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LOVE *THE ORPHAN'S TALE*? THEN TRY...

"We circus people see no difference between races or religions." - Adolf Althoff, a courageous German circus executive who saved people from the Nazi era by having them work and travel with his circus. Pam Jenoff referred to Althoff when talking about her book *The Orphan's Tale*, stating, "I consider this book, while fiction, to be a tribute to the courage of these people." If you loved *The Orphan's Tale*, you will enjoy these other great reads filled with circus magic, courage, and inspiring tales of survival.

CIRCUS ACTS, SHOW BUSINESS, & MAGIC

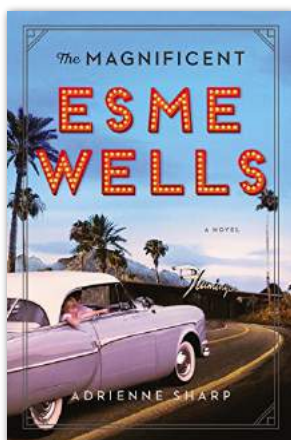
Books that take place under the circus tent, or explore art and magic in a way worthy of the big top.



CHURCH OF MARVELS

Leslie Parry

"A sideshow performer, a pair of asylum escapees, and an orphaned boxer converge in Parry's intricately braided novel of secrets and hidden identities." - *O: the Oprah Magazine*



THE MAGNIFICENT ESME WELLS

Adrienne Sharp

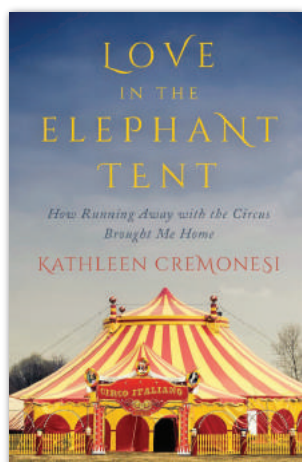
"WWII-era LA and postwar Vegas come vibrantly alive in this detailed, noir portrait of a *Paper Moon*-style childhood." - *People*



BEAUTIFUL RUINS

Jess Walter

Hailed by critics and loved by readers of literary and historical fiction, *Beautiful Ruins* is the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962...and is rekindled in Hollywood fifty years later.



LOVE IN THE ELEPHANT TENT

Kathleen Cremonesi

"*Love in the Elephant Tent* is a perfect coming-of-age memoir filled with beautiful scenic descriptions, fascinating adventures, and an emotional journey through the human heart that will have you engrossed until the very last page." - *A Cup of Tea with That Book, Please*



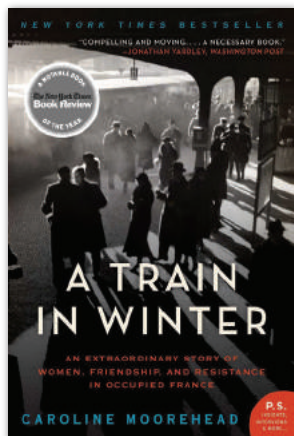
CIRCUS OF THE QUEENS

Audrey Berger Welz

A poetic adventure of revenge, love, and loss, *Circus of the Queens: The Fortune-Teller's Fate* is a stunning debut from an exciting new talent and asks the question: how does one define herself when her whole world is lost?

REALITIES OF WAR

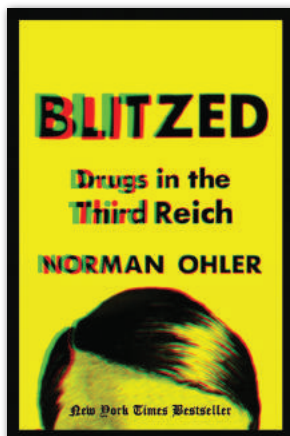
Non-fiction titles exploring the people, philosophies, and events of WWII.



A TRAIN IN WINTER

Caroline Moorehead

In January 1943, the Nazis who had invaded and occupied their country sent 230 women of the French Resistance to the death camps. This is their story, told in full—a searing and unforgettable chronicle of terror, courage, defiance, survival, and the power of friendship.

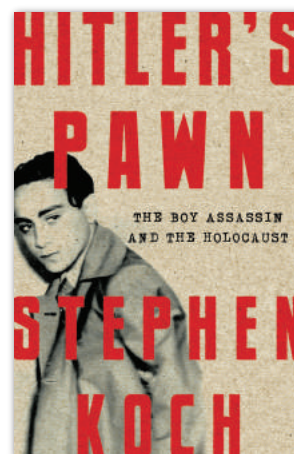


BLITZED:

DRUGS IN THE THIRD REICH

Norman Ohler

"I had thought nothing could make [Nazis] more horrifying, but that was before I encountered *Blitzed*. Now I know the only thing more terrifying than the Nazis are the Nazis on meth...*Blitzed* is not your typical history book...It's amazing that biographers haven't focused on the drug angle this rigorously." - *Esquire*



HITLER'S PAWN: THE BOY ASSASSIN AND THE HOLOCAUST

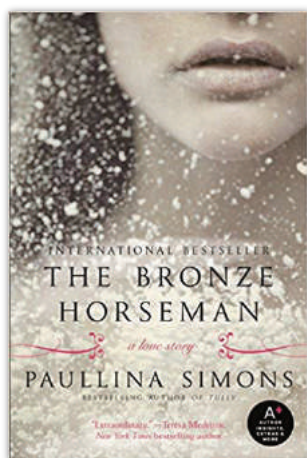
Stephen Koch

A remarkable story of a forgotten Jewish teenager who was blamed by the Nazis for the anti-Semitic violence and terror known as the Kristallnacht, the pogrom still seen as an initiating event of the Holocaust.*

*Available 1/8/19

LOVE & FRIENDSHIP UNDER FIRE

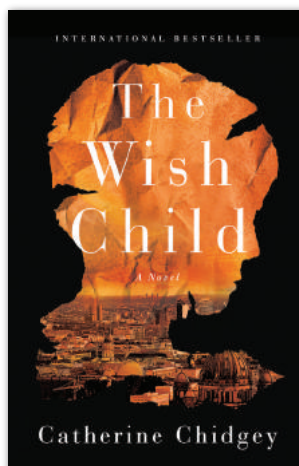
Relationships that defy the odds: in times of war, chaos, and upheaval, hearts persevere.



THE BRONZE HORSEMEN

Paullina Simons

Called "a Russian *Thorn Birds*," *The Bronze Horseman* by Paullina Simons is a sweeping saga of love and war that has been a monumental bestseller all over the world. "A love story both tender and fierce" (*Publishers Weekly*) that "Recalls *Dr. Zhivago*" (*People Magazine*), *The Bronze Horseman* is rich and vivid historical fiction at its finest.



THE WISH CHILD

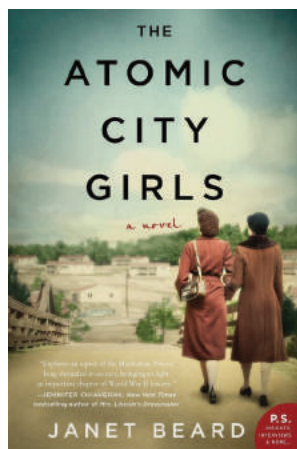
Catherine Chidgey

Germany, 1939. Drawn together as Germany's hope for a glorious future begins to collapse, two children find temporary refuge in an abandoned theater amid the rubble of Berlin. Watching over the children is the wish child, the mysterious narrator of their story. He sees what they see, he feels what they feel, yet his is a voice that comes from deep inside the wreckage of a nation's dream.

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WOMEN'S WORK IN THE WAR

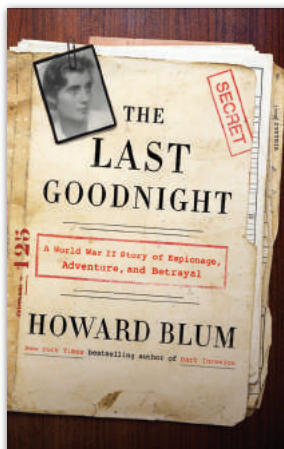
Focusing on the important contributions of women during WWII.



THE ATOMIC CITY GIRLS

Janet Beard

"Fans of historical fiction will devour this complex and human look at the people involved in the creation of the atomic bomb. A fascinating look at an underexplored chapter of American history." - *Kirkus Reviews*



THE LAST GOODNIGHT

Howard Blum

A riveting biography of Betty Pack, the dazzling American debutante who became an Allied spy during WWII and was hailed by OSS chief General "Wild Bill" Donovan as "the greatest unsung heroine of the war."



THE ALICE NETWORK

Kate Quinn

Two women – a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 – are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

AFTER THE WAR

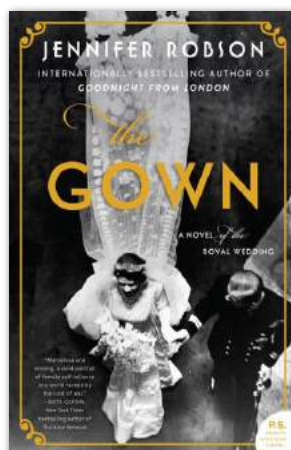
Stories of rebuilding, hope, and challenges after the battles have come and gone.



FEVER AT DAWN*

Peter Gardos

***also available in film on hoopla!**
Drawn from the real-life letters of Péter Gárdos's parents, and reminiscent of the film *Life Is Beautiful*, *Fever at Dawn* is a vibrant, ribald, and unforgettable tale, showing the death-defying power of the human will to live and to love.



THE GOWN

Jennifer Robson

"*The Gown* is marvelous and moving, a vivid portrait of female self-reliance in a world racked by the cost of war." - Kate Quinn

An enthralling historical novel about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the twentieth century and the fascinating women who made it.



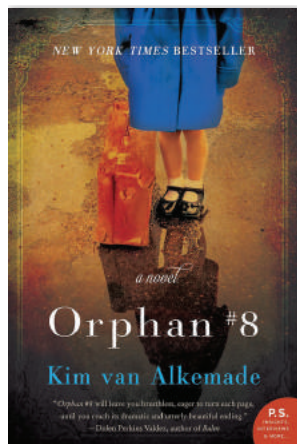
PAPER IS WHITE

Hilary Zaid

Ellen realizes that she can't go through with a wedding until she tells her grandmother. There's only one problem: her grandmother is dead. Two women beat their own early path toward marriage equality and are drawn into a clandestine entanglement with a wily Holocaust survivor.

ORPHANS' TALES

Classic and contemporary books chronicling the courage of abandoned children and those who fought to protect them.



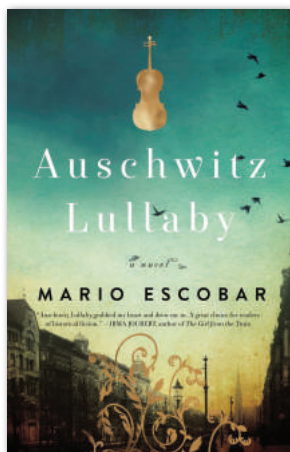
ORPHAN #8

Kim van Alkemade

The fascinating story of a woman who must choose between revenge and mercy when she encounters the doctor who subjected her to dangerous medical experiments in a New York City Jewish orphanage years before.

"This book is utterly unputdownable. At once atmospheric, disturbing and absolutely engrossing, it poses a host of moral questions; I fully anticipate that it will become popular with book clubs."

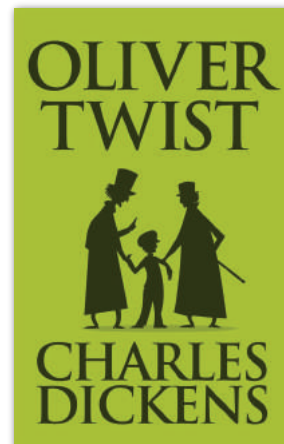
— Historical Novels Review



AUSCHWITZ LULLABY

Mario Escobar

Through sheer force of will, Helene Hannemann provides a haven for the children of Auschwitz—an act of kindness and selflessness so great that it illuminates the darkest night of human history. Based on a true story, Mario Escobar's *Auschwitz Lullaby* demonstrates the power of sacrifice and the strength of human dignity—even when all hope seems lost.



OLIVER TWIST

Charles Dickens

Oliver Twist is the classic, quintessential orphan's tale. The second novel by Charles Dickens, the story focuses on orphan Oliver Twist, born in a workhouse and sold into apprenticeship with an undertaker. The novel portrays London's dark criminal underbelly through Oliver's eyes, and has been evergreen for over a century, establishing it as one of Dickens's most beloved works.