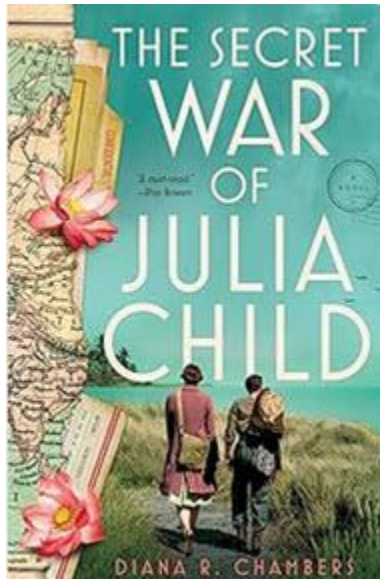


## BOOK GROUP – APRIL 2026 – THE SECRET WAR OF JULIA CHILDS



What does a patriotic and Smith graduate woman from Pasadena of 30+ years do to contribute to the World War II war effort when both the Army and the Navy tell her that she is too tall to join their ranks? Well, of course, she finds another way to use her skills – she joins the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) (predecessor of the CIA and eventually goes to work for the head of the OSS – “Wild Bill Donovan” . Her career in the OSS is the subject of this novel which uses the people and some of the events from Julia Child’s pre-Paris career to spin an engaging story of a talented woman finding a way to play her part in the war effort. Along the way she meets her husband, Paul Child, who introduces her to the joys of eating good food. All of us have benefited from that encounter!

Join the members of the St Timothy’s book group in reading and meeting to discuss this book on Sunday, April 19 after the 10:00 am service in the Overby Library in Grace House. Questions? Contact SallyP.