short weeks, more than one million men had come ashore, along with vehicles, ammunition and equipment, though the advances came at a terrible price. This collection of photographs from the Mirrorpix archives remembers the lead up to D-Day, the landings themselves, the devastating losses incurred on all sides, and the aftermath as Allied forces moved into occupied Europe.

Contributor Bio
Mirrorpix has granted access to its formidable photo archives to create this moving photographic history. Philip Hamlyn Williams is the author of War on Wheels.
Lorenz
Breaking Hitler’s Top Secret Code at Bletchley Park
Jerry Roberts MBE, Paddy O’Connell

Summary
The breaking of the Enigma machine is one of the most heroic stories of World War II and highlights the crucial work of the codebreakers of Bletchley Park, which prevented Britain’s certain defeat in 1941. But there was another German cipher machine more complex and secure than Enigma, used by Hitler himself to convey messages to his top generals in the field. For 60 years, no one knew about Lorenz or "Tunny," or the determined group of men who finally broke the code and thus changed the course of the war. Many of them went to their deaths without anyone knowing of their achievements. Here, for the first time, senior codebreaker Captain Jerry Roberts tells the complete story of this extraordinary feat of intellect and of his struggle to get his wartime colleagues the recognition they deserve. The work carried out at Bletchley Park during the war to partially automate the process of breaking Lorenz, which had previously been done entirely by hand, is recognized as having kick-started the modern computer age.

Contributor Bio
Jerry Robert MBE was the last surviving Bletchley Park codebreaker until his death in 2014. A talented linguist and recruited as a German speaker, he worked at Bletchley Park on the Lorenz machine for four years and was part of a small but dedicated team of codebreakers. Paddy O’Connel is a radio presenter whose mother worked on Colossus at Bletchley Park.

Torpedoed!
A World War II Story of a Sinking Passenger Ship and Two Children’s Survival at Sea
Cheryl Mullenbach

Summary
When 14-year-old Florence Kelly and 11-year-old Russell Park left their hometowns for summer vacations in Europe in 1939, they considered themselves awfully lucky. Many of their friends’ families were struggling during the Great Depression and couldn’t afford fancy trips. But the young pair would soon face life-threatening troubles of their own as it became clear German dictator Adolf Hitler was intent on invading neighboring countries.

With tensions high, Florence, Russell, and their families cut their holidays short as many Americans scrambled to book passage back to the States. Safely aboard the luxurious passenger liner the S.S. Athena, travelers settled in and breathed a sigh of relief. Surely, it was believed, the sleek, menacing German U-boats lurking in the Atlantic Ocean would never attack a passenger ship . . . would they? Torpedoed! vividly re-creates the events surrounding the attack on the Athena, the first ship lost in the battle of the Atlantic. Through firsthand accounts, interviews with survivors, and powerful...

Contributor Bio
Cheryl Mullenbach is the award-winning author of Double Victory, The Great Depression for Kids, The Industrial Revolution for Kids, and Women in Blue. She is a former history teacher, librarian, public television project manager, and social studies consultant. She lives in Panora, Iowa.
**Five for Freedom**

**The African American Soldiers in John Brown's Army**

Eugene L. Meyer

**Summary**

On October 16, 1859, John Brown and his band of eighteen raiders descended on Harpers Ferry. In an ill-fated attempt to incite a slave insurrection, they seized the federal arsenal, took hostages, and retreated to a fire engine house where they barricaded themselves until a contingent of US Marines battered their way in on October 18. The raiders were routed, and several were captured. Soon after, they were tried, convicted, and hanged. Among Brown's fighters were five African American men—John Copeland, Shields Green, Dangerfield Newby, Lewis Leary, and Osborne Perry Anderson—whose lives and deaths have long been overshadowed by their martyred leader and who, even today, are little remembered. Only Anderson survived, later publishing the lone insider account of the event that, most historians agree, was a catalyst to the catastrophic American Civil War that followed.

*Five for Freedom* is the story of these five brave men, the circumstances in which they were born and raised, how they came together at this fateful time and place, and the legacies they left behind. It is an Ame...

**Contributor Bio**

Eugene L. Meyer is an award-winning journalist and author and a former longtime reporter and editor at the *Washington Post* whose work has also appeared in the *New York Times*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and many other national and regional publications. He is a contributing editor for *Bethesda* magazine and lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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**The Admiral and the Ambassador**

**One Man's Obsessive Search for the Body of John Paul Jones**

Scott Martelle

**Summary**

As the French Revolution gathered steam, the exact location of Jones's grave—and, in fact, the exact location of St. Louis cemetery in Paris, where he was buried in 1792—was forgotten: information on his death and burial were destroyed in the Paris Commune and the few who had attended his burial had passed away. His body had, though, been preserved in a lead-lined coffin filled with alcohol; theoretically, if the coffin could be located, Jones could be returned to the United States for proper burial. *The Admiral and the Ambassador* details Porter's long, unrelenting search for that coffin, first through scraps of archive material and written recollections of funeral attendees, and then beneath the rickety buildings that had been constructed over what he believed to be the graveyard. This book, the only full-length account of the search for and discovery of John Paul Jones's body, offers a fascinating look into the charismatic, real-life characters who populated the first century of the United States of America.

**Contributor Bio**

Veteran journalist **Scott Martelle** is the author of *Detroit: A Biography*, *The Fear Within*, and *Blood Passion* and currently writes for the *Los Angeles Times.*
**Slouching Towards Sirte**

**NATO's War on Libya and Africa**

Maximilian Forte

**Summary**

Shortlisted for:
Mavis Gallant Nonfiction Prize Awarded by the Quebec Writers' Federation

A comprehensive analysis, this book examines all the justifications and myths about the war on Libya and methodically dismantles them. It delineates the documentary history of events, processes, and decisions that led up to the war while underscoring its resulting consequences. Arguing that NATO’s war is part of a larger process of militarizing U.S. relations with Africa—which sees the development of the Pentagon’s AFRICOM as being in competition with Pan-African initiative—this account shows that Western relations with a “rehabilitated” Libya were shaky at best, mired in distrust, and exhibiting a preference for regime change.

**Contributor Bio**

Maximilian Forte is an associate professor of anthropology at Concordia University in Montreal. He is the author of *Indigenous Cosmopolitans*, *Indigenous Resurgence in the Contemporary*, and *Ruins of Absence, Presence of Caribs: (Post) Colonial Representations of Aboriginality in Trinidad and Tobago*. He lives in Montreal.

**The Two Edwards**

**How King Edward VII and Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey Fomented the First World War**

Peter Hof

**Summary**

At the turn of the 20th century, British leaders came to a decision to confront and neutralize the German empire. The fateful decision required treaties, agreements, accords, and contracts that could only be made with the prestige and gravitas of a King. Safely ensconced on his royal yacht, HMY Victoria and Albert, protected by a flotilla of British warships and thousands of miles away from troublesome ministers who might remind the King that he was overstepping his constitutional authority, King Edward VII concluded treaties with both members of the anti-German Franco-Russian Alliance. First with France in 1904, then with Russia in 1907, this was the grand achievement, strongly backed by his powerful Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, of King Edward’s near decade-long reign, It was this alliance between Britain, France, and Russia—known to history as the Triple Entente—which took the field against the Central Powers in 1914.

**Contributor Bio**

Peter Hof is the author of *Our Century* and *The Two Edwards*.
The Corporal Was a Pitcher
The Courage of Lou Brissie
Ira Berkow, Tom Brokaw

Summary
Lou Brissie's extraordinary story is one that takes readers from the terrifying battlefields in Europe in World War II to the playing fields in Philadelphia. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ira Berkow brings together the unforgettable memories of a hero's life, telling the tales of a man who overcame incredible odds with his leg in a protective metal case to realize his dream of pitching in the major leagues. Brissie recounts amazing stories, including Brissie's leg injury and how he was left for dead in the snow and mud of the Appenines in Italy, his pleading with doctors to not surgically remove his leg so that he might one day play professional baseball, the numerous surgeries and his improbable road to recovery, his friendship with Connie Mack and the opportunity to pitch after his injury, being named to the 1949 All-Star team as member of the Philadelphia Athletics, the big scare Brissie received when a Ted Williams line drive struck his wounded leg, and his regular visits for the past 60 years to both veteran's hospitals and children's hospital wards. The Corporal Was a Pitcher...

Contributor Bio
Ira Berkow is a sports columnist and feature writer for the New York Times for more than 25 years. He won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting in 2001 and was a finalist for the Pulitzer for commentary in 1988. He is the author of 18 books, including the bestsellers Maxwell Street: Survival in a Bazaar and Red: A Biography of Red Smith, as well as two memoirs, Full Swing and To the Hoop. Hank Greenberg: The Story of My Life, cowritten and edited by Mr. Berkow, was a primary source for the award-winning documentary The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg. He lives in New York City. Tom Brokaw is a television journalist and the bestselling author of the book The Greatest Generation.

The Adventures of Onyx and The Guardians of the Straits
Tyler Benson, David Geister

Summary
One stormy night, a homeless dog looking for shelter wanders onto a Coast Guard station in St. Ignace, Michigan. She finds a dry and cozy hiding spot inside a boat's compartment. When the boat launches and heads into the Straits of Mackinac for a search and rescue mission, the frightened dog is still hidden onboard. But when the tireless Coasties are working to save a man overboard, Onyx the dog surprises everyone with her bravery, and she finds more than a home—she finds a purpose.

Contributor Bio
Tyler Benson is from St. Louis, Michigan. He has served in the United States Coast Guard for more than 18 years. He began writing short stories about his search and rescue adventures in the Coast Guard to educate his three young daughters about what Daddy does when he goes on duty for 48 hours at a time. He wanted his daughters to learn the importance of service to their country and helping those in need. To help his daughters better understand his job, Tyler wrote the stories featuring his real station's morale dog, Onyx. These stories soon evolved into a dream. This dream would be a tribute and a way to bring recognition to all who serve or have served in the United States Coast Guard. Tyler is still currently serving in the United States Coast Guard in Highlands, New Jersey, where he lives with his wife, Kristy, and four children.

David Geister is a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based artist who specializes in historical art, picture book illustrations and landscape paintings. He has illustrated over a dozen children's books including, The Adventures of Onyx series, B is for Battl...
Naveed
John Heffernan, Lyn White

Summary
A heartfelt story of a teenage boy living in the conflict zone of Afghanistan

“The explosion jolts him awake. He sits up, gasping for air, heart thumping.

Was the blast real? Perhaps it had only happened in his head, a bad dream. Demons of the dark, his father had called them. 'Push them away. They’ll only poison your thoughts. Seek the light and they can't hurt you.'”

Naveed is sick of war—of the foreign powers and the Taliban, the warlords and the drug barons that together have torn Afghanistan apart. He’s had to grow up quickly to take care of his widowed mother and little sister, making what little money he can doing odd jobs and selling at the markets. When he adopts Nasera, a street dog with extraordinary abilities, he has a chance to help rebuild his country. But will a new friend’s betrayal crush his dreams of peace forever? From the winter of war comes the spring of hope.

Contributor Bio
John Heffernan has written more than 50 books for young readers over a wide range of genres and age groups. His books have won numerous awards. Lyn White is an editor and teacher. Her work with refugee and migrant children motivated her to create a series that spoke of their experiences, and led to the Through My Eyes series.

Shahana
Rosanne Hawke, Lyn White

Summary
Shahana lives alone with her young brother in the shadow of the Line of Control, the border patrolled by Pakistani and Indian soldiers that divides Kashmir in two. Life is hard, but Shahana ekes out a living with her beautiful embroidery. Then she finds a boy lying unconscious near the border. Zahid is from across the Line of Control, and Shahana takes a terrible risk by sheltering him. But how can she give Zahid up to the authorities when she knows he'll be imprisoned—or worse?

Contributor Bio
Rosanne Hawke is an award-winning South Australian author.
The Adventures of Onyx and The Angels in the Air
Tyler Benson, David Geister

Summary
Onyx and the Guardians of the Straits are back in another exciting adventure! During routine helicopter operations with Air Station Traverse City, the Coast Guard is suddenly called to rescue a mother and daughter stranded in Lake Michigan.

When the crew spots the capsized sailboat, the Coast Guard rescue swimmer wastes no time. The mother needs immediate medical attention and the little girl is scared, but the rescue swimmer can only bring up one survivor at a time. He has to make a difficult decision. But he is not alone. Onyx the miracle dog proves that being a true Coastie is as much about heart as it is about bravery.

Contributor Bio
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Tintinnabula
Margo Lanagan, Rovina Cai

Summary
In wild times and in wartime, in times of fear and illness, I go to Tintinnabula, where soft rains fall. Tintinnabula is a story about moving from discomfort to peace, from violence and uncertainty to a still, sure place. It reminds us that our best friend in hard times can often be ourselves.

Contributor Bio
Margo Lanagan is the author of Black Juice, The Brides of Rollrock Island, Red Spikes, Sea Hearts, and Tender Morsels. She has won four World Fantasy Awards and two CBCA awards. Rovina Cai is an illustrator.
WHY?
Nikolai Popov

Summary
Winner:
2017 NCSS/CBC, National Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People

A frog finds a beautiful flower and picks it for himself. When a mouse sees him with it, his jealousy overcomes him, and he swipes it. Frog’s friends come to his aid and chase the mouse away. But before the frogs can celebrate, Mouse’s friends return for a counter-attack. Before long the conflict has devolved into a full-scale frog-mouse war. By the end of it, all either side can ask is: why? This seemingly simple book tackles an important subject and will be an invaluable way to talk to young children about conflict and warfare.

Contributor Bio
Nikolai Popov, the author and illustrator, lives in Russia and has created many celebrated books around the world.

The Machine Gunners
Robert Westall

Summary
Robert Westall’s gripping Carnegie Medal–winning novel celebrates its 40th anniversary

"Some bright kid's got a gun and 2000 rounds of live ammo. And that gun's no pea-shooter. It'll go through a brick wall at a quarter of a mile."

Chas McGill has the second-best collection of war souvenirs in Garmouth, and he desperately wants it to be the best. When he stumbles across the remains of a German bomber crashed in the woods—its shiny, black machine-gun still intact—he grabs his chance. Soon he’s masterminding his own war effort with dangerous and unexpected results. Robert Westall’s first novel for children is presented here with a bonus short story, "The Haunting of Chas McGill," and an extended biography of the author.

Contributor Bio
More than a decade after his death, Robert Westall retains his reputation as one of the most powerful writers for children. He was awarded two Carnegie Medals (for The Machine Gunners and The Scarecrows) and used his own childhood experiences of World War II in his books.
Amina
Through My Eyes
J. L. Powers, Lyn White

Summary
A moving, fictional account of one child's life in a conflict zone, in Mogadishu, Somalia

Amina lives on the edges of Mogadishu. Her family's house has been damaged in Somalia's long civil war, but they continue to live there, reluctant to leave their home. Amina's world is shattered when government forces come to arrest her father because his art has been officially censored, deemed too political. Then rebel forces kidnap Amina's brother, forcing him to become a soldier in Somalia's brutal ongoing war. Although her mother and grandmother are still with her, Amina feels vulnerable and abandoned. Secretly, she begins to create her own artwork in the streets and the derelict buildings to give herself a sense of hope and to let out the burden of her heart. Her artwork explodes into Mogadishu's underground world, providing a voice for people all over the city who hope for a better, more secure future.

Contributor Bio
J. L. Powers is the author of two previous novels, The Confessional and This Thing Called the Future, and the editor of a number of books, anthologies, and journals. She is a regular contributor to The Pirate Tree, a blog on social justice and children's literature. She lives in San Bruno, California. Lyn White is a primary school teacher-librarian and ESL teacher with more than 20 years of experience.

The Alice Stories
4 Books in One
Davina Bell

Summary
Four stories in one, all about Alice, a WWI-era girl who dreams of becoming a ballerina

It's 1918 and Alice's deepest wish is to be a professional ballerina. But as World War One tears her family apart, a battle is being fought in her heart. Can Alice keep everyone together and still make her dreams of dancing come true? Journey with Alice across all four exciting stories about a gifted girl in a time of war. Loyal, creative, and passionate, Alice is an enchanting Australian Girl.

Contributor Bio
Davina Bell is the author of the Alice books in the Our Australian Girl series, and The Underwater Fancydress Parade.
The Story of the First World War for Children (1914-1918)
In association with the Imperial War Museum
John Malam

A fact-packed information book that relates the unfolding events and the human stories of WWI in a way that brings history vividly to life.

Summary
The First World War was the world's first 'total war'. Although large-scale wars like the Napoleonic wars had ranged across many territories, the scale of WWI was unprecedented. It was also the first war between modern industrialised nations, and mechanised warfare saw new and terrifying weapons deployed for the first time, including airplanes, tanks, zeppelins, giant warships and poison gas.

Now, on the verge of the centenary of the end of the conflict, The Story of the First World War for Children (1914-1918) is a fact-packed information book that relates the unfolding events and the human stories in a way that brings history vividly to life.

Contributor Bio
John Malam is a children's author specialising in non-fiction. He has written more than 200 books including many history titles. John is a National Literacy Trust Reading Champion, recognised for his work in encouraging reading amongst young people, particularly boys. He has a background in history and archaeology and lives in Cheshire, England.