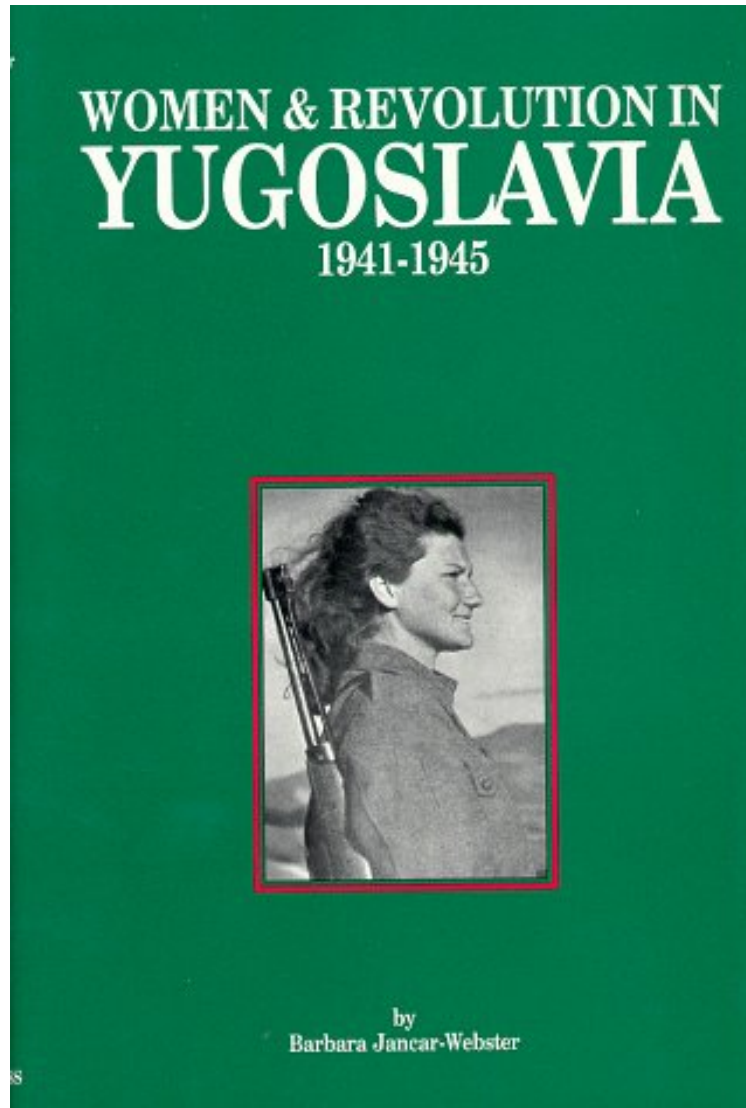


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despite its dismemberment by the Axis Powers, during the war years were equal members in the Partisans. After the war they achieved an amazing progress. We should remember that on the eve of WWII about 76 percent of the Yugoslav population was illiterate. Even while the war was still raging on in every refugee camp schools were erected for children as well as for adults. While men and women in the Partisans were fighting married women with children in refugee camps were given opportunities to erect soup-kitchens, schools, entertainment centers, and libraries. They learned how to drive, navigate heavy machinery become nurses, architects and physicians. It is true that after the war women, whose biological clock was ticking, decided to get married and raise families, to fill the gap after losing many of their family members. But the option to go to work was open to them and many in fact chose to keep their military and administrative positions. It is true that the four years of war did not erase the traditional family structure and thus women slowly began settling into their traditional roles and to the traditional division of labor. Under such circumstances it is unreasonable to assume that women would or could compete with men. Jancar-Webster asserts that Tito and others in the administration encouraged women to rise to a position of equality, but it seems that they did not choose to do so.

The participation of women in the Yugoslav National Liberation Movement is one of the most significant events in modern history. In no other country in the world have women played such a decisive role in the achievement of victory over an occupying enemy and the creation of a Communist state. *Women and Revolution In Yugoslavia* is the first book in English on women's role in the Yugoslav partisan movement of World War II. It is based on research in primary sources in Yugoslavia and on the author's interviews with Yugoslav women who fought in the war. The book examines the various functions that women performed in the fight against fascism and German occupation--as soldiers, as members of the Yugoslav Communist Party, and as part of the effort to provide support to those on the front lines. It also traces the evolution of the woman's movement and analyzes women's postwar status. Many women partisans view their participation in the war as the decisive factor in the liberation of all Yugoslav women, as having opened the door to their equal participation with men in the building of the new Yugoslavia. But at the end of the 1970s, a new generation of Yugoslav women began to challenge these assumptions of emancipation, calling for radical changes in existing social values and institutions and an end to the patriarchal order. Jancar-Webster reconciles these radically different positions into a realistic picture of the gains made by women through their participation in the war.

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