



# World War II

## j Fiction

### *The War That Saved My Life*

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley – j Bra

During WWII in London, England, Ada, who is born with a clubfoot, and her brother escape an abusive mother by boarding an evacuee train headed to the British countryside. They are placed with an unmarried woman named Susan who is battling depression. After many struggles, Susan begins to care for them, but Ada has a hard time accepting her love. Because of her disability, anger, and fear, she must learn that she is worthy to be loved.

### *The Fences Between Us: The Diary of Piper Davis*

by Kirby Larson – j Dea (Dear Diary series)

In 1941, thirteen-year-old preacher's kid Piper Davis writes in her diary about life in Seattle, her first romance, how she feels about her brother joining the Navy, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and the prejudice against Japanese Americans. After her father decides to move to Idaho where his Japanese congregants are sent to an internment camp, Piper comes along to help and sees firsthand the deplorable conditions her friends are made to live in.

### *Different Days*

by Vicki Berger Erwin – j Erw

After Pearl Harbor is bombed in Hawaii, Rosie's parents, who are German Americans, are interrogated, imprisoned, and suspected of being spies for the Nazi regime. Rosie and her brother are sent to live with relatives who don't want them there while they wait for their parents to be released.

### *All He Knew*

by Helen Frost – j Fro

Henry, who becomes deaf at an early age, is labeled “unteachable” and is sent to an institution for the “feble-minded.” After many years have passed, Victor, a conscientious objector of WWII, is assigned to work at the institution and befriends Henry. He quickly sees Henry's intelligence and becomes determined to help him return to his family where he belongs.



***Genevieve's War***

by Patricia Reilly Giff – j Gif

In 1939, Genevieve makes a last minute choice not to go home to N.Y. after visiting her grandma in Alsace, France. Her decision puts her in the center of WWII where she becomes involved in hiding a friend from the Nazis in her grandmother's farmhouse attic.

***Allies***

by Alan Gratz – j Gra

Invasion of France (D-Day) - U.S. soldiers Dee Carpenter and his best friend Sid land on Omaha Beach to fight the war against terrorism; Canadian paratrooper James McKay jumps from his plane in the dark of night to raid the enemy; British soldier Bill Richards bravely drives his tank through his rival's bullets and bombs; and French Algerian Samira works as a spy trying to sabotage the Germans - Allies working together to defeat the Nazis. Also, Henry, an African-American medic, risks his life to save many lives.

***The Watcher***

by Joan Hiatt Harlow – j Har

After being kidnapped by her mother, Wendy is taken from Maine to Germany where she finds out her mother is a Nazi spy. Wendy is forced by her mother to speak German and to support the Nazis, even though she secretly opposes them and longs to return to her home in Maine. Furthermore, she learns the truth about her identity.

***How I Became a Spy: A Mystery of WWII London***

by Deborah Hopkinson – j Hop

During WWII in London, a young woman (who is a secret agent) goes missing and leaves behind a coded notebook. Bertie (a Brit), Eleanor (an American), David (a Jewish refugee), and his dog Little Roo work together to decipher the notebook and to stop a double agent from spilling a big secret to the Nazis. Fans of decoding books will like this one!

***Hero on a Bicycle***

by Shirley Hughes – j Hug

In 1944, the Nazi soldiers have invaded Florence, Italy, and food is scarce. When thirteen-year-old Paolo becomes bored and wants adventure, he starts to take nightly rides on his bicycle hoping to become part of the resistance, but soon realizes the danger around him. Also, his family is put into a vulnerable situation that just might cost them their lives.



***War Stories***

by Gordon Korman – j Kor

Trevor Firestone loves to play war-based video games and loves his great-grandfather (G.G.) who is a WWII hero. After G.G. is invited to be honored in a ceremony recognizing his participation in liberating a small French village, details begin to surface that may tell a different story than what Trevor has heard all his life about his grandfather, and it causes him to have doubts about his heroism.

***Pearl Harbor is Burning!***

by Kathleen V. Kudlinski – j Kud

After Frank and his family move to Hawaii, Frank meets Kenji, a Japanese-American boy. While the boys are playing together, they watch in disbelief as Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese and doubts arise for Frank if he can still be friends with Kenji.

***Number the Stars***

by Lois Lowry – j Low

After the Nazi soldiers invade Denmark, Annemarie Johansen and her Jewish best friend, Ellen, find out the Germans are persecuting the Jews. In order to protect her friend from the Germans, Ellen moves in with the Johansen family pretending to be part of the family while Ellen's dad and mom go into hiding. Plans go into action to reunite the family and get them safely out of the country. All who are involved are in danger.

***The Bicycle Spy***

by Yona Zeldis McDonough – j McD

In 1942, in Aucoin, France, Marcel finds out that the loaves of bread he is delivering on his bike have coded messages inside them and that his parents are part of the Resistance. With Germans soldiers everywhere, he must be extremely careful so he doesn't get caught. Also, his new friend, Delphine, is hiding a big secret.

***Snow Treasure: A Story of Courage and Adventure***

by Marie McSwigan – j McS

After the Germans invade Norway in 1940, Peter and his friends transport nine million dollars' worth of gold on their sleds past the Nazis. In order to keep the gold safe, they must deliver it to Peter's uncle who will ship it to the U.S. for safekeeping. Based on a true story.



***An Eagle in the Snow***

by Michael Morpurgo – j Mor

In 1940 England, Barney and his mother are heading to the countryside after their home is destroyed by bombs dropped by the Germans. During their journey, their train is forced to take shelter in a tunnel as German fighter planes fly overhead. As they wait in the darkness, a stranger tells them a story of a young British soldier that was face-to-face with a young Adolf Hitler in WWI and had a chance to kill him, but he didn't.

***Resistance***

by Jennifer A. Nielsen – j Nie

In 1942, Jewish teenager Chaya Lindner lives in Nazi-occupied Poland and becomes a courier for the Jewish resistance. She uses her Polish looks as an advantage to smuggle food and documents into the Jewish ghettos. After many members of her group are arrested or killed, she joins the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and risks her life in order to save her people.

***Paper Wishes***

by Lois Sepahban – j Sep

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Manami and her family, who are Japanese-American citizens, are forced to leave their home on Bainbridge Island, Washington, and are sent to live in a California internment camp. Before they reach their destination, Manami is caught hiding her dog under her coat and is forced to abandon him. Heart-broken by her loss, she stops speaking and draws pictures to cope with her guilt and grief as she tries to adjust to her new home at the camp without her pet.

***Stolen Girl***

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch – j Skr

After Nadia and her adoptive mother arrive in Canada in 1950, Nadia begins to have flashbacks of WWII and is confused about who she really is. As her memory clears, she realizes she was stolen from her real family at a very young age and was given to a German family. She even remembers meeting Hitler! Based on true events.

***My Brother's Secret***

by Dan Smith – j Smi

In 1941, twelve-year-old Karl Friedmann is training to become a member of the Hitler Youth in Germany. After his father is killed in combat, he starts to wonder if Hitler is a hero or a villain. When he finds out that his brother Stefan is part of a group that opposes the Nazis, he starts to see firsthand the brutality of the Gestapo.



***Our Castle By the Sea***

by Lucy Strange – j Str

In a coastal community in England, Pet's German-born mother is taken away to an internment camp, because they think she is working with the Germans. Also, Pet finds out that her sister is hiding a secret. Meanwhile, she thinks she has spotted a German U-boat at Dragon Bay, and someone is cutting down the phone lines. A timid Pet must overcome her fears to find out who the real traitor is.

***I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944***

by Lauren Tarshis – j Tar

Max and Zena, two Jewish children, are forced to live in the ghetto in Poland after their father is taken by the Germans. After escaping the Nazis, they find a group of resistance fighters who take them to a camp in the woods, but soon find themselves trying to survive a Nazi invasion.

