

# The Heroic True Story Of An American Surgeon And His Family In Occupied Paris



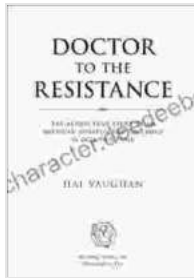
**In the darkest days of World War II, an American surgeon and his family risked their lives to save countless others.**

Dr. Donald Lowe was a young surgeon from Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1940, he and his wife, Elizabeth, and their two young children moved to Paris, where he had accepted a position at the American Hospital of Paris.

**Doctor to the Resistance: The Heroic True Story of an American Surgeon and His Family in Occupied Paris**

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Just a few months later, Germany invaded France and occupied Paris. The city was plunged into darkness and chaos. The American Hospital was one of the few places where people could still find medical care, and Dr. Lowe and his staff worked tirelessly to save lives.

But the Lowes' work was not without risk. The Germans were suspicious of Americans, and they often harassed and interrogated the staff at the hospital. On one occasion, the Gestapo even arrested Dr. Lowe and held him for several days.

Despite the danger, the Lowes refused to give up. They continued to provide medical care to anyone who needed it, regardless of their race or religion. They also helped to hide and protect Jewish families from the Nazis.

In 1944, the Allies finally liberated Paris. The Lowes were hailed as heroes, and they were awarded the French Legion of Honor.

After the war, the Lowes returned to the United States, but they never forgot their experiences in Paris. They continued to work to help people in need, and they were active in the civil rights movement.

Dr. Donald Lowe died in 2008 at the age of 94. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 2012 at the age of 92. Their son, David, is a retired physician who lives in California. Their daughter, Janet, is a retired nurse who lives in Massachusetts.

The Lowes' story is a testament to the power of courage and compassion. They risked their lives to save others, and they made a difference in the world.

### **Here are some additional details about the Lowes' experiences in Paris:**

\* Dr. Lowe was the only American surgeon in Paris during the occupation. He performed over 1,000 surgeries, many of them on wounded soldiers and civilians. \* Elizabeth Lowe worked as a nurse at the hospital. She also helped to hide and protect Jewish families from the Nazis. \* The Lowes' children, David and Janet, were just young children during the occupation. They witnessed the horrors of war firsthand, but they also learned the importance of courage and compassion. \* The Lowes' story was featured in the book "The Good German: A True Story of Resistance in Nazi-Occupied Paris" by Peter Hellman. The book was later adapted into a film starring George Clooney.

### **The Lowes' legacy**

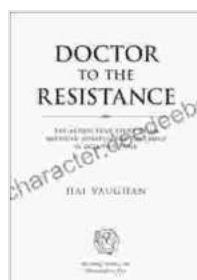
The Lowes' story is a reminder of the power of courage and compassion. They risked their lives to save others, and they made a difference in the world. Their legacy continues to inspire people today.

In 2014, the Lowes were inducted into the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Their story is also told in the book "The Lowes of Paris: A Family's

Story of Courage and Sacrifice" by David Lowe.

The Lowes' story is a reminder that we all have the power to make a difference in the world. We may not be able to save hundreds of lives, but we can all do our part to help others. We can volunteer our time, donate to charity, or simply be kind to those around us.

Every act of kindness, no matter how small, can make a difference. Let us all be inspired by the example of the Lowes and do our part to make the world a better place.



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