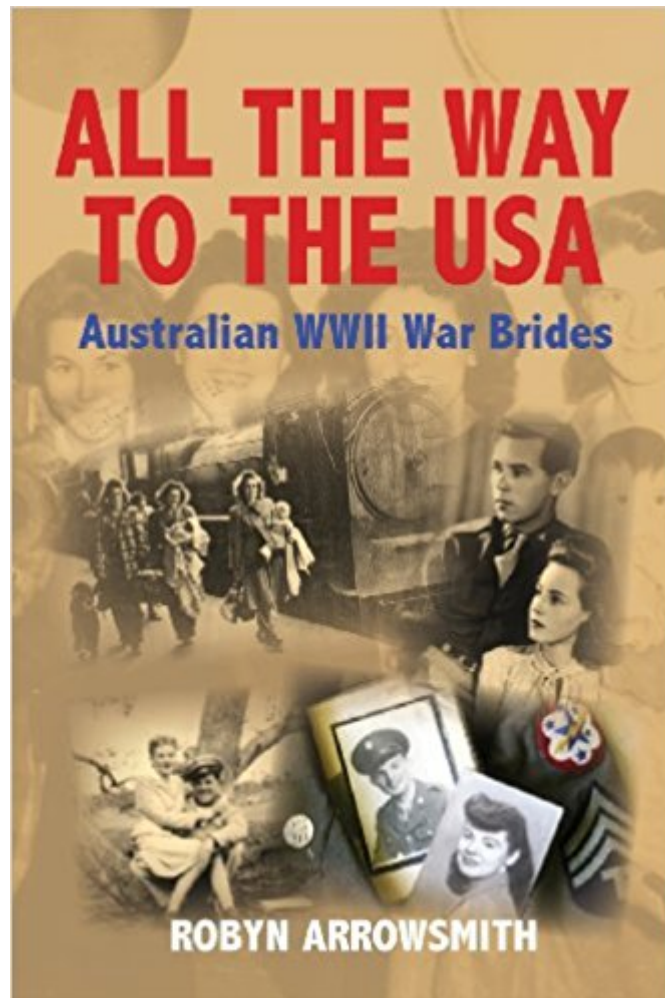




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# All The Way To The USA: Australian WWII War Brides



## Synopsis

Dr Robyn Arrowsmith is author and publisher of *All The Way To The USA: Australian WWII War Brides*, which is based on ten years research for her PhD at Macquarie University. Robyn has travelled to America a number of times to meet with some of the remarkable Australian women who fell in love with US servicemen during the urgency and social chaos of WWII. The book chronicles the true and poignant stories of Australian brides and fiancées who embarked on a long journey, leaving family, friends and all things familiar, to follow their hearts to America. Set in an historical context, the War Brides tell their stories for the first time in over six decades. The book highlights the way these women first met their future husbands, their wartime courtships, their weddings, the long wait to sail to America and the sea voyage itself, as well as their reception in a new country. These women bravely displayed commitment, resourcefulness and determination, as they dealt with red tape, chronic homesickness and grief for the families they left behind, while adjusting to different aspects of cultural change and settling in to a new life of wife and mother. There were 15,000 Australian WWII War Brides of American servicemen, but no in depth study has been made until now, and their stories have remained untold. After 60 years, these women have been officially recognised in Washington DC as great ambassadors for good relations between the two countries. These human stories, told in the words of the war brides, add a new dimension to women's history in both Australia and America.

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The WWII wave of Yankee soldiers arrived in Australia to steal away the hearts of so many Australian girls. This book chronicles stories of commitment, determination and sacrifices these young brides made to be with their American husbands, by leaving their homes, families and friends behind to make a new life in the USA.

An excellent, excellent documentary on WWII Australian War Brides. It is the first, thoroughly documented accounting of the Australian WWII War Brides experience in leaving their much-loved homeland to move to the United States to be with their American-born husbands and begin a new life. This is a not-to-be-missed book on anyone's bookshelf. I highly recommend it.

This is a well written and historically accurate rendition of a time during WW2 that impacted on many lives - mine included - wish my mother were alive to read this - she went through difficult times with little support in a small farming community in Indiana - she never saw her parents again ... I have been able to connect with my Australian relatives and feel the connection ....

My Mom was a War Bride and met Robyn Arrowsmith when she made all of her trips to the US. Even had her for a house guest a few times. The book I am waiting to read but I know it will be great because it is a family history for me.

Good book! It gave me a lot of insight into what my mother went through during and just after the war. It also brought me a little closer to the land of my birth.

As a war bride, this book resonated with me. Very well written, factual and empathetic. A wonderful, memory provoking read.

I bought this for my mother-in-law, who is herself an Australian War Bride. She enjoyed the book very much!

Nice book

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