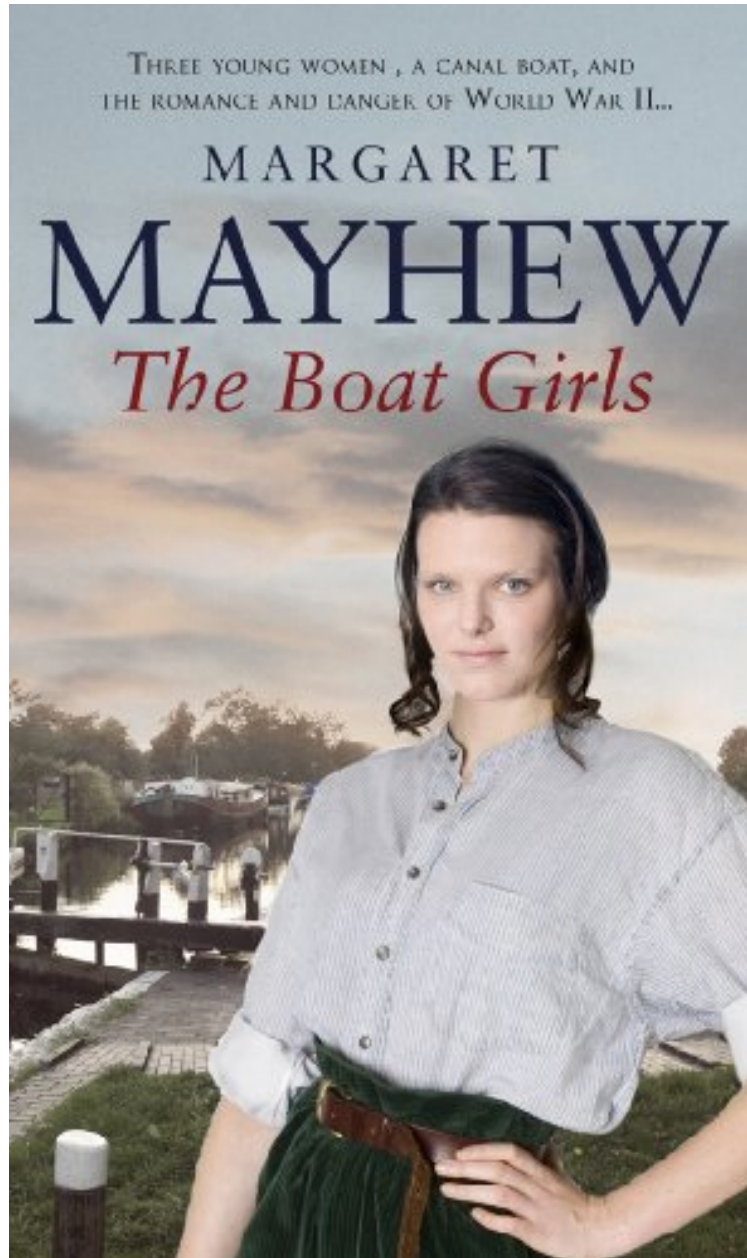


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war and narrowboats Von Helen Hancox Margaret Mayhew's war books are always an enjoyable read with her gentle but interesting writing style, light romances and period detail. This story is about women who worked on the Inland Waterways' narrowboats hauling coal, steel and other items to help with the war effort. The hard, back-breaking and uncomfortable work is excellently described, as are the three very different women involved in this story. Frances is daughter of a baron who wants to do her bit for the war but whose brother, Vere, is disapproving; Prudence is a timid and conventional woman working in the bank alongside her father who dreams of something more than her day-to-day life in Croydon and finds it on the narrowboats; and Rosalind is an actress whose down-to-earth nature means that she expects hard graft and knows how to make her way in the world. These three very different women meet and become a team on the narrowboats and we see their experiences of World War 2 on the narrowboats as a strange taste of freedom as they incorporate themselves into the different world of 'the cut' (canals) with the strange, nomadic people who live and work there. There's not very much about the actual war in this story, it is more a tale of how three women find different roles for themselves than those they had previously expected. There are some gentle romances, although the love stories all seemed rather truncated to me (in that people seemed to decide to get married after just a few hours' acquaintance). Still Frances' decision, about whether to continue her life on the cut with Jack the boatman was sensibly handled. This is always an interesting book with some great characters and a view of a part of the war effort that is probably unknown to most of us. Definitely worth a read!

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