

The Ring

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Similar to the movie *Pearl Harbor*, The Ring is based upon the same attack by Japan on December 7th 1941. Bo Williams is a brash, braggadocios fighter pilot stationed at Pearl Harbor and has been severely injured during the raid and has been given little chance of survival at the hospital. Under the influence of morphine in his hospital bed, he tells Sara--the charge nurse--she is the most beautiful woman he has ever met and asks if he'll make it. She tells him he will, but she knows he won't. 'Good,' he says, 'so when are you and I going to get married?' he asks her. Busy with other patients, she moves on. Later that night, the fiancée of the sailor in the hospital bed next to Bo comes for a visit. When she see her fiancée scarred beyond recognition, she takes off her engagement ring and lays it on his chest and leaves after telling him she could never marry a man that looks like that. The sailor's vitals and morale go into a tailspin and he dies within the hour, despite his good chances for survival.

As Bo fades in and out of consciousness, he keeps asking Sara when they are going to get married. Having just witnessed the cruelty in the bed next to Bo and determined to provide any means of hope necessary to keep the young pilot alive, Sara takes the abandoned engagement ring, puts it in the palm of his hand and closes it. 'Soon,' she tells him, 'real soon.' He smiles and drifts into unconsciousness.

Miraculously, Bo survives and days later he wears the ring around his neck that is attached by a string. On more than one occasion, she tries to take it away, telling him she only gave it to him to help save his life and that it doesn't belong to him or her. 'Tough nuts' he tells her, and uses it as leverage every chance he gets to remind her about all the children they are going to have after they get married. Despite her aversion to his obnoxious, but humorous and charismatic nature, her heart begins to soften.

When Bo fully recovers and is ready to fly, he gives the ring back to Sara and thanks her for giving him the hope he needed to keep him alive. After he departs, Sara stares at the ring with tears in her eyes until one of the one of the other nurses says to her: "Look, if that sailor's parent's ever find out what really happened to that ring, they are not going to want it...If I were you, I'd give it to someone who does.'

As Bo is getting ready to board the ship for the Pacific Islands, he hears his name called out from among the sailors. When he turns around, he sees Sara pushing her way through the crowd. She finally reaches him and wraps the ring around his neck. 'I'll be waiting for you,' she tells him and then reaches out and kisses him. As they are kissing on the ships wide boarding ramp, a commanding office tells Bo in passing: 'Easy Flyboy...save some for the war.'

Weeks later, they get news back at the hospital that Bo's been shot down and is missing in action. Then just when all seems lost, he comes back with the ring around his neck—wounded, but alive.