Despite the passing of time, the intense interest in all things Word War II, both fiction and non-fiction, does not diminish. School children seek materials for assignments, veterans and military history enthusiasts strive to increase their understanding and patrons of all ages find the World War II era a fascinating setting for stories. Prescott Public Library has wealth of materials for World War II enthusiasts, including an extensive collection of materials on the Holocaust. Come in today and check one out!

**Wind Flyers** by Angela Johnson (2007). Grades K-4. With spare prose and larger than life illustrations, Johnson’s historical picture book *Wind Flyers* is the story of a young narrator’s hero-worship for his great–uncle, a Tuskegee Airman. From jumping out of haylofts in Alabama to flying the skies over Europe, one man’s memories give readers a historical look at the seldom celebrated history of the black airmen who overcame racial barriers and proudly served their country in World War II. Johnson captures the love of flying, patriotism and youthful adulation in this simple to read, beautifully illustrated book.—Jennifer Kendall

**Bomb: the race to build--and steal--the world's most dangerous weapon** by Steve Sheinkin (2012). Winner of multiple honors at the 2013 American Library Association’s Youth Media Awards, this World War II nonfiction thriller should be required reading for everyone over 12. The espionage-laced, breakneck race to detonate the first nuclear bomb unfolds before your eyes. Sheinkin mined historical archives to quote key figures to shift scenes in the best plot-driven tradition. Finishing Bomb renders readers full and empty. The take-away: “winning” is everything, and is illusory. The hope: Bomb will have been read by tomorrow’s key players in this unfinished saga.—Steve Ryan

**The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors: the extraordinary World War II story of the U. S. Navy’s finest hour** by James D. Hornfischer (2004). Imagine flying a scouting mission and stumbling across the largest flotilla of enemy ships ever seen, steaming full speed toward your home base. Then, imagine attacking this armada outnumbered and under gunned! Like many chronicles of World War II, this book covers events and human behavior that at times seen beyond belief. Hornfischer writes with an immediacy that translates to the page with the intensity of an eyewitness account. It is a headshaking telling of one of the many critical moments in American history that leaves the reader both stunned and inspired by the exploits.—Russell Miller

**Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth Wein (2012). A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France in late 1943. The pilot and the passenger, both young women, are fast friends and become separated after the crash. To reveal any more would be to spoil this compelling story for the reader. Suffice it to say that this harrowing fictional tale unfolds
with rich historical detail. Named as a Printz Honor Book, this riveting story of friendship, loyalty, courage and resolve will appeal to teens and adults alike.—Julie Pavri

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