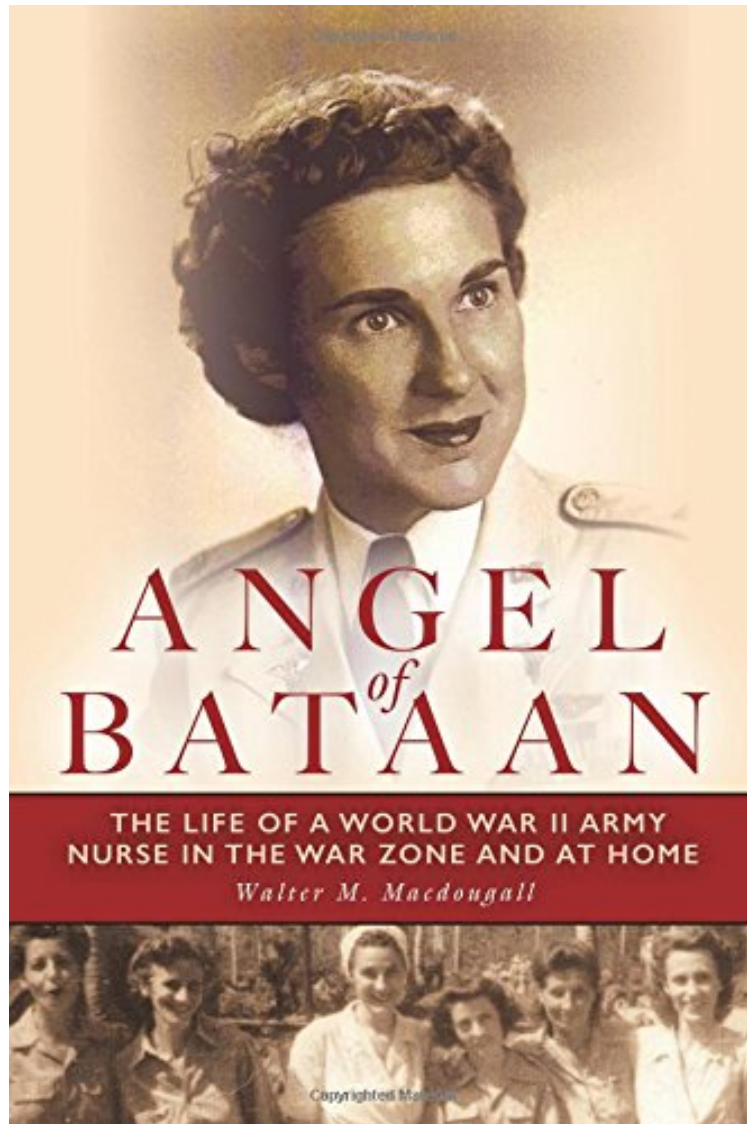


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journey of a girl from a small town from the hills of Maine who achieves her goal of becoming a nurse, enlists in the Army, gets the plum assignment to beautiful Manila-the Jewel of the Pacific, and then watches the world explode in war, going from Manila to Bataan, to Corregidor and then to a prisoner of war camp for nearly three years. Macdougall follows Ms Zwicker through the sometimes difficult post-war years until her death. In the end, this is a story of the triumph of the human spirit in the face of tremendous adversity, a reminder of the preciousness of freedom, and a story for the modern generation of the price paid by an earlier generation so that we may enjoy that freedom. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Hard way to go...By HMS Warspite "Angel of Bataan" is the moving story of Alice Zwicker, an Army nurse from the small town of Brownville, Maine, who became a prisoner of the Japanese at the fall of the Philippines in 1942. Zwicker survived her ordeal as a POW, but found her return to ordinary life after the war to be challenging in its own ways. There are lessons here for the generation of young Americans who have so far fought the war against militant Islam from New York City to Kandahar and Baghdad and beyond. Some of the wounds never quite heal...Author Walter MacDougall has done a superb job researching the life and times of Alice Zwicker, capturing the flavor of the town in which she grew up, the Army in which she served, and the post-war environment she faced upon her return. This portrait is a challenging read that pulls few punches but captures Alice's marvelously generous spirit. It should leave few readers unmoved. Highly recommended. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. What a story! By Diane Burke Fessler Wonderful book written lovingly about one of the brave military nurses who were interned by the Japanese in the Philippines. I knew some of these women, having interviewed them for my book, NO TIME FOR FEAR, VOICES OF AMERICAN MILITARY NURSES IN WORLD WAR II, and wish I could have met Alice Zwicker. Much has been written about the horrible conditions in Santo Tomas during their imprisonment, but as one of the nurses told me, they missed three years of not knowing what was going on in the rest of the world, and how the U.S. was changing through the war years. This book tells of Alice's life before the war, during, and how trying to return to a normal life in the U.S. was difficult. The lingering illnesses resulting from malnutrition and starvation had a huge effect on Alice. These were strong women, despite fragile health, and their concern for the service men they cared for kept them going. The author met many of Alice's relatives, and researched her life very well. This is a great tribute.

Alice Zwicker was the only service woman from Maine to be a prisoner of the enemy in either of the two World Wars. But there is more to the story than that. Across the nation, wherever one of the seventy-seven Angels of Bataan returned home, there was a heroes welcome. Those Army and Navy nurses had shown what American women could do and be, even in times of defeat. This is Alice's story: her growing up in a small Maine town, her commitment to the profession of nursing, and her immersion in World War II. There was Manila, Bataan, Corregidor, and then three long, hungry years when she was held prisoner by the Japanese. For Alice, the terrible legacy of war did not end with her liberation from internment camp, or even with her coming home. When victory finally arrived for Alice, it was achieved in her own soul.

"...marvelous. . . This is not just another war story; rather, it honors a Maine woman whose unselfish life of service and comfort to others serves as an inspiration, as well as a fitting tribute to the strength and sacrifice of all American servicewomen." (CentralMaine.com) About the Author Walter Macdougall is a retired college professor who enjoys writing, painting, woodworking, fishing, and historical research. He is author of *The Old Somerset Railroad* and he lives with his wife in Milo, Maine.