

## American Historical Fiction – World War II: 1938-1945



F ARN

Arnold, Elliott

**A Kind of Secret Weapon** [1969].

Relates one family's contribution to the resistance movement in Nazi-occupied Denmark during World War II.

F AVI

Avi.

**"Who was that masked man, anyway?"** [1994, 1992].

In the early forties when nearly everyone else is thinking about World War II, sixth-grader Frankie Wattleson gets in trouble at home and at school because of his preoccupation with his favorite radio programs.

F BEN

Benchley, Nathaniel

**Bright Candles: A Novel of the Danish Resistance** [1974].

The experiences of a sixteen-year-old Danish boy during the German occupation of his country in World War II.

F BIS

Bishop, Claire Huchet and Du Bois, William Pene.

**Twenty and Ten** [1978, 1952].

Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis during the occupation of France during World War II.

F BON

Bonnell, Dorothy

**Passport to freedom** [1967].

An American student, in Marseille when the Nazis march on Paris, finds, when her papers are stolen, that she has no identity and no chance of leaving occupied France.

F BOO

Booth, Martin

**War Dog: A Novel** [1997].

After her owner is arrested, Jet is requisitioned by the British Army and sees duty on the beach of Dunkirk, searching for survivors of Germany's bombing raids on English cities, and in Italy.

F BRA

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

**For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy** [2003].

Despite the horrors of World War II, a French teenager pursues her dream of becoming an opera singer, which takes her to places where she gains information about what the Nazis are doing-information that the French resistance needs.

F BRU

Bruckner, Karl

**The Day of the Bomb** [1963, 1962].

The effects of war on Japan and the world are seen through the experiences of one family that survived the bombing of Hiroshima.

F BUN

Bunting, Eve

**Spying on Miss Mueller** [1995].

At Alveara boarding school in Belfast at the start of World War II, thirteen-year-old Jessie must deal with her suspicions about a teacher whose father was German and with her worries about her own father's drinking problem.

F DAH

Dahlberg, Maurine F.

**Play to the Angel** [2000].

In Vienna in 1938, in the shadow of an increasingly dangerous Nazi Germany, 12-year-old Greta pursues her dream of becoming a concert pianist like her dead brother Kurt, despite a lack of support from her widowed mother.

F DEG

Degens, T.

**Transport 7-41-R** [1974].

A thirteen-year-old girl describes her journey from the Russian sector of defeated Germany to Cologne on a transport carrying returning refugees in 1946.

F DEN

Denenberg, Barry

**The Journal of Ben Uchida, Citizen #13559, Mirror Lake Internment Camp** [1999].

Twelve-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California, during World War II.

F ELL

Elliott, Laura

**Under a War-Torn Sky** [2001].

After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.

F FER

Ferry, Charles

**One More Time** [1985].

Skeets Sinclair, the young tenor sax in Gene Markham's Orchestra, finds his life and the future of the band changing fast as they tour the United States during World War II.

F FRE

Frederick, Lee

**Crash Dive** [1979].

A German U-boat and an American destroyer fight to the finish in the English channel during World War II.

F GES

Gessner, Lynne

**Edge of Darkness** [1979].

Relates the experiences of a Latvian farm family during World War II when their country was first subjected to Russian, then German, and again Russian occupation.

F GRE

Greene, Bette

**Summer of My German Soldier** [1993, 1973].

Sheltering an escaped prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old girl in Arkansas.

F HES

Hesse, Karen

**Aleutian Sparrow** [2003].

An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during World War II in American internment camps designed to "protect" the population from the invading Japanese.

F KER

Kerr, M. E.

**Slap Your Sides: A Novel** [2001].

Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II.

F KER

Kerr, Judith

**When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** [1972, 1971].

Recounts the adventures of a nine-year-old Jewish girl and her family in the early 1930's as they travel from Germany to England.

F KNO

Knowles, John

**A Separate Peace** [1975, 1959].

The story of two young men and what happened to them during their school years at the beginning of World War II.

F LEV

Levoy, Myron. **Alan and Naomi** [1987, 1977].

In New York of the 1940's a boy tries to befriend a girl traumatized by Nazi brutality in France.

F LEV

Levitin, Sonia and Robinson, Charles

**Journey to America** [1987, 1970].

A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures innumerable separations before they are once again united.

F LEV

Levitin, Sonia.

**Silver Days** [1992, 1989].

Escaping from Hitler's Germany, a Jewish family lives in a New York City tenement until Papa decides to move the family to California.

F LIS

Lisle, Janet Taylor

**The Art of Keeping Cool** [2000].

In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.

F LOW

Lowry, Lois

**Number the Stars** [1990, 1989].

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

F MAG

Magorian, Michelle

**Good Night, Mr. Tom** [1986, 1981].

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the second World War.

F Mat

Matas, Carol

**After The War** [1996].

F MAZ

Mazer, Norma Fox

**Good Night, Maman** [1999].

After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp on Lake Oswego, New York.

F MCS

McSwigan, Marie and LaBlanc, Andre.

**Snow Treasure** [1942].

An adventure based on a true story about a group of Norwegian children who smuggled nine million dollars in gold past Nazi sentries during World War II.

F MYE

Myers, Walter Dean

**The Journal of Scott Pendelton Collins: a World War II Soldier** [1999].

A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France. (My Name is America Series)

F NOS

Nostlinger, Christine

**Fly Away Home** [1975].

A young girl recalls what life was like for her family in Vienna toward the end of World War II.

F ORL

Orlev, Uri.

**The Island on Bird Street** [1984, 1983].

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.

F PAR

Park, Linda Sue

**When My Name Was Keoko** [2002].

With the national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive fear, occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

F RIC

Richter, Hans Peter.

**Friedrich** [1970].

A young German boy recounts the fate of his best friend, a Jew, during the Nazi regime.

F RIC

Rice, Earle.

**Tiger Lion Hawk: A Story of the Flying Tigers** [1977].

Two famous fighter pilots face off in the skies over China.

F RIC

Rice, Earle.

**The Animals** [1979].

Confined to the hospital after being blinded in the crash of his B-17, an army officer tries to find a way to stop a German mission from bombing the Prime Minister's home in London.

F RIC

Richter, Hans Peter

**I Was There** [1972].

A young German boy narrates his experiences in the Hitler youth movement during the early years of the Third Reich.

F SAC

Sachs, Marilyn and Stahl, Ben

**A Pocket Full of Seeds** [1973].

During World War II in occupied France, a young Jewish girl returns from an overnight visit with a friend to find her family has disappeared.

F SEV

Sevela, Efraim.

**We Were Not Like Other People** [1989].

Separated from his family when the Germans invade Russia during World War II, a young boy learns to fend for himself and earn a living whenever and however he can.

F SHE

Shemin, Margaretha and Spier, Peter

**The Little Riders** [1993, 1963].

An American girl living in Nazi-occupied Holland resents the presence of a German soldier quartered in her grandparents' home until the night she tries to hide part of the town's treasured clock mechanism.

F STE

Stephan, Hanna and Maitland, Antony.

**The Quest** [1968, 1967].

Captured and adopted by a Russian officer during World War II when he is five years old, a German boy spends the next nine years wandering throughout Asia in an attempt to return home to a mother he only vaguely remembers.

F TUN

Tunis, John R

**Silence Over Dunkerque** [1962].

F TUN

Tunnell, Michael O.

**Brothers In Valor: A Story of Resistance** [2001].

Three German teenagers who are members of the Mormon Church join forces to create a youth resistance movement during World War II, putting their lives at risk.

F WAT

Watkins, Yoko Kawashima

*So Far From the Bamboo Grove* [1994, 1986].

A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.

F WUL

Wulffson, Don

**Soldier X** [2001].

In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front.

PB FIC I

Anne Isaacs

*Torn Thread* [2000].

It is June 1943, and for four years the Nazi armies have occupied the Polish town of Bedzin. 12-year old Eva, along with her father and her sister, have been forced to leave their comfortable home and move into a tiny attic in the Jewish ghetto. but Eva's life takes an even more terrifying turn when she and her sister are torn from their father and imprisoned in a Nazi work camp.