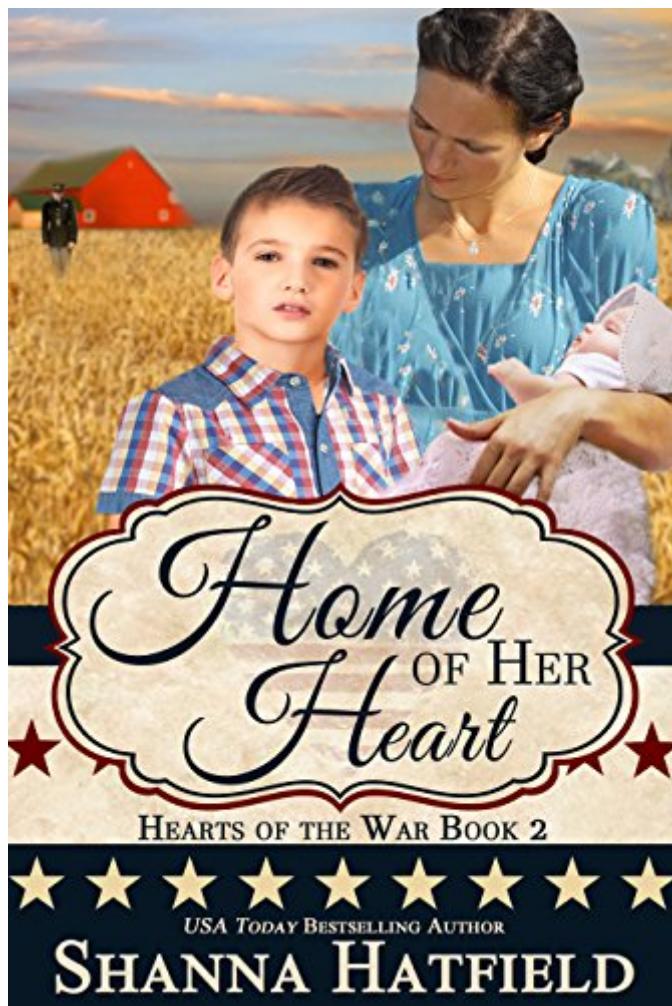


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Synopsis

A sweet World War II romance from USA Today Bestselling Author Shanna Hatfield All he needed was a bride. . . Who said anything about falling in love? Orphaned at birth and a loner all his life, the last thing Sergeant Klayne Campbell needs is for feisty Delaney Danvers to entangle his thoughts. Bravely volunteering for a top-secret mission almost certain to get him killed, Klayne can't bear the thought of dying utterly alone. All he wants is to face death knowing his life meant something to at least one person. Offering Delaney a marriage of convenience, he plans to leave behind a war bride as his beneficiary. After just one night as her husband, Klayne realizes he'll do anything to survive and return to her. The moment she met handsome Sergeant Campbell at a holiday party, Delaney's whole world shifted off kilter. Full of fun with an unquenchable zest for life, she isn't afraid to go after what she wants. And what she wants is Klayne. When he prepares to join a hazardous mission, she seizes the opportunity to give him a reason to fight his way back home - to her heart. A tender, sweet romance rich with history and enduring love, *Home of Her Heart* captures the era and emotions prevalent during America's entry into World War II. *Don't miss Garden of Her Heart, Book 1 in the Hearts of the War Series!* Can forbidden love blossom amid the constraints of war? The moment the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, life shifted for Miko Nishimura. Desperate to reach the Portland Assembly Center for Japanese Americans, she's kicked off the bus miles from town. Every tick of the clock pushes her closer to becoming a fugitive in the land of her birth. Exhausted, she stumbles to her grandparents' abandoned farm only to find a dying soldier sprawled across the step. Unable to leave him, she forsakes all else to keep him alive. After crashing his plane in the Battle of the Atlantic, the doctors condemn Captain Rock Laroux to die. Determined to meet his maker beneath a blue sky at his family home, he sneaks out of the hospital. Weary and half out of his mind, he makes it as far as a produce stand he remembers from his youth. Rather than surrender to death, Rock fights a battle of the heart as he falls in love with the beautiful Japanese woman who saves his life. A poignant, sweet romance, *Garden of Her Heart* proves love can bloom in unlikely places even under the most challenging circumstances. Order your copy today!

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Customer Reviews

Whether you have read any of the Pendleton Petticoat series by Ms. Hatfield, or not, you will not be lost reading the Hearts of the War series that is a spin-off of characters from the Pendleton series. While people from previous stories are mentioned, and a very brief refresher on them and their connections and history without retelling their stories, you will see some of them in this story. As with all of Ms. Hatfield's books, this is a sweet, clean, and emotional romance, and this new series is based during World War II. One thing for sure, Ms. Hatfield writes a story with strong female characters, one with a backbone, grit, and integrity. The story has a great cast of characters, plenty of angst, emotion, and takes the reader back in time, and on a journey that will also bring parts of history to life. New Year's Eve, 1941, just a couple weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, in Pendleton, Oregon, two people will meet and forever change their lives. For Sergeant Klayne Campbell, he will be dragged to a party, but stay hidden in the corner near a dying Christmas tree and fireplace people watching. For Delaney Danvers, she will reluctantly come to appease her best friend, Amy. Together, leaving the party and going to a local diner will allow these two time to talk and get to know each other. Can love happen at first sight? Klayne has never known what family was like. Having been abandoned at birth to an orphanage, and even shunned and treated poorly there; he has only had one friend his entire life, Billy. Together, they traveled the rails and countryside and eventually, joined the Army together. But now Billy is gone, killed in a training accident, and Klayne has volunteered for what has been deemed a suicide mission. Trained as a

bombardier, all he knows is that his time in Pendleton is limited, and soon he will be shipping out. Delaney Danvers isn't considered a girly-girl, having worked just as hard as the men on their farm, and never one to date really, it comes as a shock to her that Klayne Campbell has turned her head. When he proposes to her his unorthodox plan to a marry of convenience so that if or when something happens to him, he can leave her with a small benefit, she will accept his offer of marriage, but not only in name. The story is a very emotional roller coast ride of happiness, as well as heartache, of angst, anger, bitterness, disappointment, shocks, secrets, disillusion, forgiveness and new beginnings. Klayne's good intentions leave Delaney feeling lost and confused, hiding their marriage, and a very unexpected surprise. Hearing newscast and seeing pictures in the paper and magazine shows him on a critical mission, but no word from him, and not able to get news from the military, leaving her in the dark. Dealing with trouble on the farm, an injury to her father, and tragedy to their family will place the burden of the world on her shoulders. She can't just curl up into herself; she must keep pushing forward for her family. No news is good news, but it leaves a young woman in limbo too. Having felt abandoned, seeing her soldier boy comes with such mixed emotions.

"Klayne" Emotions swelled in her throat and obliterated her ability to speak. Anger, relief, elation, dismay, joy, and despair warred within her at the sight of him. Life will change, war has changed both of them and the family around them. Mixed emotions, along with feeling abandoned, leaves a war bride confused, and while thrilled to see her soldier alive, angry for months of silence and uncertainty. Can Klayne find forgiveness and happiness from the woman that gave him a reason to live? "Every inch forward he'd gain with his wife had been a battle of wills, determination, and just plain stubbornness."

This was a sweet whirlwind romance between Delaney and Klayne, two characters caught up in the apprehension and uncertainty of war. Their time together at the beginning of the romance was short, and they made a quick decision that probably would not have been made during times of peace and stability. These two main characters were each dysfunctional in their own way, each letting their fears about their own imperfections, real and perceived, drive their decision making processes. It was interesting to see them work through these issues to strengthen their relationship, although at times I felt like throttling both of them. There was also a great cast of supporting characters that added depth and interest to the story. Most of the story dealt with Delaney and her father working on the homefront dealing with the challenges of a wartime economy and labor shortages, and

helping a child grieve the loss of parents do the war, while she waited for word of Klayne. The world war two action he was involved in centered around the bombing of Tokyo and other cities in Japan in the spring of 1942. The author shared the dangers and challenges experienced by those US Army air Corps be 25 crews who flew that mission. The author indicated in her afterword notes she spent a great deal of time researching that mission and what happened to the man who flew it. The details from her research came out in her writing . I enjoyed this book and would recommend it to those who enjoy clean, World War II romance.

This is an incredible book!! It is set during World War II, and the bravery of the men, the strength of the women at home, the patriotic spirit, and the trials endured all came off the pages and into my heart. This is a story that will stay with me for a long time to come. Before the end of the first chapter, I was in love with the main characters, rooting for them and wanting to know more about them. Delaney is sassy, independent, upbeat and has such strength within her. Klayne is humble, unassuming and so good-hearted. He has no experience with relationships of any kind, and sometimes he was so frustrating because of that, but he learned. He is so caring and has so much love to give. They both go through the whole gamut of emotions during the book, and I felt those emotions right along with them. That journey made a sweet, tender ending even better. For those that have read the Pendleton Petticoat series, we get to see some of the characters from that series in their later years. Yay!! That was such a fun surprise! Part of the book is based on the Doolittle Raid during World War II. Make sure you read the Author's Notes at the end of the book to learn a little more about the raid, the men, and what happened to them.

Each time I read one of Ms. Hatfield's books, I'm transported to another world. She has a unique way of putting the reader right in the middle of the story and wrenching up feelings. Home Of Her Heart is no exception. From the first paragraph I fell in love with Klayne, and when Delaney came on scene a few pages later, I loved her, too. Set during WWII, Ms. Hatfield keeps the reader in that era by sprinkling in movies and music, and with the mannerisms and speech of each character. Her descriptions of war scenes are vivid, as are scenes with Delaney struggling to get in a day's work. I'm not spoiling anything here concerning the plot. This is one book you have to read and just let the emotions of the story and characters grab hold of you. Before you get to the end of the 1st chapter, Klayne and Delaney will have taken over your heartstrings and keep you turning the pages.

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