WORLD WAR II LOVE STORIES

The years of World War II were a time of hardship and terror in countries around the world. It was also a time of love as people came together during the conflict in the most unusual circumstances. The stories are the basis for thousands of novels about the tempestuous times.

Some of the novels are sad and bittersweet. Others write about the battlefields and the home-front. However, all of the stories tell something about the experiences of the men and women who endured those tragic years.

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Battle, Lois. War Brides - Three Australian brides sail together to join their American soldier husbands in the United States.

Daley, Robert. The Innocents Within - An American airman downed over France finds shelter and falls in love with a pretty Jewish woman, who also is in hiding, before they are able to escape France and get to safety in England.

Fast, Howard. The Bridge Builder's Story – A man’s perfect life is shattered when his bride is killed by the Gestapo. Later, as a US Army officer, he finds love again with a Holocaust survivor.

Flanagan, Richard. The Narrow Road To The Deep North - A tale of love and war that traces the life of an Australian surgeon - from a prisoner-of-war camp during World War II up to the present.

Hannah, Kristin. The Nightingale - Two sisters try to find safety when the Germans sweep into their small French town. Isabelle meets a partisan resistance fighter, joins his efforts to fight the Nazis, and falls in love with him, with disastrous consequences.

Hannah, Kristin (Editor). Grand Central: Original Stories of Postwar Love and Reunion - Ten authors inspired by the waiting room in the famed Station have each written a story that begins in the Station during one busy post-WW II day, in a time of hope, uncertainty, change, and renewal.

Ibbotson, Eva. A Song for Summer - On the eve of World War II, a young Englishwoman takes a position as housemother in a boarding school in Austria and falls in love with a man at the school, but they are soon separated with the arrival of the Nazis and each one presses to be re-united.

Jacobson, Douglas W. Night of Flames – When a married couple is forced to flee occupied Poland they become separated and try to aid the anti-Nazi resistance forces. At the same time they desperately search for each other.

Joubert, Irma. The Crooked Path - A female doctor in World War II South Africa despairs of finding love until she meets Marco, an Italian immigrant who survived the Nazi death camps after attempting to hide a Jewish family. As Marco’s health deteriorates, she worries about her future.

Kagan, Robert A. All My Love, Detrick - A saga of two young, star-crossed lovers in Nazi Germany who struggle to be together while trying to protect Leah’s family from the Holocaust that awaits them if they are captured.

Lawrenson, Deborah. The Sea Garden - A story of love, mystery, and murder during World War II follows three courageous women – a famed British landscape designer, a young, blind perfumer's apprentice, and a junior British intelligence officer. A vivid chronicle of love and loss in the fog of war.

Love, Alison. The Girl from the Paradise Ballroom - When Antonio meets the wife of his wealthy new patron, he recognizes her instantly. Olivia fears Antonio will betray the secrets of her past, but little by little they are drawn together. A story of forbidden love amid the most devastating war in human history
Meissner, Susan. **A Bridge Across the Ocean** – World War Two is over, but the recovery from the most intimate of its horrors has only just begun for a German ballerina desperate to escape her past, and the wronged daughter of a French resistance spy, who are on a ship sailing to America to be reunited with their American husbands. When the voyage ends at New York Harbor, only one of them will disembark.

Moyes, Jojo. **The Ship of Brides** - World War II has ended, and four Australian women are about to embark on the trip of a lifetime to be reunited with the men they married just prior to or during the war. These "war brides" are unsure whether they will be able to handle life married to men they barely know.

Olafur Jóhann Ólafsson. **Restoration** - Returning home to La Foce, a crumbling villa in Tuscany, to make amends with her husband, Iris is caught between loyalists and resisters, cruel German forces and Allied troops, and, while struggling to survive, hopes that the life and love she lost can one day be restored.

Payton, Brian. **The Wind Is Not a River** - A gripping tale of survival and an epic love story in which a husband and wife - separated by the only battle of World War II to take place on American soil - fight to reunite in Alaska's starkly beautiful Aleutian Islands.

Richman, Alyson. **The Garden of Letters** – In Italy in 1943, Elodie flees to Portofino after helping the local Resistance movement until she is put in grave danger. In Portofino, she is taken in by a kindhearted doctor. Sensual in its descriptions of the Italian countryside and the allure of music, this moving story also graphically depicts the heroism and sacrifice of wartime.

Saxton, Judith. **Still Waters** - Tess and Mal meet at a dance during World War II and immediately fall in love. But, before the wedding can take place, Mal's plane disappears over France. When Mal finally returns at the end of the war, they pick up their relationship where they left off, but something is wrong.

Smith, Martin Cruz. **The Girl from Venice** – A suspenseful World War II love story set against the beauty, mystery, and danger of occupied Venice. When a fisherman decides to shield and protect a young woman on the run from the Nazi soldiers, they join the Resistance and fall in love.

Sundin, Sarah. **A Distant Melody** - Before being shipped to England during World War II, Lt. Walter Novak and Allie are drawn together by their love of music, prompting a correspondence that untangles secrets, commitments, and expectations between them both.

Watson, Peter. **Madeleine's War** - Colonel Matthew Hammond has an important mission to prepare French Canadian Madeleine as a British agent in France in advance of the Allied invasion there in WWII. They fall in love and the resulting mix of romance and risk makes for a worrisome time for both of them.

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