

## [The Mitford Affair](#)

by *Benedict, Marie*

Between the World Wars, the six Mitford sisters--each more beautiful, brilliant, and eccentric than the next--dominate the English political, literary, and social scenes. The Mitford Affair follows Nancy Mitford's valiant efforts to stop the Nazis from taking over Great Britain, and the complicated choices she must make between the family and politics.

## [Book Of Lost Names](#)

by *Harmel, Kristin*

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names*.

## [The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society](#)

By *Mary Ann Shaffer*

It's 1946 and author Juliet Ashton can't think what to write next. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey - by chance, he's acquired a book that once belonged to her - and, spurred on by their mutual love of reading, they begin a correspondence. When Dawsey reveals that he is a member of the

Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, her curiosity is piqued and it's not long before she begins to hear from other members. As letters fly back and forth with stories of life in Guernsey under the German Occupation, Juliet soon realizes that the society is every bit as extraordinary as its name.

## [The Three Lives Of Alix St. Pierre](#)

by *Lester, Natasha*

Alix St. Pierre grew up surrounded by Hollywood glamor, but, as an orphan, never truly felt part of that world. In 1943, she lands a publicity job to recruit women into the workforce. Her skills--persuasion, daring, quick-witted under pressure--catch the attention of the U.S. government and she finds herself with an even bigger assignment: sent to Switzerland as a spy.

## [My Mother's Secret](#)

by *Witterick, J. L.*

Inspired by a true story, *My Mother's Secret* is a profound, captivating, and ultimately uplifting tale intertwining the lives of two Jewish families in hiding from the Nazis, a fleeing German soldier, and the mother and daughter who teamed up to save them.



# 1940s Wartime Fiction



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## [The Rose Code](#)

*by Quinn, Kate*

As England prepares to fight the Nazis, three very different women answer the call to break German military codes. But war, loss, and the impossible pressure of secrecy will tear the three apart.

1947. As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter-- each petal they remove from the rose code brings danger--and their true enemy--closer.

## [Beneath a Scarlet Sky](#)

*by Sullivan, Mark T.*

In 1940s Italy, teenager Pino Lella joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps and falls for a beautiful widow, he also becomes the personal driver of one of the Third Reich's most powerful commanders.

## [The Nightingale](#)

*by Hannah, Kristin*

France, 1939 - In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious

eighteen-year-old girl. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G etan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

## [Sarah's Key](#)

*By Tatiana de Rosnay*

Paris, July 1942: Ten-year-old Sarah is brutally arrested with her family in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, the most notorious act of French collaboration with the Nazis. but before the police come to take them, Sarah locks her younger brother, Michel, in their favorite hiding place, a cupboard in the family's apartment. She keeps the key, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

## [Lilac Girls](#)

*By Martha Hall Kelly*

The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbr uck, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

## [The Tattooist of Auschwitz](#)

*By Heather Morris*

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his

captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a *T towierer* (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion.

## [Code Name Sapphire](#)

*by Jenoff, Pam*

Hannah Martel has narrowly escaped Nazi Germany after her fianc  was killed in a pogrom. When her ship bound for America is turned away at port, she has nowhere to go but to her cousin Lily, who lives with her family in Brussels. Fearful for her life, Hannah is desperate to get out of occupied Europe. But with no safe way to leave, she must return to the dangerous underground work she thought she had left behind

## [All the Light We Cannot See](#)

*by Doerr, Anthony*

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris, and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing radios. Werner travels through the heart of the war where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.