

**Code Name Sapphire** is Pam Jenoff's new historical novel. The enthralling plot begins in 1942 and revolves around three young women who risk their lives to help others. Micheline directs the Sapphire Line, a busy Belgian segment of an underground resistance group that leads downed British airmen across Belgium and occupied France to freedom. Her brother Matteo is also an integral part of the group.

As a Jewish artist living in Berlin Hannah and her partner Isaac waged their own war against the Nazis. Hannah drew popular anti-fascist cartoons using a pseudonym and Isaac printed and distributed the underground newspapers they appeared in. After Isaac is killed for his resistance activities Hannah flees on a ship to Cuba. Tragically her boat is turned away from Havana Harbor, but Belgium agrees to accept those passengers with local relatives. Hannah is saved by her dear cousin Lily who welcomes Hannah into the beautiful home she shares with her husband and son. Lily is ignorant of Hannah's former activities, but Hannah knows that her presence is a serious threat to her cousin's family. A chance meeting with Matteo leads Hannah to Micheline and the women reach an agreement. Micheline will help Hannah escape if she initially works for the Sapphire Line. Lily is shocked when she sees Matteo, the true love she left behind, with Hannah. She is also angry when she learns of Hannah's dangerous past and the risky work she is doing for Micheline's group. Hannah steals Lily's identification card to use as cover when delivering messages for the Sapphire Line. When Hannah loses the card, she knows the consequences could be devastating for Lily and her family. Would Hannah be able to rescue them if needed? Shockingly, as the Sapphire Line's success quickly plummets, Micheline is convinced there is a betrayer at the highest level of her group.

**Code Name Sapphire's** fascinating characters and thrilling plot are what make this novel a true gem.