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NOVEL OF THE WORLD WAR II HOMEFRONT  
PRESENTS AN ENGAGING TALE OF  
BEA MEADE – A TEXAS VERSION OF  
“ROSIE THE RIVETER”

## A War of Her Own

by Sylvia Dickey Smith

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Milwaukee, Wis. (June 1, 2010) – In *A War of Her Own*, a new novel from a Midwestern indie press, Austin-area author Sylvia Dickey Smith spins a captivating tale of Bea Meade, young mother and lady riveter, and the challenges she faces on the WWII homefront working on the Texas/Louisiana border in a booming shipyard.

The historical novel is set in the summer of 1943 in Orange, Texas, a sleepy little town overrun with tens of thousands of new workers. With jobs galore at the wartime shipyards, the workers are rich with cash, eager for excitement, and looking for a good time.

In the midst of this, Bea Meade, mother of an infant son, finds her life shattered when her philandering husband announces he is leaving her for another woman. To make ends meet, Bea takes a job at one of the shipyards as a riveter.

Life is good for 'most everyone in Orange—except Bea, who has to fight her battles against a no-good husband, the prejudice facing women in the workplace, and the mysteries of her past that keep her awake at night.

*A War of Her Own* offers a story of wartime passions on the World War II homefront as Bea seeks to discover who she really is.

SYLVIA DICKEY SMITH was born in Orange, Texas, and lived there through her high school years. She now lives near Austin, Texas. She is also the author of a popular mystery series featuring Sidra Smart, private eye, set in the borderlands where Texas and Louisiana meet.

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