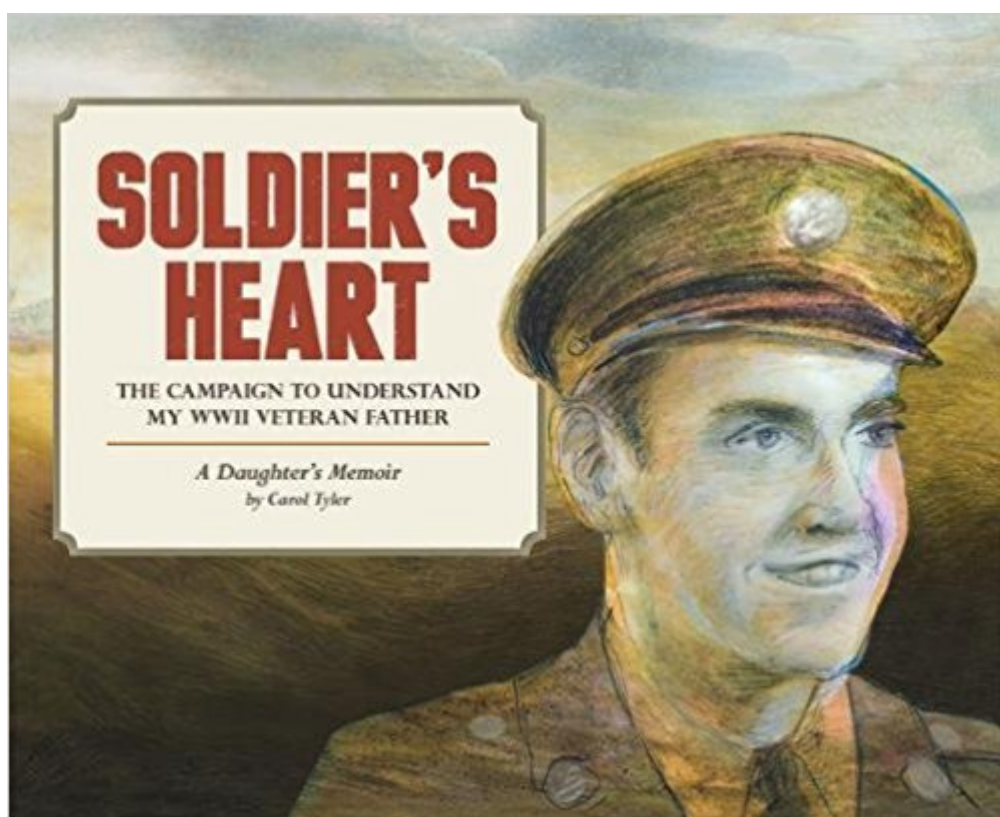


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# Soldier's Heart: The Campaign To Understand My WWII Veteran Father: A Daughter's Memoir (You'll Never Know)



## Synopsis

In this multigenerational graphic memoir, underground cartoonist Carol Tyler examines how WWII traumatized the Greatest Generation and those that followed. *Soldier's Heart* is a sophisticated graphic masterpiece about the damaging effects of war on soldiers and the toll it can take on families. Many soldiers come back from war and never talk about it -- especially those from the Greatest Generation. Thus was the case with S/Sgt. Charles W. Tyler, who late in life began to open up to his daughter Carol. By looking at him, you would never know that he was wounded in combat, but as she states at the beginning: "Not all scars are visible." The narrative unfolds over 364 pages of masterfully crafted drawings. Stunning ink and color washes weave through the decades: Tyler examines the past in sepia, confronts reality in stark black & white and uses rich color to convey the moods and fragility of the present. She overlays her father's memories with her own, while struggling to understand her troubled life: a failed marriage, a teenage daughter on the edge, and an elderly father and mother. Literate, emotionally engaging and historically accurate, *Soldier's Heart* is a magnificent achievement. *Soldier's Heart* collects Tyler's hardcover series *You'll Never Know*, serialized between 2009 and 2012, and contains nearly thirty new pages of additional content. Full color illustrations throughout

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“While centered around the author’s efforts to process her father’s wartime experience, Tyler’s story bleeds out into the circumstances of her family’s history, her pages racing through narrative stratagems, practically one per situation; the enormous versatility of her drawing unifies paneled pages, booming splashes and mixed media-type info outlays into a self-evident means of making sense of things you’ve lived with, but not actually witnessed.” - Joe McCulloch, The Comics Journal

Carol Tyler is an award-winning cartoonist from Cincinnati, OH, whose autobiographical stories reflect her struggles as an artist, worker, daughter, wife, and mother.

Excellent book. I am sorry my father is not alive to discuss it with me.

This book is one of the most riveting and powerful Graphic Novels since Maus. Carol Tyler’s lavishly illustrated memoir chronicles the dual stories of her father’s wartime experience and its long term emotional toll. Captain Chuck Tyler’s experience had a very profound effect upon Carol’s childhood, relationships and self esteem. Having read and enjoyed book two of “Collateral Damage”, I couldn’t wait to pick this up. It’s a riveting tale told with the skill of a professional illustrator. There are many books about the heroism displayed by the Greatest Generation, but here you will find the details in between the great battles, the general misery of the foot soldier, the red tape and breakdowns in the command structure, the insane chaos combined with all the pranks, schemes, humor and camaraderie of a classic war movie. It’s an important story that needed to be told and Carol knocks it out of the park.

I’d already owned the three books that comprise this compilation, but then I found out about the extra section added to make this one (huge) book. I’ve long been a fan of Carol Tyler’s and this book is absolutely her masterpiece. Last night I attended a very special event at the Society of Illustrators; Ms. Tyler gave a wonderful, informative & very poignant talk about the book and the events comprising some parts of it. Not only was it a very memorable event, but I can’t emphasize strongly enough how beautiful the artwork is in this book. I also own a copy of "Late Bloomer" & "The Job Thing" and they’re also full of great artwork.

This is everything that comics should be and what they almost always are not. Highly recommended.

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