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Daughters of the Steppes: The Night Witches of World War II

Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library is proud to present “Daughters of the Steppes” by local author, Brooks Carver, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Carver will speak on his latest work, Daughters of the Steppes: The Night Witches of World War II.

The book conveys the stories of some of the most talented, brave, and resourceful women of their generation. Known as the Night Witches, these women were the only female air force to appear in combat. They battled the German Luftwaffe in the skies over Russia. Many of them sacrificed their lives while becoming the highest decorated regiment in the Soviet Union.

They were legends in the making. The many young women who lost their lives during those years left behind a legacy that far outlived them. Even though the Russian officials hid their exploits for many years, the glasnost era of the 1980’s brought their story into the shining light of history. Even in death, the Night Witches skill and bravery immortalized their contribution to victory on the Eastern Front.

Brooks Carver has written and published poetry, short stories, essays, and nine books. He received the bronze medal from *Foreword Magazine’s* annual (2004) historical fiction “Book of the Year” awards for his historical fiction work, *The Angels’ Share*.

Copies of Daughter of the Steppes will be available for purchase ($20) and signing at the program. Please join us for this look at the missions of the Night Witches.

No registration is required. For more information, please contact the library at 309-647-0328.

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