

# Manifold Press

Life in all the colours of the rainbow

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## CALL TO ARMS

### *Modern LGBTQIA fiction of the Second World War*

As a companion volume to A PRIDE OF POPPIES, Manifold Press is seeking stories set during the Second World War (1939-1945) featuring LGBTQIA people as the main characters. What were their experiences during this war? In what ways were those experiences the same as or different from those of other people?

Stories may be set in the war zone or on the home front, in any of the countries affected by the Second World War. The characters may be of any nationality, serving in the armed forces or on home duty such as fire-watching or civil defence. They may be prisoners of war, doctors, nurses, land girls, factory workers, conscientious objectors, or simply members of the public caught up in events over which they had no control. Stories may deal (but must do so respectfully) with people on all sides of the conflict or none. The individual characters and their lives will be the main focus.

Romances and sexual encounters are welcome subject matter, but should be kept to a 'mild R' rating with an adult mainstream audience in mind. All characters involved in sexual situations must be consenting adults. Similarly, violence and the results thereof should be handled with both realism and restraint.

In acknowledgement of the time in which the stories are set, all proceeds from sales of this book will be donated to an appropriate charity (to be confirmed).

- ) **Editor:** Heloise Mezen
- ) All stories need to stand alone, whether or not they relate to any existing work.
- ) **Story length:** In general, up to 10,000 words; longer stories will be considered on individual merit.
- ) **Submission deadline:** 31 May 2017
- ) **Planned publication date:** 1 Nov 2017
- ) Enquiries and submissions to: Heloise Mezen [heloise@manifoldpress.co.uk](mailto:heloise@manifoldpress.co.uk)

**Please note:** All efforts will be donated to the project, with no financial return. Authors will not be paid either a fee or royalties. Manifold Press will cover direct expenses. All proceeds will be donated to charity.