Weekly Highlights from TBBC

May 29, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

Since the late 1860s, we have spent Memorial Day weekend honoring our military women and men who have died serving the United States. To memorialize their service, Luz has selected several books that she thought you might find interesting. She chose from hundreds of fiction and nonfiction titles that explore our country’s military history.

On another note, I heard good things about our first book club with Gail and Stephen. While our patrons mostly use laptops and smartphones to access the book club meetings, you can now use any phone to join the conversation. We’ll share more information about joining upcoming book club meetings later in the newsletter.

We know the coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted you, our readers, to a degree we never imagined. I want to reassure everyone that we are developing additional plans, so that our ability to serve you will no longer be interrupted for any reason.

Enjoy our newsletter, and please continue to stay safe.

Thank you,

Mary

Mary L. Chute
New Jersey State Librarian
AUDIODEALS ON THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

**Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles**  
**DB55726** by Anthony Swofford.

Read by Alec Volz. Reading time: 8 hours, 10 minutes.

*Jarhead* is a memoir written by a former sniper. Swofford describes the reactions of U.S. marines to the difficulties of life and war during the Desert Storm operation in 1991. He explains how he enlisted after high school and was sent at age twenty to Saudi Arabia to face combat. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2003.

**Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption**  
**DB72129** by Laura Hillenbrand.

Read by Faith Potts. Reading time: 16 hours, 32 minutes.

Hillenbrand, the author of *Seabiscuit: An American Legend DB51968*, details the life of Louis Zamperini (b. 1917), an Olympic runner and World War II bombardier who survived a plane crash and forty-seven days adrift at sea only to become a POW in Japan. *Unbroken* also details Louis's later religious awakening under Billy Graham's ministry. Violence. Bestseller. 2010.

**The Face of War**  
**DB29287** by Martha Gellhorn.

Read by Suzanne Toren. Reading time: 12 hours, 50 minutes.

Gellhorn, a passionate anti-Fascist and anti-Nazi, covered the civil war in Spain, as well as World War II in France, Italy, and Germany. The
hallmark of the reporter is her quality of 'heart.' First published in 1959 and subsequently expanded and revised, the book is a collection of articles written as early as 1937 and as recently as 1985.

**Fighting for America: Black Soldiers, the Unsung Heroes of World War II DB61836** by Christopher Moore.

Read by Bob Moore. Reading time: 13 hours, 20 minutes.

Moore chronicles the contributions of African American WWII service members, interweaving his own family history as the son of black veterans. He describes achievements of units such as the 761st Tank Battalion and the Tuskegee Airmen and profiles soldiers who fought two battles—one abroad and one at home for racial equality. 2005.

**TBBC BOOK CLUB**

TBBC will hold its next Virtual Book Club on Friday, May 29th at 1 p.m. The club’s session will last one hour. This week’s suggested theme will be “Historical Fiction”, but patrons are invited to join and talk about any book they would like regardless of genre. Upcoming dates for the book club are June 12th and June 26th, each session starting at 1:00 p.m.

You can access the meeting with a computer or mobile device. Participants can also call in using the telephone. To register and find out more, call us at 800-792-8322 ext. 812 or email us at tbbc@njstatelib.org
A TBBC Bingo card is below. We will also have a PDF of the card available where we keep all past issues of this newsletter: https://www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/weekly-newsletter/

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Email us when you complete a row or complete the whole TBBC Bingo card. The first five people to complete a row, and the first three people to complete the whole card, will be recognized and congratulated in our weekly newsletter.

If you need suggestions for books to help you complete this challenge, email us or call us and we'll be glad to suggest some titles!
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