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GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation

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Whether they came from Sioux Falls, South Dakota or the Bronx, over half a million Jews entered the United States' armed forces during the Second World War. Uprooted from their working-and middle-class neighborhoods, they joined every branch of the military and saw action on all fronts. These men challenged the perception of Jews simply as the victims of the war, and encouraged Jews throughout the Diaspora to fight for what they thought was right. Deborah Dash Moore gives us an unprecedented view of the multiple struggles these GI Jews faced, having to fight not only the enemy, but also the prejudices of their fellow soldiers.