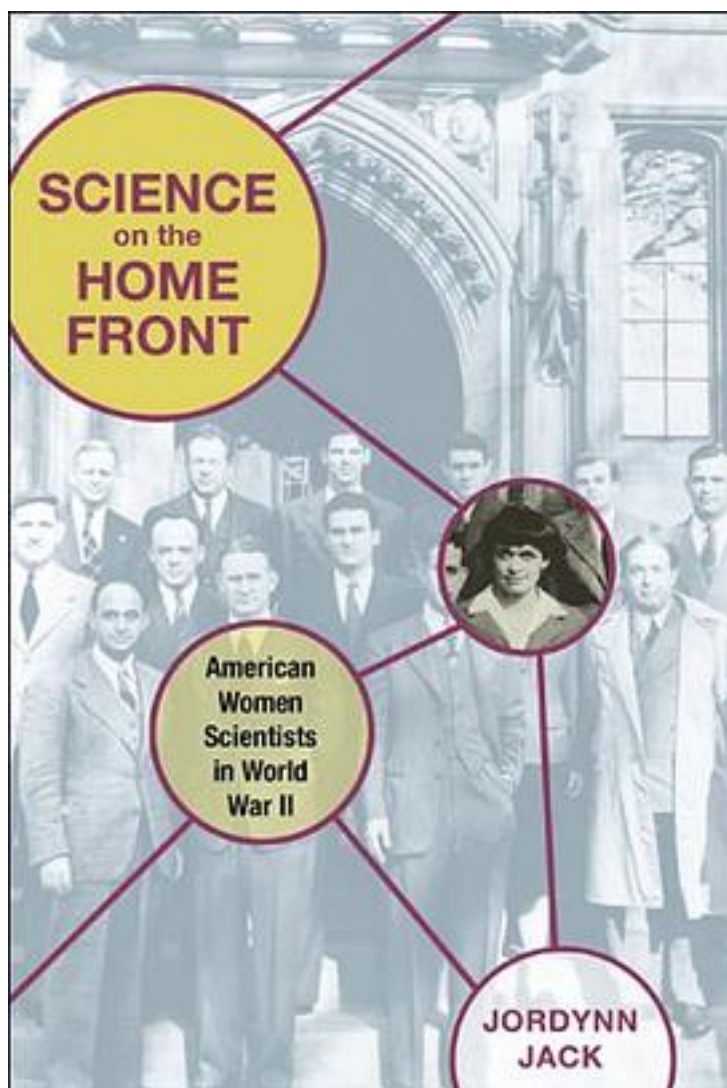


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During World War II, women scientists responded to urgent calls for their participation in the war effort. However, the war produced few long-term gains in the percentage of women in the sciences or in their overall professional standing. In this book, Jordynn Jack argues that it was the very language of science - the discourses and genres of scientific communication - that helped to limit women's progress in science even as it provided opportunities for a small group of prominent female scientists to advance during the war. The book illuminates the broader limitations of masculine scientific culture and its discourses of expertise, gender neutrality, technical expediency, and objectivity. The study identifies key characteristics of scientific culture and rhetoric that continue to limit women's advancement in science and to stifle their unique perspectives.

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