

Pearl Harbor Survival Story: Girls Survive Amidst the Chaos

On the morning of December 7, 1941, the United States was thrust into World War II following the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Amidst the chaos and devastation, countless stories of heroism and resilience emerged, including that of two young girls who survived the ordeal.



Alice on the Island: A Pearl Harbor Survival Story (Girls Survive) by Maya Gottfried

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The Girls

The girls, 12-year-old Lorraine Ruppe and 10-year-old Maxine Thompson, were living in Honolulu with their families. On that fateful morning, they were at school when the attack began.

Lorraine's school was located near Pearl Harbor, and she witnessed the explosions and smoke firsthand. Maxine's school was farther away, but she heard the bombing and felt the ground tremble.

The Attack

As the attack intensified, Lorraine and Maxine's schools were evacuated. Lorraine ran towards home, while Maxine sought refuge in a nearby basement.

Lorraine's journey home was perilous. She witnessed the destruction and chaos of the attack, with ships sinking and planes crashing. The streets were filled with people, some fleeing, some injured, and others in shock.

Maxine, in the basement, experienced the deafening roar of the bombing and the shaking of the building. She huddled with strangers, fearing for her life.

The Aftermath

The attack lasted for nearly two hours, and when it finally ended, Lorraine and Maxine were left alone and frightened. Lorraine's home had been damaged, and her parents were nowhere to be found.

Maxine eventually made her way home, where she found her family safe. Lorraine, however, spent the night in a nearby air raid shelter, not knowing if her family had survived.

Search and Reunion

The next morning, Lorraine frantically searched for her parents. She went to hospitals and Red Cross centers, but there was no sign of them. Desperate, she returned to her damaged home, where she found her father alive but injured. Her mother was still missing.

Maxine and her family helped Lorraine look for her mother. They searched for days, but their efforts proved futile. Lorraine's mother had been killed in the attack.

Legacy of Resilience

Despite the trauma and loss they experienced, Lorraine and Maxine displayed remarkable resilience. They went on to live full and meaningful lives, carrying the memory of Pearl Harbor with them.

Lorraine became an advocate for peace and reconciliation. She spoke openly about her experiences and the importance of tolerance and understanding.

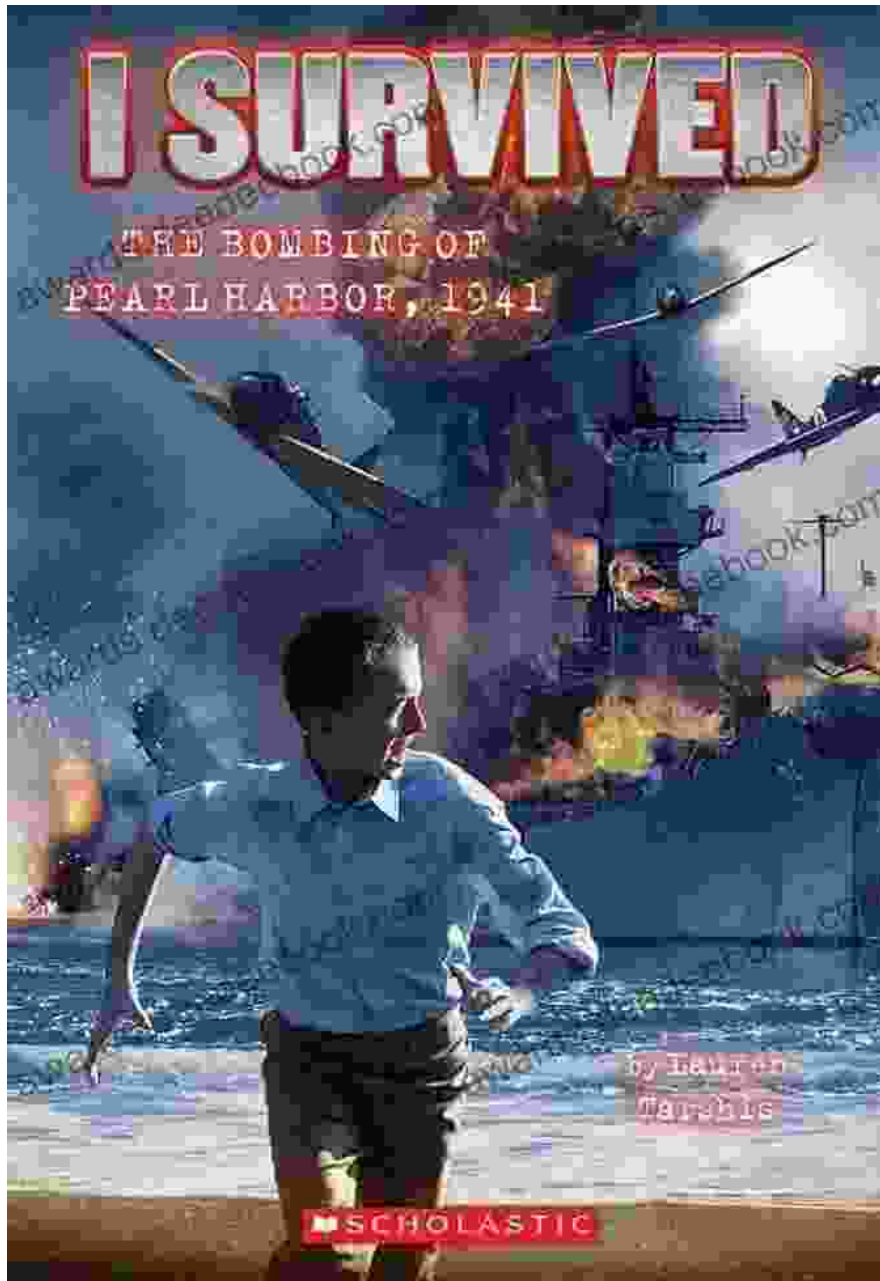
Maxine dedicated her life to education. She became a teacher and later an administrator, inspiring countless students with her passion for history and social justice.

The Importance of Rememberance

The stories of Lorraine Ruppe and Maxine Thompson are a testament to the indomitable spirit of the human heart. They remind us of the horrors of war and the importance of preserving peace.

As we mark the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, let us honor the memory of those who lost their lives and draw strength from the stories of those who survived.

Image Gallery



Lorraine Ruppe (left) and Maxine Thompson (right)

WAR!

(Associated Press by Transpac Telephone)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt announced this morning that Japanese planes had attacked Manila and Pearl Harbor.

OAHU BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES

SIX KNOWN DEAD, 21 INJURED, AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Attack Made On Island's Defense Areas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A White House spokesman said today that the attack on the Hawaiian Islands...

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor this morning had all the earmarks of a surprise attack on the island of Oahu, says a White House spokesman...

While other parts of the island escaped unscathed, the attack centered on the defense areas...

It was also reported that the Japanese planes were seen in the vicinity of the city of Honolulu...

There is a possibility that the attack was a prelude to a larger operation...

CIVILIAN DEAD-END STREETS

The army has ordered that all civilian streets off the main and highway and out to the islands...

All main government and military defense workmen, with the exception of those who have been ordered to duty at Pearl Harbor...

A striking column of several planes flying over the city was seen by a few people who were in the neighborhood...

Thousands of Japanese planes were reported to have been seen in the vicinity of the city...

An official army spokesman said that the attack was a surprise attack on the island...

The attack was reported to have been a surprise attack on the island...

The army has ordered that all civilian streets off the main and highway and out to the islands...

ANYWHERE! Gains in Action

It was reported that the army had gained in action in the vicinity of the city...

At the same time, a new kind of plane was reported to have been seen in the vicinity...

C. S. Jones, a civilian, said that he had seen a large number of planes in the vicinity...

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Hundreds See City Bombed

The attack on the city was reported to have been a surprise attack on the island...

Schools Closed

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The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941



The USS Arizona sinking after the attack on Pearl Harbor



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