World War II

Teen Services Recommendations

**The Librarian of Auschwitz**
By Iturbe, Antonio

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.

- Overdrive e-book
- Overdrive audiobook
- Hoopla audiobook

**Sale To The Sea**
By Sepetys, Ruta

As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war’s final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

- Overdrive e-book
- Overdrive audiobook

**The Boy In the Striped Pajamas**
By Boyne, John

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called “Out-With” in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

- Overdrive e-book
- Overdrive audiobook

**Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All**
By Ruby, Laura

It’s 1941 and Chicago is full of ghosts. Ghosts reliving their traumatic deaths; ghosts seeking revenge; ghosts enjoying the lakeshore; and ghosts quietly observe the living. One such living girl is Frankie, who’s stuck in an orphanage with her sister, Toni, because their father can’t afford (or doesn’t want) to take care of them. uncover the location of a Russian spy ring.

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**The Light in Hidden Places**
By Cameron, Sharon

Stefania has worked in the Diamant family’s grocery store in for four years, even falling in love with one of their sons, Izio; but when the Nazis came to Przemysl, Poland, the Jewish Diamants are forced into the ghetto (and worse) and only Izio’s brother Max manages to escape, and Stefania embarks on a dangerous course—protecting thirteen Jews in her attic, caring for her younger sister, Helena, and keeping everything secret from the two Nazi officers who are living in her house.

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**The War Outside**
By Hesse, Monica

Teens Haruko, a Japanese American, and Margot, a German American, form a life-changing friendship as everything around them starts falling apart in the Crystal City family internment camp during World War II.

- Overdrive audiobook

**The Enigma Game**
By Wein, Elizabeth

Told in multiple voices, fifteen-year-old Jamaican Louisa Adair uncovers an Enigma machine in the small Scottish village where she cares for an elderly German woman, and helps solve a puzzle that could turn the tide of World War II.

- Overdrive audiobook

**We Are Not Free**
By Chee, Traci

Growing up together in the community of Japantown, San Francisco, four second-generation Japanese American teens find their bond tested by widespread discrimination and the mass incarcerations of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

- Overdrive audiobook
- Hoopla audiobook

**The Blossom and the Firefly**
By Smith, Sherry

Told in two voices, seventeen-year-old kamikaze pilot Taro and fifteen-year-old war worker Hana meet in 1945 Japan, he with no future and she, haunted by the past.

- Overdrive audiobook

**Lovely War**
By Berry, Julie

Aphrodite recounts two tales of tragic love during WWI to her husband, Hephaestus, and her lover, Ares, in a luxe Manhattan hotel room at the height of World War II. She seeks to answer the age-old question: "Why are Love and War eternally drawn to one another?"

**Devil Darling Spy**
By Killeen, Matt

In this utterly gripping thriller, Sarah, the fearless heroine of indie bestseller Orphan Monster Spy, hunts a rogue German doctor in Central Africa who might be a serial murderer.

- Hoopla audiobook
### Non-Fiction and Graphic Novels

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<td>Jazz Owls: a Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots</td>
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<td>In early 1940s Los Angeles, Mexican Americans Marisela and Lorena work in canneries all day then jitterbug with sailors all night with their zoot suit wearing younger brother, Ray, as escort until the night racial violence leads to murder. Includes historical note.</td>
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<td>The Book Thief</td>
<td>Zusak, Markus</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Sabotage: The Mission to Destroy Hitler's Atomic Bomb</td>
<td>Bascomb, Neal</td>
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<td>The story revolves around the collaboration of a group of ragtag Norwegian resistance fighters and British soldiers who set out, against all odds, to destroy a hydroelectric plant located in a remote section of Norway and thereby to stop Hitler's nuclear research in its infancy.</td>
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<td>Flowers in the Gutter</td>
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<td>The Edelweiss Pirates were a loosely organized group of working-class young people in the Rhine Valley of Germany. They faced off with Nazis during the Third Reich and suffered consequences for their resistance during and after World War II.</td>
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<td>Atomic Women</td>
<td>Montillo, Roseanne</td>
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<td>Meet the World War II female scientists who worked in the secret sites of the Manhattan Project. Recruited not only from labs and universities from across the United States but also from countries abroad, these scientists helped in -- and often initiated -- the development of the atomic bomb, taking starring roles in the Manhattan Project.</td>
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**28 Days: A Novel of Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto**

Safier, David

In Warsaw, Poland, in 1942, Mira faces impossible decisions after learning that the Warsaw ghetto is to be "liquidated," but a group of young people are planning an uprising against their Nazi captors.

**Girl in the Blue Coat**

Hesse, Monica

In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke - a 'finder' of black market goods - is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and is pulled into a web of resistance activities and secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl.

**White Rose**

Williams-Garcia, Rita

Tells the story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.

**Seized by the Sun**

Ure, James W.

Presents the life of the American air pilot who overcame a stuttering handicap to become a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots in World War II and who disappeared in a flight from Los Angeles in 1944.

**A Thousand Sisters**

Wein, Elizabeth

Documents the contributions of Soviet airwomen during World War II, examining the formation, obstacles, missions, and legacy of Russia's female combat pilot regiments.

**Displacement**

Hughes, Kiku

Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco when suddenly she finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her late grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to during World War II.

**They Called Us Enemy**

Takei, George

The iconic actor and activist presents a graphic memoir detailing his experiences as a child prisoner in the Japanese-American internment camps of World War II, reflecting on the hard choices his family made in the face of legalized racism.