

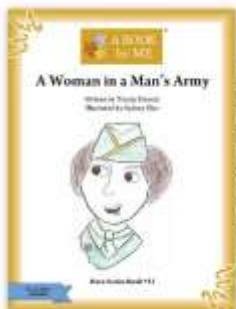
Power Girls

Real People who Triumphed over Adversity



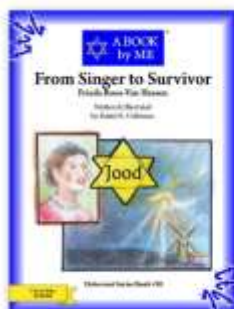
Margaret Chiccoski Clayton was a volunteer during WWII. Part of her duties was attending dances to bring joy to American soldiers. But some moments brought her to tears. When she helped at a hospital, one man taught her the power of the smile. His smile inspired her when she realized he had lost both his arms and legs during battle. Wars can affect people in many ways, but so can a friendly smile.

#newyork#dance#volunteerism#iowa



Dorothy Anderson was willing to serve in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during WWII. She sailed on the same ship with a famous man named Bob Hope, who was well known for entertaining the troops. After the Allies won, she was serving in Germany as a stenographer and took dictation for General Eisenhower. On Thanksgiving, the women were encouraged when First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt joined them for dinner.

#idaho#commitment#courage#illinois



Frieda Roos-Van Hessen was a talented Jewish girl who sang in the role of Snow White on the radio and preformed at all the great concert halls in Vienna. When the Nazis invaded, she was no longer recognized for her talent. She wasn't even allowed to go to a restaurant or the concert halls. She survived the horrors of the Holocaust, but her family wasn't so lucky. Frieda was glad to immigrate to America for a new life.

#austria#antisemitism#singer#northcarolina



Joan McMullen was a meteorologist in the Royal Air Force during WWII. The war brought great advances in meteorology, as large-scale military land, sea and air campaigns were dependent on more knowledge about the weather. The Normandy landing and strategic bombing were especially looking at forecasts. Joan met the love of her life during the war. After the war, she married and immigrated to America.

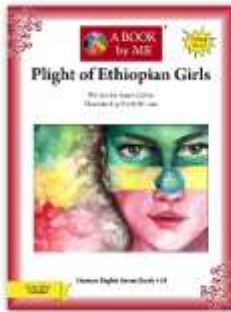
#england#immigration#allie#illinois



Marion Blumenthal-Lazan was a Jewish girl whose family survived a concentration camp. She played a game in camp, pretending that if she found four perfect pebbles her family would live. They did survive, but her father died later, leaving his widow to immigrate to America with their two children. Marion is a speaker on the subject of the Holocaust and is known world-wide.

#germany#faith#perseverance#newyork





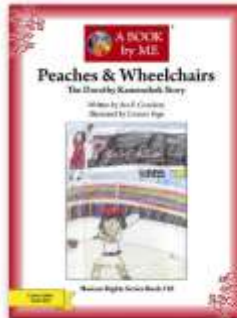
Amen Gabre was a high-school age, foreign exchange student who came to Iowa and won first place in a statewide essay contest. In the essay, Amen told Iowans about the horror of watching helplessly as four little girls became victims of female genital mutilation in front of their whole village in Africa. She knows there's no medical reason for this ritual. It is estimated 140 million women worldwide have become victims of this terrible practice.

#ethiopia#education#endfgm#michigan



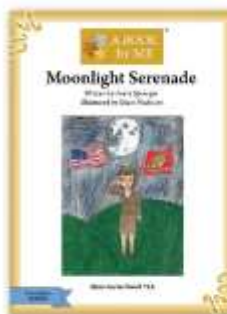
A DAR Chapter discovered that Julia Mattocks served her country during WWII. While working in a bomb factory, where there was danger in every move she and other women made, one of her friends was killed and another lost her arms during an explosion. Later, Julia answered the call for workers and headed west to labor as a "Rosie the Riveter" at Lockheed in California. Julia was a patriot, and she is very proud of her service.

#volunteerism#patriotism#duty#illinois



During WWII Dorothy Kamenshek played on the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. She played for the Rockford Peaches, and her character was made famous in the movie called "A League of Their Own." After retirement from baseball, her life was with disabled children in California. Her young author, who has Cerebral Palsy, was very inspired by Dottie's life.

#ohio#girlssports#leader#california



Elsie Bossola Little taught her young author that the U.S. Marine Corp was strictly male until WWII, when 305 female Marine Reservists served due to personnel shortages. This is how Elsie chose to aid her country and where her love story began. She met her husband, a fellow United States Marine, with whom she loved to dance.

#pennsylvania#service#feathernecks#illinois



Doris Warschawski Fogel and her mother were desperate to get out of Nazi Germany during WWII. Doris' mother learned that they didn't have to have a visa to go to Shanghai, China. That meant it was possible to escape. Like many other Jews, her mother took this opportunity to protect her young daughter by taking a ship to China as a "last resort."

#germany#holocaust#courage#illinois

