

Ursula Graham Bower and Her Jungle Warriors: Resisting the Japanese Occupation in WWII

Ursula Graham Bower was a British woman who lived in Borneo with her husband, Tom, and their three children. When the Japanese invaded Borneo in 1942, Ursula and her family were forced to flee into the jungle. They were joined by a group of local warriors who had also fled the Japanese invasion.

Ursula quickly realized that the Japanese were not only a threat to her family, but to the entire population of Borneo. She decided to organize the warriors into a resistance group and fight the Japanese. The warriors were initially reluctant to take orders from a woman, but Ursula's determination and courage soon won them over.



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The resistance group, known as the Jungle Warriors, was led by Ursula and her husband, Tom. The group was made up of men and women from all walks of life, including farmers, fishermen, and hunters. The Jungle Warriors were armed with a variety of weapons, including rifles, shotguns, and machetes.

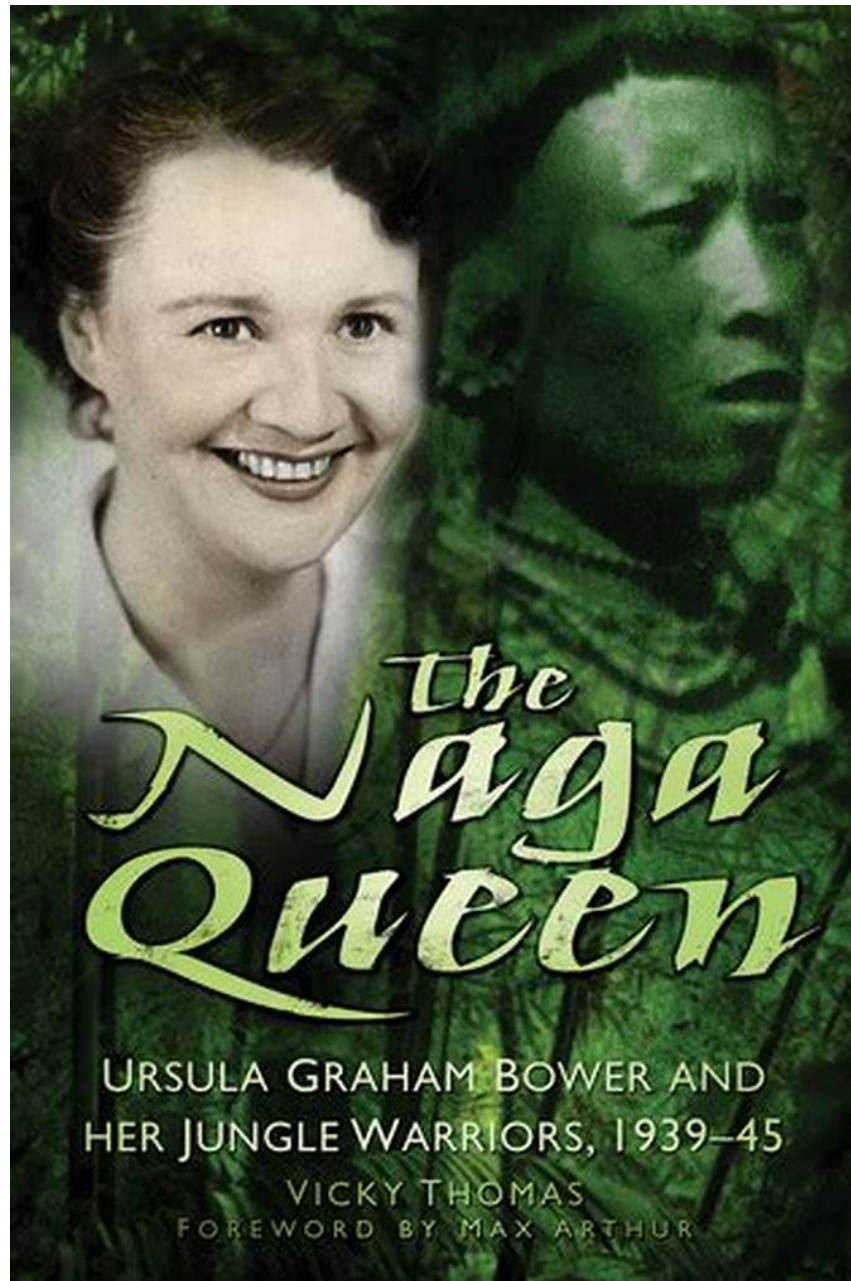
The Jungle Warriors carried out a number of successful attacks on the Japanese, including ambushes, raids, and sabotage. The Japanese were never able to fully defeat the Jungle Warriors, and they remained a thorn in the side of the Japanese occupation forces throughout the war.

In addition to fighting the Japanese, the Jungle Warriors also provided food and shelter for other refugees who had fled the Japanese invasion. Ursula and her husband also established a school for the children of the refugees.

The Jungle Warriors were eventually betrayed by one of their own members, and Ursula and Tom were captured by the Japanese. They were tortured and executed by the Japanese in 1945.

The story of Ursula Graham Bower and her Jungle Warriors is a testament to the courage and determination of the human spirit. In the face of overwhelming odds, Ursula and her warriors fought bravely for their freedom and their country.

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14 A Naga girl in a village. The village, high on a hill, had been a Naga settlement, but was seized by the British. Naga, and also the area, had been gradually returned to Naga control since 1947, creating a remarkable continuity with its own history. (Naga photo collection)



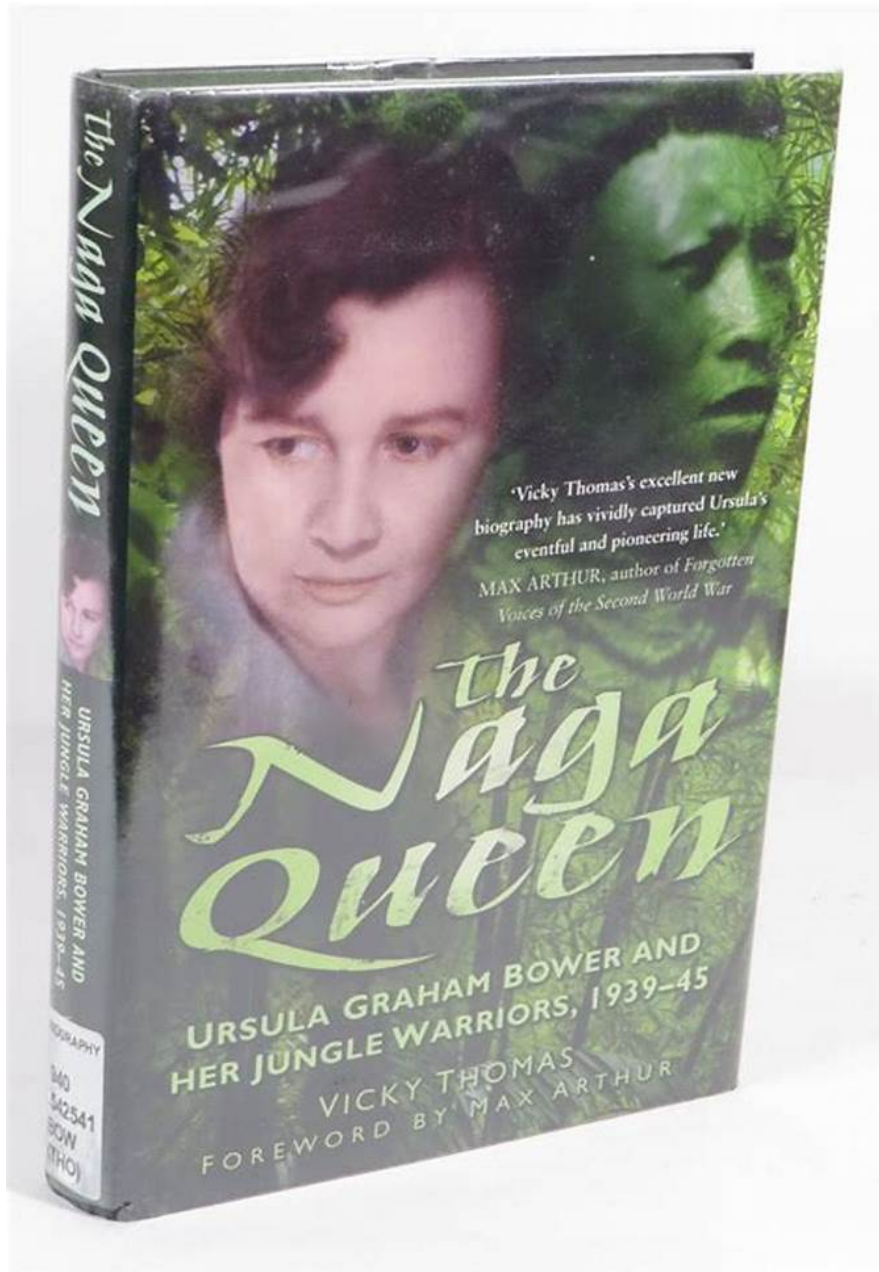
15 The Zomi Naga long jump in the hills - the second jumping was also to reach the Zomi traditionally forested high hills in Kama. In 1947, most of the area had been for centuries under British control, including the long jump from the area, which the Naga had returned - a unique record. (Naga photo collection)



16 Naga (Naga) in a village and continuing into an open area to the left of the hillside. The people were taken by the British, including Naga, were taken to the hillside. (Naga photo collection)



17 I sat with Ukhin's Naga friend, Khin, in a Naga village and in 1947. I was asked to travel to Naga, and to stay in the area - and the Naga had the hill - the Naga had not been given a grant - Naga, Naga collection.



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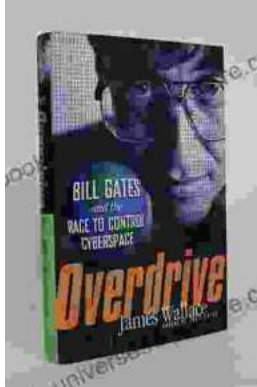
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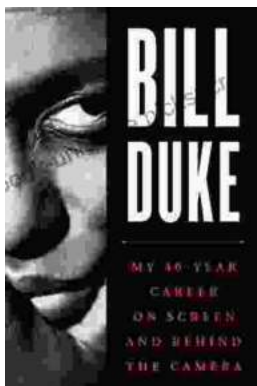
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