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Gordon Thomas, Greg Lewis : Shadow Warriors of World War II: The Daring Women of the OSS and SOE before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shadow Warriors of World War II: The Daring Women of the OSS and SOE:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Disjointed but worth the read. By Marigold Having already had some knowledge of the players in this book, I was hoping to find out a bit more information; to have these glorious spies

fleshed out more. That doesn't happen but, nevertheless, it is always very inspiring to read and re-read their incredible.....and I mean incredible....stories. My only complaint is that the book, for me, is disjointed and it made me wonder if the two authors had taken turns writing sections and then just pasted those sections together to create the book. The one thing I look for in these SOE books, however, that tells me that the author has done his homework and is diligently presenting the FACTS was duly done here. And that is the truth about the utter, criminal stupidity of Maurice Buckmaster---- who was the head of the SOE French section ----as he consistently ignored the use of security checks when employed by captured SOE wireless operators. If and when an agent had been captured, he/she was to communicate to London---- by the use of a pre-arranged security check ---- that their wireless radio had been commandeered by the Gestapo and that their radio was no longer under their control. For some reason, although captured agents were diligent in using this system after being captured, the idiot Buckmaster ignored the security checks which led to the deaths of MANY SOE agents as well as civilians. Instead of being honored after the war with a knighthood, Buckmaster should have been shot for treachery. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Allied Female Spies of WWII By Jim Catalano This book was a quick read. It has sparked my interest in learning more about the SOE/OSS women spies of WWII. I did miss not having photographs to refer to but appreciated the last chapter summary of the what became of each of the spies in the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Very interesting reading about women's role in the war.

They were told that the only crime they must never commit was to be caught. Women of enormous cunning and strength of will, the Shadow Warriors stories have remained largely untold until now. In a dramatic tale of espionage and conspiracy in World War II, *Shadow Warriors of World War II: The Daring Women of the OSS and SOE* unveils the history of the courageous women who volunteered to work behind enemy lines. Sent into Nazi-occupied Europe by the United States Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE), these women helped establish a web of resistance groups across the continent. Their extraordinary heroism, initiative, and resourcefulness contributed to the Allied breakout of the Normandy beachheads and to the eventual victory over Hitler. Young and daring, the female agents accepted that they could be captured, tortured, or killed, but others were always ready to take their place. So effective did the female agents become in their efforts, the Germans placed a price of a million francs on the heads of operatives who were successfully disrupting their troops.

"The riveting stories of the courageous British and American female special agents rattle out in quick-fire bursts from these pages. But what gives this book weight is the interweaving of the SOE and OSS narratives, all too much divorced in histories of the secret war." Clare Mulley, author of *The Spy Who Loved: The Secrets and Lives*