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## The Fiction Shelf

Dear Mom, Dad & Ethel  
Mark Stuart Ellison and Eli Ellison  
iUniverse, Inc.  
2021 Pine Lake Road, #100, Lincoln, NE 68512  
059566444X \$30.95 [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com)

Dear Mom, Dad & Ethel: *World War II through the Eyes of a Radio Man* is a novel that blends fiction and history. Set during the deadly battles near the end of World War II, it follows a would-be air gunner as his hopes are broken one by one. When caught AWOL with a friend, his military ambitions are reduced to being a radio truck driver. In Belgium of 1944, he experiences tragedy, and falls in love with a beautiful seamstress whose husband was sent to a forced labor camp in 1940 and presumed dead - then unexpectedly returns alive, forcing a heartbreaking choice. A handful of black-and-white photographs enhance the vivid story, brought to realistic life through the memories of veteran and co-author Eli Ellison, and collaboratively enhanced with the skills of his son, attorney, reporter, and co-author Mark Stuart Ellison.