

BOOK STUFF

World War Two

**“In peace, sons bury their fathers.
In war, fathers bury their sons.”**

Herodotus

WW2 Crossword Puzzle

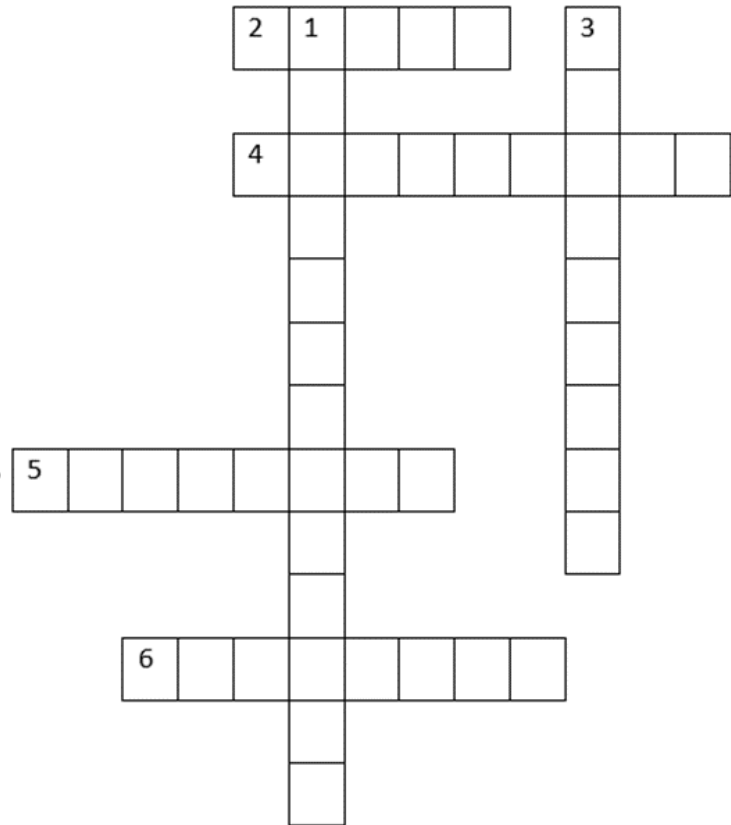
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1. The machine used to create German and Japanese coded messages.
3. The coalition formed by Germany, Italy and Japan.

Across:

2. Celebrated on 8 May to mark the anniversary of the formal surrender of Germany.
4. In 1945, the United States dropped two nuclear bombs on the Japanese cities, Nagasaki and _____.
5. The country that was invaded by Stalin’s Soviet Union on 17 September 1939.
6. Japanese suicide pilots.

❖ See answers on the back



Must-Read War Novels

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris



Tells the story of Slovakian Jew Lale Sokolov, who was imprisoned at Auschwitz in 1942. He was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival, leading him to meet and fall in love with a girl named Gita.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

Tells the story of Bruno, a young German boy who meets Shmuel, a Jewish boy who lives a very different life on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas.

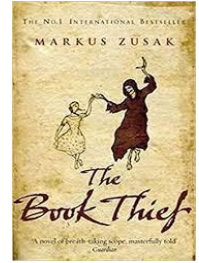
All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Explores the lives of two teenagers, a blind girl living in Nazi-occupied France and a German orphan boy forced into service by the Nazi army.

Riddle me this...

I am where conflicting men defend, whom often meet their end. I am unowned. I am the middle. Solve me this riddle.

Marcus Zusak, *The Book Thief*



When they arrived in full, the noise of their feet throbbed amongst the road. Their eyes were enormous in their starving skulls. And the dirt. The dirt was moulded to them. Their legs staggered as they were pushed by soldiers' hands — a few wayward steps of forced running before the slow return to a malnourished walk...

At their side, the soldiers also made their way past, ordering them to hurry up and to stop moaning. Some of those soldiers were only boys themselves. They had the Fuhrer in their eyes.

As she watched all of this, Liesel was certain that these were the poorest souls alive. That's what she wrote about them. Their Gaunt faces were stretched with torture. Hunger ate them as they continued forward, some of them watching the ground to avoid the people on the side of the road. Some looked appealingly at those who had come to observe their humiliation, this prelude to their deaths. Others pleaded for someone, anyone, to step forward and catch them in their arms.

No-one did.

Whether they watched this parade with pride, temerity or shame, nobody came forward to interrupt it. Not yet. Once in a while, a man or woman — no, they were not men and women, they were Jews — would find Liesel's face amongst the crowd. They would meet her with their defeat, and the book thief could only watch them back in a long, incurable moment before they were gone again. She could only hope they could read the depth of sorrow in her face, to recognise that it was true, and not fleeting.

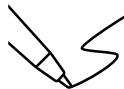
I have one of you in my basement! She wanted to say. We built a snowman together! I gave him thirteen presents when he was sick!

Liesel said nothing at all.

What good would it be?

She understood that she was utterly worthless to these people. They could not be saved, and in a few minutes, she would see what would happen to those who might try to help them.

Poem of the Week



First They Came by Pastor Martin Niemoller

First they came for the Communists
 And I did not speak out
 Because I was not a Communist
 Then they came for the Socialists
 And I did not speak out
 Because I was not a Socialist
 Then they came for the trade unionists
 And I did not speak out
 Because I was not a trade unionist
 Then they came for the Jews
 And I did not speak out
 Because I was not a Jew
 Then they came for me
 And there was no one left
 To speak out for me



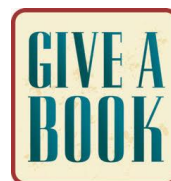
- 6. kamikaze
- 5. Poland
- 4. Hiroshima
- 2. VE Day

Across

- 3. Axis Power
- 1. Enigma Machine

Down

Riddle answer: No Man's Land
 Crossword Puzzle Answers:



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