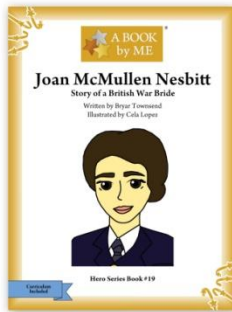
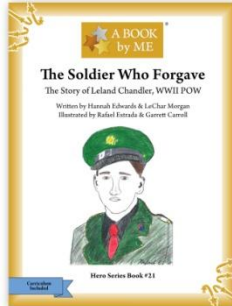


Writing Coach Regent Pam Johnson, Rebecca Clark Chapter (7 Books)



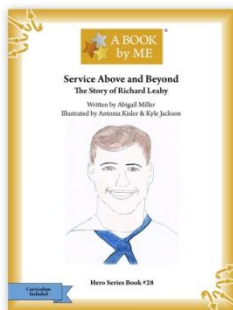
England's Joan McMullen was a meteorologist in the Royal Air Force during WWII. The war brought great advances in meteorology as large-scale military land, sea and air campaigns were dependent on weather, particularly forecasts provided for the Normandy landing and strategic bombing. After the war, Joan immigrated to America with her husband.



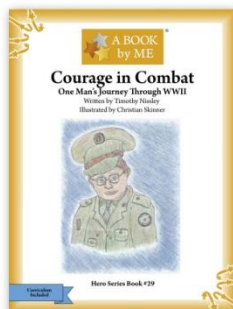
Leland Chandler from Illinois joined the Army during WWII. He served in the Pacific theater and was taken as a Prisoner of War by the Japanese. Over 2,000 prisoners were taken by ship to Japan eating very little and drinking filthy water. Many died. Leland lived and seventy years after the war, he went back to Japan by invitation. There he learned to forgive the past.



Julia Mattocks served her country during WWII by working in a bomb factory where there was danger in every move the women made. Later she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" at Lockheed in California. She told her story to young people so they could preserve it for young readers. Julia was very proud of their work.

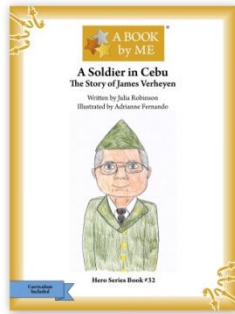


Sailor Richard Leahy taught his young author, Abigail Miller, many things. "It stood out to me how he was not called in for service in WWII. He willingly went in by himself and joined the Navy because he wanted to. Not because he had to, but because he wanted to. Even in the face of danger when a kamikaze attack almost took out his ship, Richard did not give up. I learned living in America is not free; it has been bought with a terrible high price!"

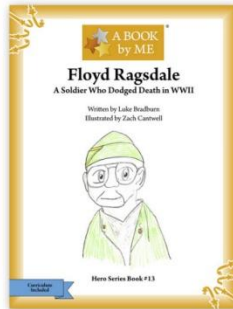


Young Thomas Cook served in Eisenhower's 103rd Infantry fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, the Battle of the Rhineland and then liberating concentration camps. Thomas felt God's hand protecting him then and now as he still has bad dreams about the war. Nine-year-old Timothy Nissley wrote his story and has become a good friend who sits with him in church every Sunday. Thomas's book was brought to life through the artwork of Christian Skinner.





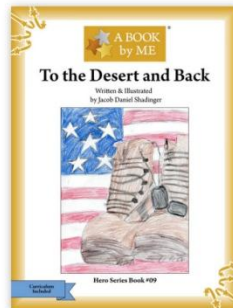
During WWII, James Verheyen was sent to Cebu in the Philippines. While there, he was wounded by shrapnel from an artillery shell. After the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan, James was sent there and ordered to go house to house collecting weapons from the Japanese. He served in an important way as General MacArthur's Chief Clerk. Young author Julia Robinson feels it is important to hear these stories so we don't forget the sacrifices the military make for our country.



Floyd Ragsdale was a young man ready to serve his country in WWII. He was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. He came to Galesburg with his young wife and was part of a business called Trilutions Computer Internet Center. Ironically, the owner of the business was a Jewish child survivor of the Holocaust. Floyd told his story to two young boy scouts who planned to write his story just days before he passed away.



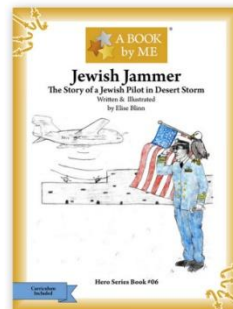
Writing Coach Daughter Marcia Flannigan, Illinois Senior State President of C.A.R.



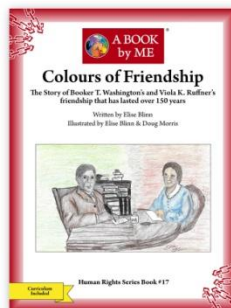
Dean Ruth served in Desert Storm in Saudia Arabia. There he learned a lot about combat weaponry, large transportation equipment and survivor skills. Young author Jacob Shadinger (Children of American Revolution C.A.R.) writes how honored he is to have Dean, his step-father, in his life. "He has taught me many things, such as how to protect myself, survival skills, weapon safety, patriotism and so much more. I cannot thank him enough for his service and protecting our country."



Writing Coach Daughter Marria Blinn, State Historian for State of Illinois (2 Books)



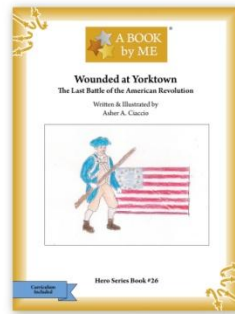
Lt. Steven Blinn fought in Desert Storm (sometimes called a "forgotten war"). As a Navy pilot, he faced additional dangers because of his Jewish faith. Steve was motivated to serve in the military by his families stories of those who fled Europe during the Holocaust (some perished) and the persecution they experienced during Russian Progroms. His daughter Elise, (Children of American Revolution C.A.R.) wrote and illustrated his story to honor him and their ancestors.



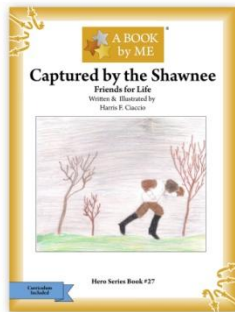
The story of a young slave who wanted to leave hard labor and get an education. He asked to become a house slave. A teacher named Viola Ruffner gave him the opportunity and taught him to read and write. Booker T. Washington became best friends with a white woman and today, over 150 years later, their families remain friends and attend each other's family reunions.



Writing Coach Daughter Karin Ciaccio, Mary Little Deere Chapter (2 Books)



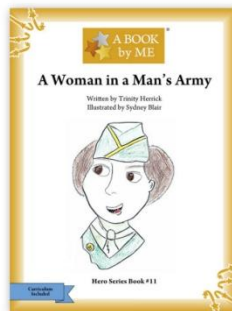
Alexander McCurdy fought bravely in the American Revolution which was a war like no other because it was fought for America's independence from England. The McCurdy family left Ireland looking for a better life. Alexander was 22 years old when he enlisted to fight for this freedom. He was wounded at the Battle of Yorktown, the last battle of the war. Asher Ciaccio felt strongly and was very proud about writing his ancestor's story. Through this experience, he learned we have to fight for what we believe in.



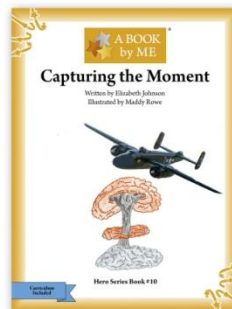
Young Harris Ciaccio of Coal Valley, Illinois is a member of Children of American Revolution and he wrote and illustrated the story of his 6th great grandfather Richard Rue. During the American Revolution, Rue was captured by the British and traded to an Indian tribe. This interesting story comes to life thanks to a child who remembers the sacrifices made for the many freedoms Americans enjoy today.



Writing Coach Daughter Deb Bowen, Service for Veterans Committee for District 1, State of Illinois (8 Books)

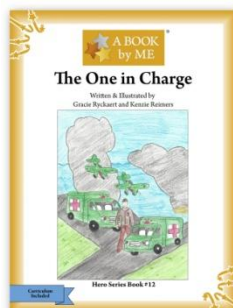


Dorothy Anderson was a young girl willing to serve in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during WWII. Her mother insisted that she wait until the fighting was over so she left America on a ship right after we won the war. She served in Berlin as a stenographer and took dictation for General Eisenhower one day. It was a very happy Thanksgiving when First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt joined the service women for their turkey dinner.



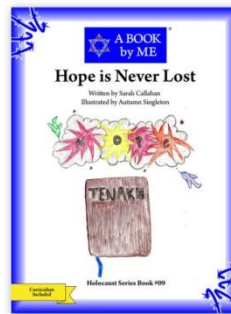
Reed Robertson was a bombardier during WWII, stationed in the Pacific theater. One day his unit was ordered to load cameras instead of bombs and they flew over the devastated area where the A-bomb was dropped. They took pictures both from the air and on the ground. It was a scene Reed would never forget and gladly shared it with the students who wrote and illustrated his story.

Galesburg, Illinois

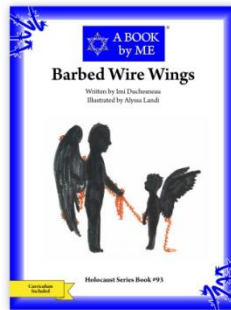


Pearl Harbor survivor Al Taylor (Davenport) made life and death decisions working triage on the day of the attack. Young author Gracie Ryckaert (Taylor Ridge) and illustrator Kenzie Reimers (Milan) did a wonderful job telling Al's story for young readers.





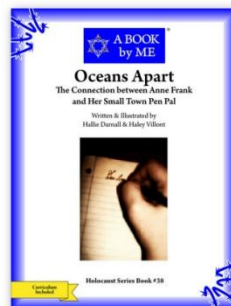
German-born Ralph Troll had a Jewish mother and a Christian father. The Nazis took his mother to a concentration camp then Ralph's teacher told him he was not worthy of an education so his schooling stopped. His mother survived and their family immigrated to Chicago. Sarah Callahan of Moline, Illinois wrote his story and Autumn Singleton of Rock Island, Illinois provided the artwork for the story of Dr. Ralph Troll PhD.



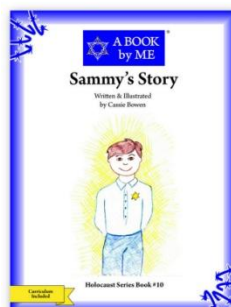
John Gaultier of Vinton, Iowa was a medic during WWII and his daily decisions meant life or death to his patients. After the war, his unit liberated a concentration camp where he was feeding an emaciated Jewish prisoner when the man died in his arms. After the war, John was suicidal for many years but today, he volunteers at the VA hospital and helps young veterans who have thoughts of suicide. Two girls from Rockridge School District in Taylor Ridge, Illinois used their talents to share his amazing story.



Two girls, Anne Frank and Eva Schloss, went into hiding with their Jewish families to escape the Nazis. All were discovered and sent to concentration camps. Eva and her mother survived. Although his family perished, Otto Frank survived and Eva became Otto's step-daughter as her parents took Anne's famous diary around the world. Written and illustrated by exchange students Sergiu Troaca from Romania and Tu Hoang from Vietnam.



The most famous face of the Holocaust has ties to Iowa. Anne Frank had a pen pal named Juanita Wagner in Danville, Iowa. They wrote back and forth just weeks before Anne's family went into hiding. Anne wrote she was looking at a map of Iowa trying to find Danville but the town was too small. She asked the question "is it near Burlington?" Authors and Illustrators are Hallie Darnall and Haley Villont of Burlington, Iowa.



At six, Sam Harris was one of the youngest Jewish children to survive a concentration camp. Teen author Cassie Bowen captured his story after hearing him speak at Augustana College. Sam says "bashert" (Yiddish for destined) that the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center would exist. Thanks to him, thousands of students visit every year because we must never forget.

