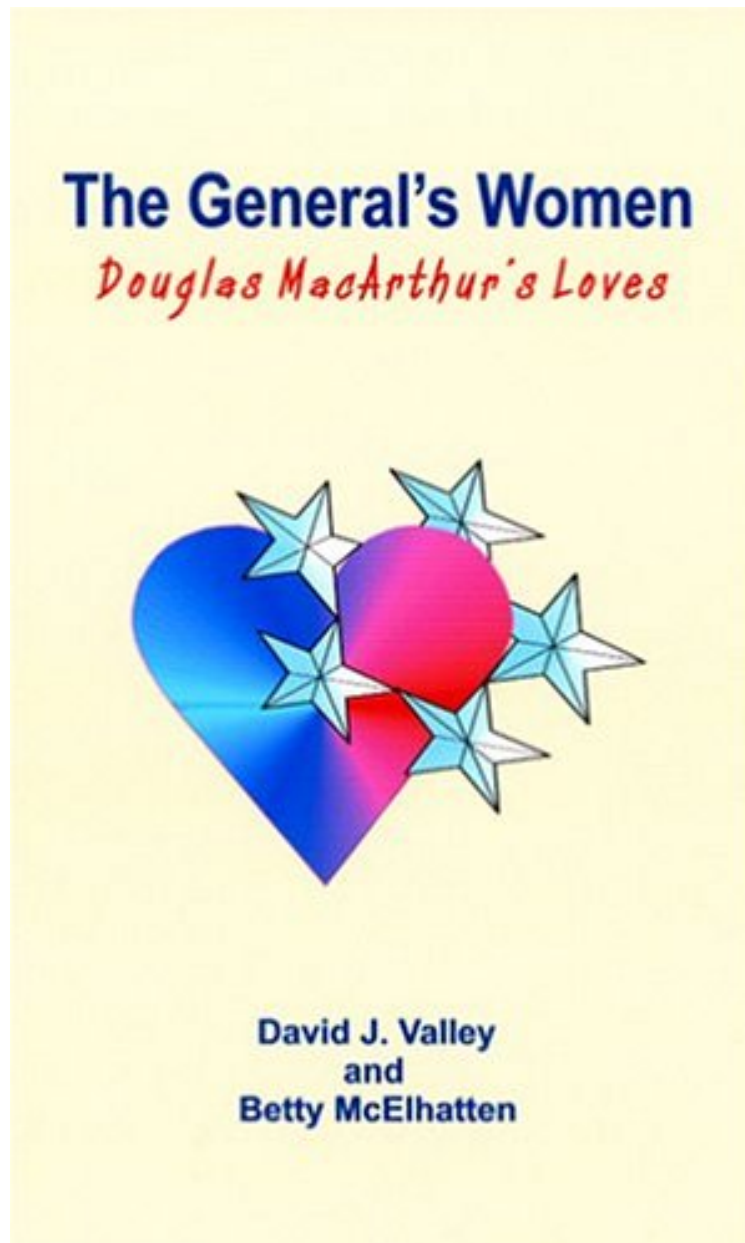


## The General's Women: Douglas MacArthur's Loves

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The General's Women By Faith Berlin THE LOVELIFE OF GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR is little known, but in the new book, "The General's Women," by San Diego authors David Valley and Betty McElhatten, it turns out to be just as fascinating as his famous exploits during his illustrious military career. I was stunned to learn that the general was engaged eight times while at West Point AND that he kept one beautiful young concubine in a secret hotel apartment for years so he could privately enjoy her company. I also learned that MacArthur's mother actually lived in a hotel practically on campus in order to keep a vigilant eye on her darling boy, who was hazed so severely, along with others at the academy, there was a Congressional inquiry! Politically savvy even then, MacArthur named no names, and rose to graduate first in his class. The book's format is off-beat; using an "interview" style with snappy dialogue, and very readable. A good gift for the military buff in your life, or someone who just loves to read about the romantic skinny on such a well-known American hero. Published by The Sektor Company of San Diego, CA. ISBN# 0-9678175-6-0

In creative first-person interviews spanning 100 years, the man Douglas MacArthur and his loves are introduced. Though a brilliant military leader, General MacArthur's romantic relationships failed in one romance after another, though not for lack of effort on his part. He wooed the fairer sex determinedly with grace, charm, and highly poetic words. Some say, because of his close bond to his mother, MacArthur was unable to develop a satisfactory relationship with a woman for most of his life, except for a brief first-marriage. This may be true, for it was only after his mother's death when he was 57 years old, that he finally achieved a fulfilling and lasting love. Interviews are in the style of a popular present-day TV journalist. With access to love letters and poems (all of which are given in the book), and the gossip of the day, "Bobbe Waters" probes the principals to uncover titillating details of Douglas MacArthur's love life. The interviews ultimately reveal a personal side of MacArthur never before exposed. Whether MacArthur treated the objects of his affection callously, or if his behavior was within the bounds of acceptable courtship, is left to the reader to decide.

About the Author David Valley is a former member of Gen. MacArthur's Honor Guard and author of the book, "Gaijin Shogun, Gen. Douglas MacArthur Stepfather to Postwar Japan." He has also written "Jackpot Trail, Indian Gaming in Southern California, and a novel "Brothers One" about conjoined twins. Betty McElhatten has pursued a life-long interest in history. She lived in New York and Paris for many years and has traveled extensively throughout the world. She is the author of the children's novel, "Stringer and the Blue Bat Mystery.