

The Flight Girls By Noelle Salazar

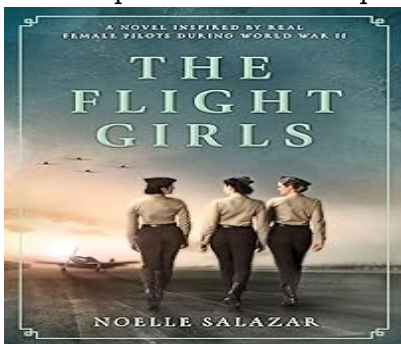
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We had the honour of Noelle Salazar joining us in the Behind the Pages group for a A She shared some amazing insight to The Flights Girls To find out about The Flight Girls you can find the group here <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/The-Flight-Girls> makes for an inspiring lighter historical fiction that explores the dynamics between the characters rather than the historical events to the story The story focuses on one women's strength and will to follow her passion here with our well developed main character Audrey Coltrane Her passion leads her to join the relatively unknown Women Airforce Service Pilots WASP during WWII Noelle Salazar does a great job here dramatizing the camaraderie as she explores the compelling friendships between the women of the WASP She adds some romance here as well for Audrey that added a bit drama than I would have liked I love stories that focus on the strong women of WWII and Noelle Salazar sure delivers here with these women who each have joined the WASP for their own reasons I enjoyed the dynamics here and the connections formed between the women and were drawn into their world I could feel the emotional depth of the story here with the women's strength and fears as a team as well as Audrey's own emotions I could visualize what it might have been like for the real strong and courageous pilots I highly recommend for a lighter historical fiction that is inspired by the real women pilots Thank you so much to Eden at Harleuin Trade Publishing Mira Books and Noelle Salazar for gifting me a copy of this book This was a Sister read with Norma and Lindsay For reviews from us The Traveling Sisters Three for this title can be found on our blog <http://stwsisterslostinacoulee.com> Paperback I've said it before the stories from WWII are endless as are the numbers of people impacted I never tire of these stories and The Flight Girls is indeed a special one ☐☐☐☐ Have you heard of the Women Airforce Service Pilots from World War II? In 1941 Audrey Coltrane loves to fly Her father taught her back home in Texas She signs up to train military pilots in Hawaii as the war is starting She's also not interested in romance because she's focused on her career but she forms a strong friendship with Lieutenant James Hart Audrey is in the air when Pearl Harbor is bombed This spurs her to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots program When James is missing Audrey is fighting for her country and also for James Oh my strong women I was so inspired by Audrey's story and that of the women beside her I adored Audrey and I loved her relationships with all the other women The bond was solid and they looked out for each other as those in the military do I breezed right through The Flight Girls It's written smoothly and evokes every emotion There is a romance here but at the center of the story is these formidable women and what they did to protect our country A beautifully written well told story I received a complimentary copy All opinions are my own My reviews can also be found on my blog [www.jennifertarheelreader.com](http://www.jennifertarheelreader.com) Paperback 4 stars Adventurous heart wrenching and inspiring Audrey Coltrane is a young female pilot whose passion for flying started when she was a child When the war begins she signs up to train military pilots knowing she is helping her country prepare for what may come Facing constant criticism and stereotyping she is proud of her career and the adventures she gets to take while doing something she loves This story is inspired by the real team of female pilots who trained soldiers in WWII I loved Audrey's character She was intriguing and heart warming; her immense bravery was shocking and inspiring Though I found her journey to be predictable at times it kept me engrossed and interested throughout The writing flowed beautifully and was well paced There is a strong romance theme underlying the main wartime story which I found a tad much at times but in the end I was rooting for the lovely couple This was an excellent debut from Noelle Salazar and I look forward to what she writes next This was a Traveling Sister read with Brenda and Norma which we all enjoyed To find our reviews please visit our blog at you to HarperCollins for sending me an ARC to read and review Paperback Fascinating touching entertaining THE FLIGHT GIRLS by NOELLE SALAZAR is an enlightening powerful and emotionally compelling historical fiction novel that has us following along fictionalized character Audrey Coltrane and her involvement in the WASP program Women Airforce Service Pilots during

World War II NOELLE SALAZAR delivers an excellent heartfelt intriguing and well written read here with wonderful relatable and well developed characters The story is told from the first person perspective of our main character Audrey Coltrane and I absolutely loved her voice She definitely captured my attention and my heart as well as the other WASP women The bond that these women shared was absolutely beautiful and I absolutely loved and admired how courageous and brave they were At times I felt that this storyline was simplified and rushed a little bit though because there was this strong romantic theme that I wasn't really expecting and sort of took away from the main historical story for me In the end though I was able to put all my concerns aside and had me rooting for a happy ending for Audrey and James Norma's Stats Cover My ARC didn't come with the actual cover design so I feel that I am unable to actually voice how I feel about it Although I think the actual book cover is quite beautiful Title I absolutely love how intriguing and enticing that title is and think it's a fantastic representation to storyline Writing Prose Well written entertaining engaging readable and compelling Plot Engrossing heartfelt interesting steadily paced and entertaining Ending A touching and happy ending that left me feeling satisfied Overall 3.5 Stars The role that these brave female pilots played was absolutely extraordinary and made this quite the captivating and irresistible page turner Would recommend Thank you so much to Eden at Harlequin Trade Publishing Mira Books and Noelle Salazar for the opportunity to read an advanced copy of this book It was an absolute pleasure reading this historical fiction novel Review can also be found on our Two Sisters Lost in a Coulee Reading book blog Paperback As soon as I saw the cover I knew I had to read this book I keep saying I need to lay off the World War 2 historical fiction for awhile but the chance to learn a bit about the WASPs Women Airforce Service Pilots was an opportunity I couldn't pass up Audrey Coltrane loves to fly planes and it's her dream to one day own an airfield back home in Texas It's 1941 and she is saving up money while training military pilots in Hawaii With that one goal taking up all of her focus she doesn't care to be anything than friends with the handsome and charming Lieutenant James Hart After the attack on Pearl Harbor Audrey joins the Women Airforce Service Pilots This is a story about friendship love loss determination and courage I'm so pleased the author chose to write about the WASPs as it helps with giving the women the recognition they deserve for the contributions to the war effort While the characters in the book are fictional I do think the author captured the spirit of the women and what they endured as participants in the program I thought there was a nice balance of historical facts about the program and a solid fictional story about a woman determined to set her own path in life I highly recommend reading the Author's Note at the end as it provides good context for her writing process To me the sign of a good historical fiction book is after I'm done reading I'm motivated to learn even about the topic which was the case here Audrey was an easy character to root for even though she suffered from Irresistible Woman syndrome She seemed to cast a spell over men but it didn't annoy me that much because she had a lot of good qualities including intelligence and confidence I loved the camaraderie among the women and how they did tend to look after one another This is a pretty quick read even though it's 350 pages There are some good emotional moments throughout the story and I recommend this one for fans of World War 2 historical fiction and/or books that feature strong female characters Romance is certainly a part of the story but not the only thing going on so I think this book will appeal to many different readers I received a free advance copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review Paperback The Flight Girls captivated me from the first page and never let go Salazar's writing is lively and fresh as we ride shotgun with a cast of memorable characters an epic love story and a powerful tale of courage and sacrifice by the Women Airforce Service Pilots during WWII A spectacular first novel I was lucky and got an advance copy Paperback I knew when I read the synopsis for The Flight Girls that I would enjoy this book immensely and I wasn't wrong My husband is an Air Force veteran with a private pilots license so it's safe to say that I've spent plenty of my time in and around lots of planes over the past 25 years either as a passenger or watching them from the ground There's something magical about flying and Noelle Salazar manages to perfectly capture that in her debut novel even amidst the most harrowing of times—WWII Audrey Coltrane has always known exactly what she wants to fly planes and eventually own her own 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tied down with a husband and children like her mother expects When the Army begins hiring women pilots to train new male recruits how to fly she immediately takes the job and heads to Pearl Harbor There she makes friends especially with Lt James Hart one of the few people to understand her dreams It's also where she's caught up in the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7 1941 while up in the sky Audrey's brave spirit continues to persevere through the war as she joins the Women Airforce Service Pilots WASP women trained by the army to ferry planes from one military base to another and test new and repaired aircraft before it was sent overseas all without the benefits of militarization Salazar's novel is immediately fascinating her writing crisp and the characters unforgettable some heartbreakingly so It's particularly apparent when reading the descriptions of the training Audrey and the other women in the program went through their day to day lives the hard realities of the program the male dominated environment the accidents the deaths that Salazar meticulously researched the WASP program and the histories of real life WASP women because the novel has such a realistic feel within every description What I loved most about this novel is the depictions of the relationships between the women in the program Except for their love of flying they couldn't have been any different yet they bonded and became such wonderful friends Salazar captured such distinctive personalities and clearly showed how these women were breaking the glass ceiling for the generations of women to follow them I've read many many books about WWII but never one about the WASP women Their courage sacrifice and heroism during WWII were spectacular and Salazar has written an excellent first novel depicting those attributes It's also a love story and an epic one too The Flight Girls is an emotionally compelling debut yes I cried and I look forward to Salazar's next novel Thank you MIRA Harlequin Publishers for the gifted copy All opinions are my own Paperback My thanks to NetGalley and MIRA for sending me an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review All opinions are my own and are not influenced by the publisher I'll start this out by freely admitting that I seem to be in the minority opinion on this one I read a lot of rave reviews and went in with super high hopes ready for a WWII story with a lot of substance and a strong interesting female protagonist What I got felt fluffy romance set against a dark backdrop The book definitely plays lip service to the idea of a strong female lead but it doesn't really feel like it goes beyond that Audrey is not like other girls because she likes to fly planes and doesn't want to get married and have babies The only reason she doesn't want to get married and have babies by the way seems to be because it'd be nearly impossible to find a husband who would "allow" her to keep flying I think this really gets at the heart of my issue with Audrey that her love of flight really felt like her singular defining character trait She never starting feeling like a person to me I love that she had an unconventional passion for a woman of the time but that's not enough on its own to make her an interesting character Another reviewer on Goodreads also pointed out some anachronisms in the novel This truly isn't something that bothers me as a reader barring something ridiculous like if Audrey were to suddenly pull out a flip phone but for readers who are super into the accuracy of their history it's bound to ruffle some feathers The romance while it took up a bigger part of the story than I would have liked was fine I liked that Audrey found someone who shared her passion and there seemed to be a huge amount of respect between the two of them especially considering the normal power dynamics of a relationship in the time period This felt healthy and sweet if a bit predictable although what romance isn't? My only real ualm with the romance aspect of the book was that I'm not a huge fan of the basic concept of the story which was "girl who adamantly never wants to get married discovers she just hasn't met the right man yet" I think The Flight Girls will appeal to romance fans far than historical fiction fans which seems odd given the premise and marketing of the book The Flight Girls is a story with a lot of potential that while it missed the mark for me personally seems to be a huge hit with a lot of readers Pick this up if you're in the mood a light read but don't expect hard hitting historical fiction that makes you think This is Noelle Salazar's debut novel and I do think she has tons of potential I'm excited to see what she writes next You can read all of my reviews on my blog Jenna Bookish Facebook | Instagram | Tumblr Paperback I picked up an ARC of this book at my job in a bookstore After 100 pages I declared a book divorce Yes it's that bad First let's talk about the fact this book is so poorly edited it made me a

former editor nearly cry No I didn't find piles of typos I found piles of anachronisms for a book about 1941 45Referring to women as Ms the term was not in broad popular use until 1968A male character keeps bumping his head against the headrest of a Jeep They barely had seats back then let alone headrests Women wear Victory Rolls big curls in their hair before Pearl Harbor after was OKAsserts that people watched the horrors of Pearl Harbor on television and I can't even begin to slam this statement hard enoughNumerous statements that the MC's mother was against her flying then states she encourages her to flyspends almost 2 full pages describing an apartment we'll never see again but only about 3 graphs on the devastation at Pearl HarborThis is lazy poorly researched poorly executed historical fiction that does the writer no favors nor the entire genre of women's fiction It has a nifty premise and should have been a good read even if the we'll just be friends even though we're madly attracted to each other premise is pretty sillyDo I sound angry? I read a lot of independent authors' work that runs rings around this book that the indies can't even get anyone to look at And then dreck like this gets put out It makes me tired Paperback Easy 5 Stars I daresay this will be one of my favorite books of the year This book follows the fictional Audrey Coltrane before during and after her time as a WASP during WWII The WASP program Women Airforce Service Pilots did jobs like ferrying military planes between bases trained the men entering the airforce and tested both new and repaired planes before they were shipped back overseas all without the protection of military status While the book does have a fair bit of romance the most compelling relationships were the ones Audrey grew with the other women in her program The portrayal of these women was so well rounded each one we met had a distinct personality I loved that the author showed all types of women in the book ones that were feminine ones that were tomboys mean girls engaged girls and women who never want to be married A woman who spent hours on her hair and makeup could still fly circles around the men and a woman who never wanted kids wasn't suddenly swayed from her choice by a pretty face Overall this was an excellent debut and I can't wait to see what comes next Paperback A stunning story about the Women Airforce Service Pilots whose courage during World War II turned ordinary women into extraordinary heroes1941 Audrey Coltrane has always wanted to fly It's why she implored her father to teach her at the little airfield back home in Texas It's why she signed up to train military pilots in Hawaii when the war in Europe began And it's why she insists she is not interested in any dream derailing romantic involvements even with the disarming Lieutenant James Hart who fast becomes a friend as treasured as the women she flies with Then one fateful day she gets caught in the air over Pearl Harbor just as the bombs begin to fall and suddenly nowhere feels safeTo make everything she's lost count for something Audrey joins the Women Airforce Service Pilots program The bonds she forms with her fellow pilots reignite a spark of hope in the face war and when James goes missing in action give Audrey the strength to cross the front lines and fight not only for her country but for the love she holds so dearShining a light on a little known piece of history The Flight Girls is a sweeping portrayal of women's fearlessness love and the power of friendship to make us soar The Flight Girls



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