Historical Fiction

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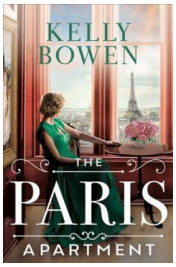
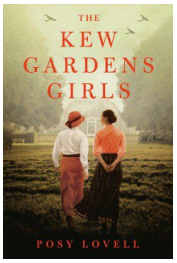
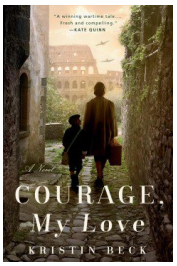
World Wars I & II



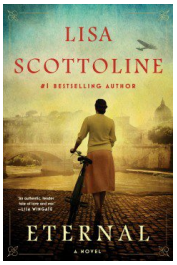
The Paris apartment
by Kelly Bowen
A woman discovers her grandmother's hidden secrets after inheriting her opulent Paris apartment in 2017 and is drawn into 1942 when the Nazis occupied the city and came for her grandmother's friends and loved ones.



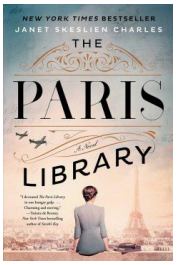
The Kew Gardens girls
by Posy Lovell
A heart-warming novel inspired by real life events, about the brave women during WWI who worked in the historic grounds of London's Kew Gardens.



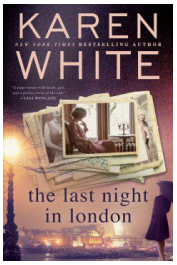
Courage, my love
by Kristin Beck
A woman who would protect her son and a polio survivor who moved to Rome to escape fascism join the Italian Resistance when the Nazi occupation begins against a backdrop of the formidable winter of 1943.



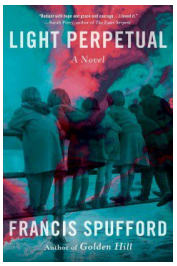
Eternal
by Lisa Scottoline
An aspiring writer, an athlete from a professional cyclist family and a mathematics prodigy find their bond tested by a love triangle and the spread of anti-Semitism and fascism in 1937 Italy.



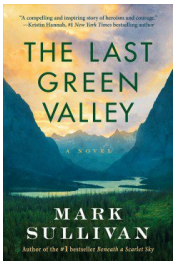
The Paris library
by Janet Skeslien Charles
Based on a true story, describes how a lonely, 1980s teenager befriends an elderly neighbor and uncovers her past as a librarian at the American Library in Paris who joined the Resistance when the Nazis arrived.



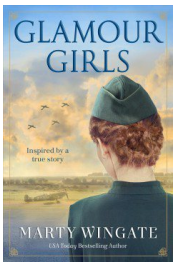
The last night in London
by Karen White
A journalist in 2019 London interviews a World War II-era model to learn the story of the woman's best friendship with a Royal Air Force pilot's wife, who was catapulted by the Blitz into a web of intrigue and secrets.



Light perpetual
by Francis Spufford
Ingenious and profound, this novel set in 1944 London imagines the lives of five souls who perished during a visit to a local store, illuminating the shapes of experience, the extraordinariness of the ordinary, the mysteries of memory and expectation, and the preciousness of life.



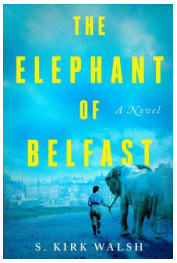
The last green valley
by Mark T. Sullivan
In late March 1944, as Stalin's forces push into Ukraine, young Emil and Adeline Martel decide they must run in retreat from their land with murderous Nazi officers they despise to escape the Soviets and go in search of freedom.



Glamour girls

by Marty Wingate

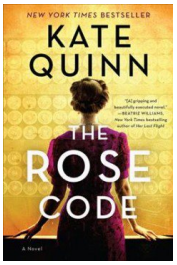
Enlisting in the women's Air Transport Authority during World War II, talented aviatrix Rosalie Wright heroically serves in the face of male skepticism before finding herself torn between a cynical, wisecracking playboy and a heartthrob fellow pilot.



The elephant of Belfast

by S. Kirk Walsh

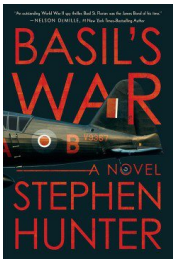
Inspired by a largely forgotten chapter of World War II, and highlighting the indelible, singular bond between mankind and animals during times of crisis, this moving story follows 21-year-old zookeeper Hettie Quin as she is compelled to protect an orphaned elephant through the German blitz of Belfast.



The rose code

by Kate Quinn

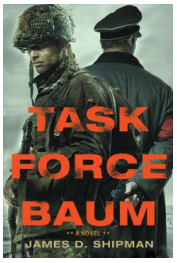
Joining the elite Bletchley Park codebreaking team during World War II, three women from very different walks of life uncover a spy's dangerous agenda against a backdrop of the royal wedding of Elizabeth and Philip.



Basil's war

by Stephen Hunter

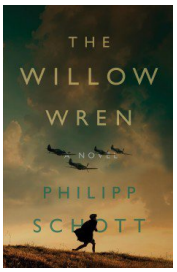
An accomplished agent in the British Army, Basil St. Florian embarks on his toughest assignment yet as he, going undercover in Nazi-occupied France during World War II, searches for an ecclesiastic manuscript that holds the key to a code that could prevent the death of millions.



Task Force Baum

by James D Shipman

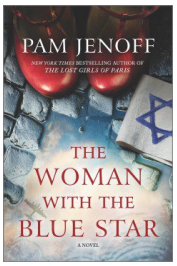
A novel that illustrates the long-buried secrets and unending costs of war—based on the true story of General Patton's clandestine unauthorized raid on a World War II POW camp.



The Willow Wren

by Philipp Schott

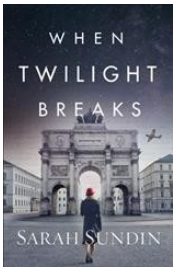
The touching and nuanced portrait of the rise and fall of Nazi Germany through the eyes of a German boy named Ludwig, growing up in Hitler's Germany.



The woman with the blue star

by Pam Jenoff

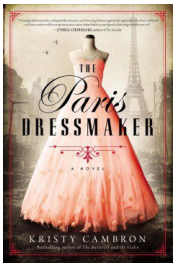
Inspired by the harrowing true stories of those who hid from the Nazis in the sewers, this emotional testament to the power of friendship follows Ella, an affluent Polish girl, as she helps Sadie and her pregnant mother survive despite the worsening dangers of the war.



When twilight breaks

by Sarah Sundin

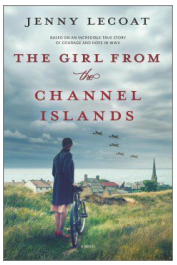
Two Americans meet in 1938 in the heart of Nazi Germany. Their efforts to expose oppression attract unwanted attention, pulling them deeper into danger as the world marches toward war.



The Paris dressmaker

by Kristy Cambron

An haute couture dressmaker in 1939 Paris joins the Resistance during the occupation and uses her skills to infiltrate the Nazi elite, sewing for them and collecting secrets at their glamorous headquarters in the Hôtel Ritz.



The girl from the Channel Islands

by Jenny Lecoat

Based on an incredible true story about a Jewish woman trapped on the German-occupied British Channel islands during World War II, this novel follows Hedy Bercu as she hides in plain sight by working as a translator for the Germans.

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