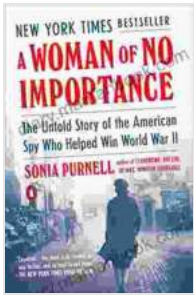


The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II



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journalist and then as a secretary for the American embassy in Warsaw, Poland. In 1940, she was recruited by the British Special Operations Executive (SOE) and sent to France to help organize resistance to the Nazi occupation.



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work for the SOE, and she helped to organize and supply the French Resistance movement.

After the war, Hall was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for her bravery and service. She also received the French Legion of Honor and the British Distinguished Service Medal. She continued to work for the CIA until her retirement in 1966.

Hall's story is an inspiring one. She was a brave and dedicated woman who made a significant contribution to the Allied victory in World War II. She is an example of the many women who played vital roles in the war effort, but whose stories have often been overlooked.

Hall's Early Life and Career

Virginia Hall was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 6, 1906. Her father was a lawyer and her mother was a socialite. Hall grew up in a wealthy and privileged environment, and she attended private schools in Baltimore and New York City.

After graduating from college, Hall worked as a journalist for the Baltimore Sun. She also worked as a secretary for the American embassy in Warsaw, Poland. In 1940, she was recruited by the British Special Operations Executive (SOE) and sent to France to help organize resistance to the Nazi occupation.

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Hall died in Rockville, Maryland, on July 11, 1982. She was 76 years old.

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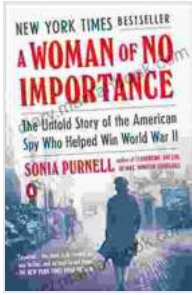
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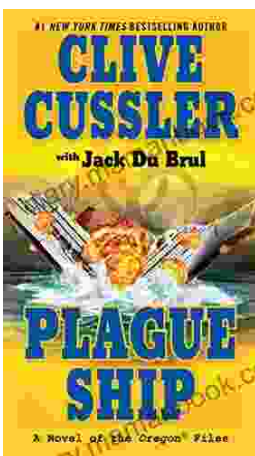


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