

*Radar Girls*, Sara Ackerman

If you haven't had your fill quite yet of World War II historical fiction, take the time to read *Radar Girls* by Sara Ackerman. Set in Hawaii, beginning with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, this book is based on true accounts of the first WARD, (Women's Air Raid Defense). WARD was created immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, providing emergency relief and support for the military as all available men were needed in combat.

Ackerman provides vivid descriptions of the island and military life in during the early 1940s. Daisy, as a local feels her lack of education might hinder her ability to help and participate, but she soon finds her strength in figuring out locations and calmness during tense situations. While her mother moves to the mainland, Daisy moves to the barracks and forms a tight bond with the other women who are learning and working alongside the men to bring the war to an end. Previous conflicts with a neighbor brings another layer of drama and intrigue to the story. *Radar Girls* was an information and entertaining book, and one I can highly recommend.