

# Deceptions of World War II

*From camouflage techniques to deception tactics*

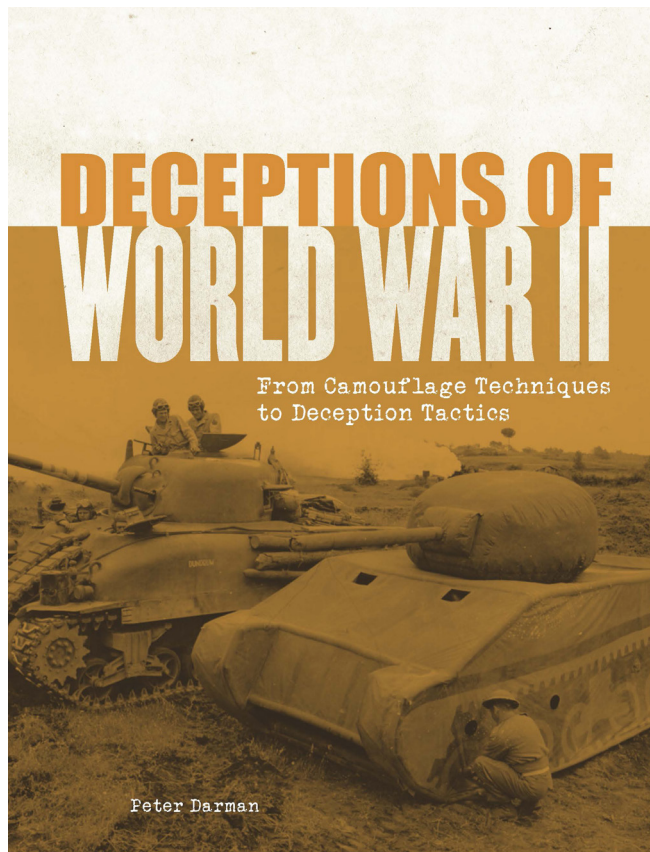
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## KEYPOINTS

- Includes stories of well-known and lesser-known WWII military deceptions, including Operation Mincemeat, which was the basis for a major film in 2021.
- An insight into a less-explored side of WWII that will appeal hugely to anyone with an interest in social history, military history or strategy, from academics to history lovers.
- Photographs of battles in action, documents the times, undercover agents and more to make for a truly captivating account.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Peter Darman** has been writing about military history since he was in school, and previously worked as a research officer with the Defence Intelligence Staff in Whitehall.

Peter has written numerous history and military history books, including One Hundred Events that Shaped World War II.

## DESCRIPTION

*Discover the inner workings of many incredible, ingenious and decisive acts of military cunning in this fascinating insight into the tactics of World War II. Critical advantage was gained through deception – the projection of power in areas of weakness, camouflage, manipulation, and the transmission of false intentions. Deceptions of World War II presents notable successes, as well as the most daring and outrageous plans.*

*Be enthralled by accounts of:*

*Just how important the camouflage efforts were at home and in the Pacific artists and photographers like William Dobell and Max Dupain were drafted into bold creative and ingenious efforts.*

*Read about Operation Hackney in the Pacific where an Australian cargo fleet loaded with empty packing uses and used fuel drums supplied the illusion, from the air, of a full brigade's camps.*

*Discover the British-effort to project a fighting force in North Africa where none in fact existed and the flawless Japanese plan to conceal an entire fleet on its way to Pearl Harbour. The enigmatic double agent Garbo, who established a fictitious network of spies in Britain and then fed Germany a stream of false information.*

*These compelling stories are interspersed with equally captivating images, from full-page spreads of invasions in action, to the shipping container used to transport the body of a fictitious marine captain during Operation Mincemeat.*

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# Secret Heroes of World War II

*Spies, scientists and other heroes*

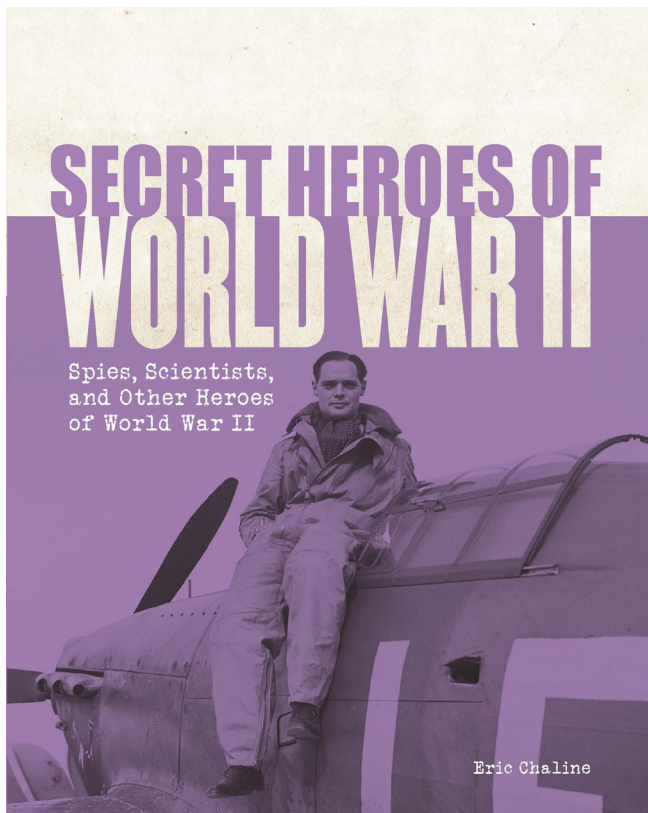
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## KEYPOINTS

- Sheds light on the actions of a vast variety of wartime heroes, including J. Robert Oppenheimer, whose story was the basis for one of the biggest films of 2023.
- Includes stories of key Antipodean heroes, such as decorated servicewoman and Resistance fighter Nancy Wake, and the doctor Howard Florey who helped develop Penicillin into a drug that has saved millions.
- Fascinating photographs and diagrams combine with the detailed profiles to fully immerse the reader in these incredible accounts.

## DESCRIPTION

*World War II had many influential figures, whose incredible acts of bravery, skill and intelligence helped to turn the tide of the war. But few of them receive the recognition their actions deserve. In Secret Heroes of World War II, we meet the engineers, scientists, agents, even holy men, who were key to shaping the Allied war effort. Discover the unbelievable stories of:*

- *Nancy Wake, the 'outspoken, unstoppable Antipo dean', who became the most decorated Allied servicewoman of the war. She organised and led one of the most formidable Resistance groups in central France and was infamous to the Gestapo due to their inability to capture her.*
- *Hugh O'Flaherty, the priest who hid thousands of Allied POWs and Jews in the Vatican, while narrowly avoiding German assassination attempts.*
- *Pioneers including Alan Turing and J. Robert Oppenheimer, whose intellects were key to devastating advancements in strategy and weaponry.*

*The motives of those featured in this book vary, as do their methods. Some were prepared to deceive, betray, and even kill in order to achieve their goals, while others bravely offered nonviolent resistance. Although a number of these heroes survived the war, many met a brutally violent end.*

*Full of photographs, backstories, anecdotes and detailed accounts of incredible people, Heroes of World War II is a captivating compendium of wartime heroism.*

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