



*Dorothea
Buckingham*

Author, Speaker,
Book Club Presenter

Dorothea "Dee" Buckingham is the author of nine books of historical fiction rooted in Hawai'i history, including Code Name Rascal, a World War II novel about women's wartime service and life on the home front. Her writing engages archival research, oral histories, unsolved mysteries, and island folklore to recover stories often left unrecorded.

SIGNATURE TOPICS

- 📖 Daily Life in World War 2 Hawai'i
- 🔍 Unsolved Mysteries Hawai'i
- ✍️ Writing Historical Fiction
- 📚 Researching America
- 🎭 Behind scenes of writing Code Name Rascal
- 📖 Middle Grade books Hawai'i

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SPEAKING FORMATS

Dorothea "Dee" Buckingham is
available for:

- Book club discussions (in-person or virtual)
- Library talks and community presentations
- Writing and research workshops
- Select World War II Hawai'i presentations co-lead with co-author Jack Buckingham

Popular Presentation Topics

- Daily Life in WW2 Women's Wartime Service
- Unsolved Mysteries of Mrs. Jane Stanford
- Writing Historical Fiction Using Unexpected Resources



Please feel free to reach
out for any questions.

RECOGNITION

CODE NAME RASCAL

"A gripping story that offers a compelling exploration of women's wartime lives, realized with authority and care." - Kirkus Reviews

"One of the most intriguing, informative and enjoyable speakers we've ever had." We learned and we laughed."

*Women's Historical Fiction
Writers of America*

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SELECTED WORKS

Code Name Rascal

World War II historical novel centered on women's wartime service and life on the Hawai'i home front.

Who Killed Mrs. Stanford?

A historical mystery examining the unsolved 1905 death of Jane Stanford at the Moana Hotel.

Images of America: World War II Hawaii

Nonfiction photographic history of wartime Hawai'i, co-authored with Jack Buckingham.

My Name Is Loa

Middle grade historical fiction set on Moloka'i, exploring identity, place, and cultural change.

Forgotten Oath

Middle grade historical fiction set in Hilo, 1834, blending time travel with early Hawai'i history.

ONGOING WORK

Dorothea Buckingham writes World War II Hawai'i: Beaches, Brothels, and Barbed Wire, a Substack newsletter exploring civilian life, women's experiences, archival research, and overlooked stories from the wartime home front.

She also publishes The Writing of Code Name Rascal, a behind-the-scenes Substack focused on research discoveries, historical questions, and the creative process behind the novel.

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