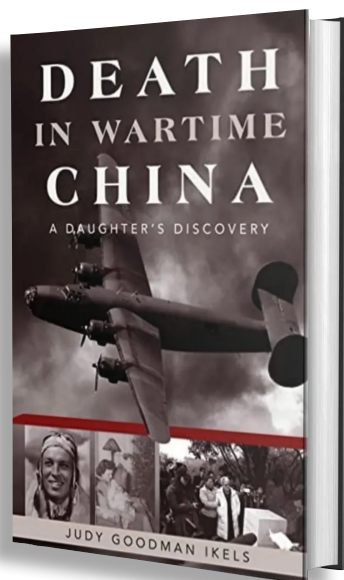


# JUDY IKELS—AUTHOR, HISTORIAN, SPEAKER

## Sharing Her Father's Story and a Forgotten Chapter of WWII



### ABOUT THE BOOK

*Death in Wartime China: A Daughter's Discovery* is a compelling story that blends personal narrative with untold history. When Judy Ikels set out to uncover the truth behind her father's death in Japanese-occupied China during World War II, she unraveled a long-buried story of diplomacy, danger and deception. Through meticulous research and poignant reflection, she reconstructs the life and legacy of a Flying Tiger lost to war—and explores the broader role of Americans in an oft forgotten theater of WWII. Part detective story, part tribute, the book is a powerful meditation on grief, memory and the pursuit of truth across generations.

### ABOUT JUDY IKELS

Judy Ikels is the author of *Death in Wartime China: A Daughter's Discovery*, a powerful history and biography that uncovers the mysterious death of her father—an American B-24 bomber pilot stationed in China during World War

II. With decades of government service and a deep commitment to historical truth, Judy brings audiences into her journey of research, remembrance, and reckoning.

Her story, woven with themes of personal loss, American and Chinese history and the forgotten front of WWII in China, has resonated with book clubs, historians, civic groups and schools. Through storytelling and conversation, Judy explores the lasting impact of war—and what it means to reclaim the past.

### SPEAKING TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Uncovering a Family Story: How I Found the Truth About My Father's Death in WWII China
- The Forgotten Front: When the United States and China were wartime allies.
- Personal History as Public History: How Family Stories Illuminate Global Events
- Writing *Death in Wartime China: A Journey Through Archives, Memory and Loss*
- Women Preserving History: From Daughter to Memoirist
- Judy tailors her talks for different audiences, whether academic, literary or community-based

### BOOKING INFORMATION

Judy Ikels is available for:

- Author talks
- Book clubs and library events
- WWII history presentations
- Academic and cultural programs



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