

# BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORICAL FICTION

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## RELEVANT WWII DATES

1933	Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany
30 SEPT 1938	German Anschluss with Austria
1 SEPT 1939	Treaty of Munich
3 SEPT 1939	Hitler invades Poland
1940	Britain and France declare war on Germany
1940	Blitzkrieg
22 JUNE 1940	France signs armistice with Germany resulting in Vichy France
1940	Tripartite Pact
7 DEC 1941	Pearl Harbor
1941	Britain and US declare war on Japan
JUNE 1942	Battle of Midway
JUNE 5 1944	Rome liberated
JUNE 6 1944	D-Day
1944	Paris liberated
1944	Battle of the Bulge Begins
APRIL 1945	Russians reach Berlin
28 APRIL 1945	Mussolini captured and executed
30 APRIL 1945	Hitler commits suicide
7 MAY 1945	Germany unconditionally surrenders
8 MAY 1945	V.E. day
6 AUG 1945	Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima
9 AUG 1945	Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki
14 AUG 1945	Japanese surrender
2 Sept 1945	MacArthur accepts Japan's unconditional surrender

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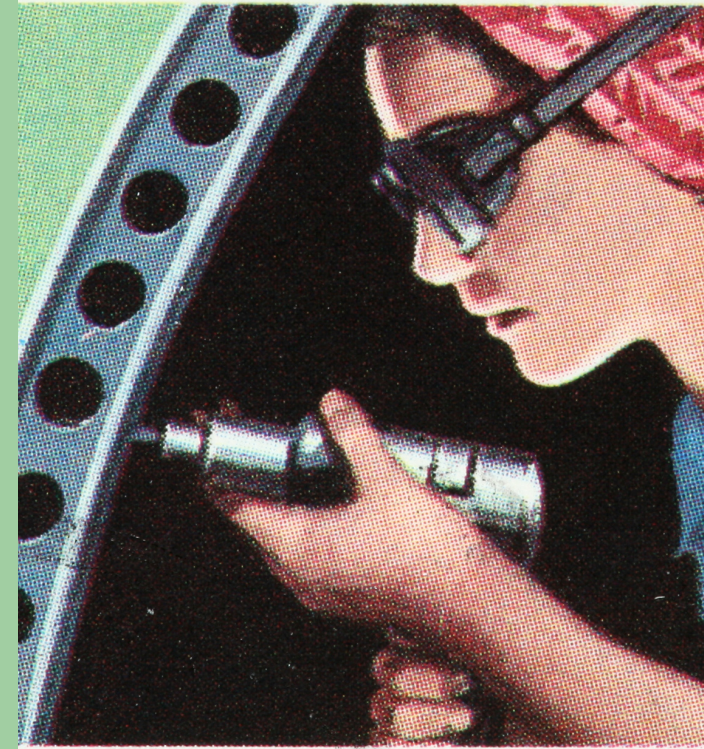
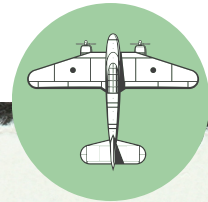


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# HISTORICAL FICTION WWII



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### All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr (Fiction)

A blind French girl on the run from the German occupation and a German orphan-turned-Resistance tracker struggle with their respective beliefs after meeting on the Brittany coast. [France]



### The Book of Lost Names

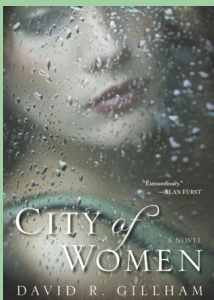
by Kristin Harmel (Fiction)

A graduate student escapes from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. She finds refuge in a small mountain town, where she forges identity documents to help hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis. [France]

### The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak (Fiction)

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. [Germany]



### City of Women

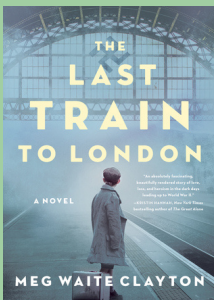
by David R. Gillham  
(Reserve Today)

Hiding her clandestine activities behind the persona of a model Nazi soldier's wife at the height of World War II, Sigrid Schroeder dreams of her former Jewish lover and risks everything to hide a mother and two young children who she believes might be her lover's family. [Germany]

### The Kitchen Front

by Jennifer Ryan (Fiction)

An indebted young widow, a freedom-seeking kitchen maid, the wife of a wealthy but unkind man, and a trained chef navigate sexism to compete for a once-in-a-lifetime spot hosting a BBC cooking program during World War II. [England]



### The Last Train to London

by Meg Waite Clayton (Fiction)

A tale inspired by the Kindertransports of World War II finds a Jewish teen's life shattered by the Nazi takeover before he joins a member of the Dutch resistance in a life-risking effort to escape Germany. [Austria]

### My Mother's Secret

by J.L. Witterick (Fiction)

In 1939 Poland, Franciszka and her daughter endeavor to outsmart their neighbors and a German guard as they provide shelter to two Jewish families and a defecting German soldier—none of whom know about the others. [Poland]

### The Nightingale

by Kristin Hannah (Fiction)

Reunited when the elder's husband is sent to fight in World War II, French sisters Vianne and Isabelle find their bond as well as their respective beliefs tested by a world that changes in horrific ways. [France]

### Our Darkest Night

by Jennifer Robson (Fiction)

Hiding from the Nazis in the guise of a Christian farmer's wife, a Jewish woman is met with suspicion by a Nazi official who harbors a vendetta against the former seminary student posing as her husband. [Italy]



### The Paris Library

by Janet Skeslien Charles  
(Fiction)

A lonely, 1980s teenager befriends an elderly neighbor and uncovers her past as a librarian at the American Library in Paris who joined the Resistance when the Nazis arrived. [France]

### Rose Code

by Kate Quinn (Fiction)

Joining the elite Bletchley Park codebreaking team during World War II, three women from very different walks of life uncover a spy's dangerous agenda against a backdrop of the royal wedding of Elizabeth and Philip. [England]

### The Things We Cannot Say

by Kelly Rimmer (Reserve Today)

Raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe after being kidnapped, a young German woman, in 1941, vows to teach a group of Jews fleeing the Nazi terror how to survive in the forest until she is betrayed as her past and present collide. [Poland]

### Warlight

by Michael Ondaatje (Fiction)

Years after growing up in the care of a group of mysterious protectors who served in unspecified ways during World War II, a young man endeavors to piece together the truth about his parents and the unconventional education he received. [England]

## BIOGRAPHICAL



### Code Name Hélène

by Ariel Lawhon (Fiction)

A novel based on the real life story of socialite spy Nancy Wake, about the astonishing woman who killed a Nazi with her bare hands and went on to become one of the most decorated women in WWII.



### The Librarian of Auschwitz

by Antonio Iturbe;  
translated by Lilit Žekulin  
Thwaites (Fiction)

Follows the true story of Dita Kraus, a fourteen-year-old girl from Prague who after being sent to Auschwitz is chosen to protect the eight volumes prisoners have smuggled past the guards.



### The Tattooist of Auschwitz

by Heather Morris (Fiction)

An Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor traces the experiences of a Jewish Slovakian, Lale Sokolov, who uses his position as a concentration-camp tattooist to secure food for his fellow prisoners.



### We Were the Lucky Ones

by Georgia Hunter (Fiction)

A novel based on the true story of a Jewish-Polish family recounts how the Kurcs are scattered throughout the world by the horrors of World War II and fight respective hardships to survive, reach safety and find each other.