

# The Girl From Krakow A Novel

**The Girl in the Red Coat** - Roma Ligocka 2016-01-12

When she first saw Schindler's List--to whose premiere in Germany she was invited--Roma Ligocka suddenly realized she was witnessing a part of her own life. She felt instinctively that the little girl in the red coat--the only spot of color in the film--was her. When she had lived in the Krakow ghetto during the Second World War she had worn a strawberry-red coat given to her by her grandmother. Unlike the girl in Spielberg's film, however, Roma survived the war. Startled by this eerie conjunction of art and reality, Ligocka determined to write the story of her own life, to find out what had become of the little girl, and to measure who she now was. From a harrowing childhood under the Nazis, described with a simplicity and innocence that lends it even greater power, through the trials of living in Communist Poland, to a career in the theater and film (an artistic struggle paralleling that of her cousin, Roman Polanski), Ligocka traces her struggle for self-definition and happiness. *The Girl in the Red Coat* is a courageous and moving story of survival and triumph.

**The Woman with the Blue Star** - Pam Jenoff 2021-05-04

"An emotional novel that you will never forget." —Lisa Scottoline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Eternal* From the author of *The Lost Girls of Paris* comes a riveting tale of courage and unlikely friendship during World War II -- Now a New York Times bestseller! 1942. Sadie Gault is eighteen and living with her parents in the Kraków Ghetto during World War II. When the Nazis liquidate the ghetto, Sadie and her pregnant mother are forced to seek refuge in the perilous tunnels beneath the city. One day Sadie looks up through a grate and sees a girl about her own age buying flowers. Ella Stepanek is an affluent Polish girl living a life of relative ease with her stepmother, who has developed close alliances with the occupying Germans. While on an errand in the market, she catches a glimpse of something moving beneath a grate in the street. Upon closer inspection, she realizes it's a girl hiding. Ella begins to aid Sadie and the two become close, but as the dangers of the war worsen, their lives are set on a collision course that will test them in the face of overwhelming odds. Inspired by incredible true stories, *The Woman with the Blue Star* is an unforgettable testament to the power of friendship and the extraordinary strength of the human will to survive. Highly recommended by Entertainment Weekly, Washington Post, CNN, BookTrib, Goodreads, Betches, AARP, Frolic, SheReads, and more! Don't miss Pam Jenoff's new novel, *Code Name Sapphire*, a riveting tale of bravery and resistance during World War II. Read these other sweeping epics from New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff: *The Lost Girls of Paris* *The Orphan's Tale* *The Ambassador's Daughter* *The Diplomat's Wife* *The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach* *The Kommandant's Girl* *The Winter Guest*

**Poland Interrupted: A Journey: A Novel** - Gordon Snider 2019-04-04

Merriam Press World War 2 Fiction Series. *Poland Interrupted* follows the tumultuous life of Kaz Kowinsky, a boy who comes of age in Krakow following the Great War. When Germany invades at the start of World War II Kaz goes to Gdynia attempting to reach his naval unit but is turned back by German tanks. Then taken prisoner, beaten, and barely escapes with his life. He returns to Krakow where he joins his best friend in the resistance movement. They spy on the Germans, smuggle food and arms to the partisans fighting in the nearby Tatras Mountains, rescue a famous Jewish mathematician from prison, ambush trains. Not all goes as planned. Kaz becomes a fugitive and flees into the Tatras Mountains where he continues to spy on the Germans. Germany is finally pushed back by the allies and slowly retreats from Poland, only to be replaced by Russians who are more brutal than the Germans. Kaz has lost everything and soon realizes that his only hope for survival is to stow away on a ship and flee his beloved country.

**Anna and the Swallow Man** - Gavriel Savit 2016-01-28

*Anna and the Swallow Man* is a stunning, literary, and wholly original debut novel that tells a new WW2 story. Kraków, 1939, is no place to grow up. There are a million marching soldiers and a thousand barking dogs. And Anna Lania is just seven years old when the Germans take her father and suddenly, she's alone. Then she meets the Swallow Man. He is a mystery, strange and tall. And like Anna's missing father, he has a gift for languages: Polish, Russian, German, Yiddish, even Bird. When he summons a bright, beautiful swallow down to his hand to stop her from crying, Anna is entranced. Over the course of their travels together,

Anna and the Swallow Man will dodge bombs, tame soldiers, and even, despite their better judgement, make a friend. But in a world gone mad, everything can prove dangerous . . .

**From Krakow to Krypton** - Arie Kaplan 2010

Jews created the first comic book, the first graphic novel, the first comic book convention, the first comic book specialty store, and they helped create the underground comics (or "Comix") movement of the late '60s and early '70s. Many of the creators of the most famous comic books, such as Superman, Spiderman, X-Men, and Batman, as well as the founders of MAD Magazine, were Jewish. *From Krakow to Krypton: Jews and Comic Books* tells their stories and demonstrates how they brought a uniquely Jewish perspective to their work and to the comics industry as a whole. Over-sized and in full color, *From Krakow to Krypton* is filled with sidebars, cartoon bubbles, comic book graphics, original design sketches, and photographs. It is a visually stunning and exhilarating history.

**The Kommandant's Girl** - Pam Jenoff 2011-09-01

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING TITLE *THE ORPHAN'S TALE* OUT NOW Based in part on actual events, *Kommandant's Girl* is a compelling tale of love and courage in a dangerous and desperate times.

**La ragazza di Cracovia** - Alex Rosenberg 2017-01-17

**The Girl from Krakow** - Alex Rosenberg 2015

It's 1935. Rita Feuerstahl comes to the university in Krakow intent on enjoying her freedom. But life has other things in store--marriage, a love affair, a child, all in the shadows of the oncoming war. When the war arrives, Rita is armed with a secret so enormous that it could cost the Allies everything, even as it gives her the will to live. She must find a way both to keep her secret and to survive amid the chaos of Europe at war. Living by her wits among the Germans as their conquests turn to defeat, she seeks a way to prevent the inevitable doom of Nazism from making her one of its last victims. Can her passion and resolve outlast the most powerful evil that Europe has ever seen? In an epic saga that spans from Paris in the '30s and Spain's Civil War to Moscow, Warsaw, and the heart of Nazi Germany, *The Girl from Krakow* follows one woman's battle for survival as entire nations are torn apart, never to be the same.

**Mosaic** - Diane Armstrong 2010-01-31

From the bestselling author of *THE VOYAGE OF THEIR LIFE*, *WINTER JOURNEY* and *NOCTURNE* this remarkable true story begins in the Polish city of Krakow in 1890 and spans one hundred years and four continents. God blessed Lieba and the devout Jewish patriarch Daniel Baldinger with eleven children, and this richly textured portrait follows their lives down the decades, through the terrifying years of the Holocaust, to the present time. Lives that personify the struggles and hopes of their century. *MOSAIC* is compelling storytelling at its best: from the fascinating detail of Polish-Jewish culture and the rivalries and dramas of family life, to its moving account of lives torn apart by war and persecution, this is an extraordinary story of a family, and of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage.

**A Long Long Time Ago and Essentially True** - Brigid Pasulka 2010-03-04

Winner of the 2010 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for a distinguished first book of fiction, *A Long Long Time Ago and Essentially True* is a grand love story and a wonderfully warm-hearted debut about a young woman and her country on the cusp of change. On the eve of World War II in a place called Half-Village, a man nicknamed the Pigeon falls in love with a girl fabled for her angelic looks. Using his 'golden hands' he decides to turn her family's modest hut into a beautiful home, and build his way into her heart. But war arrives, cutting short their charming courtship and bringing with it terrible events. Fifty years on, young Baba Yaga leaves her village to make a new life in Krakow. What she finds is not the city of her grandmother's tales but a place struggling in the aftermath of communism's fall, where opportunity seems reserved for the lucky few. Then tragedy strikes and the past reaches out an unexpected hand to her. What Louis de Bernieres did for Kefalonia, Brigid Pasulka does for Poland, weaving together the two strands of her story with a deftly magical touch into a witty, wise and heartbreaking love story that will enchant you to the very end.

**The Trumpeter of Krakow** - Eric P. Kelly 2012-03-20

For well over thirty years, Eric P. Kelly's Newbery Award winner has

brought the color and romance of ancient times to young readers. Today, *The Trumpeter of Krakow* is as absorbing and dramatic as when it was first published in 1928. There was something about the Great Tarnov Crystal...Wise men spoke of it in hushed tones. Others were ready to kill for it. Now a murderous Tartar chief is bent on possessing it. But young Joseph Charnetski was bound by an ancient oath to protect the jewel at all costs. When Joseph and his family seek refuge in medieval Krakow, they are caught up in the plots and intrigues of alchemists, hypnotists, and a dark messenger of evil. Will Joseph be able to protect the crystal, and the city, from the plundering Tartars?

**To Tell at Last** - Blanca Rosenberg 1993

"Searing. . . . With an even hand and understated prose, Ms. Rosenberg, now a New York City psychotherapist, bravely depicts Nazi carnage in chilling detail." -- Susan Shapiro, *New York Times Book Review* "[A] harrowing account of intrigue and danger with all the elements of a war movie adventure." -- Miriam Rinn, *The Forward* This memoir of how a Jewish woman survived Nazi Germany by passing as an Aryan was selected as the best book on Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Literature by the Israeli committee of the Eggit Grants.

*The Polish Girl* - Malka Adler 2022-06-07

In the eye of the war That tore the world apart A mother wants a son A daughter needs a mother

*My Survival: A Girl on Schindler's List* - Joshua M. Greene 2019-12-26

The astonishing true story of a girl who survived the Holocaust thanks to Oskar Schindler, of Schindler's List fame. Rena FINDER was only eleven when the Nazis forced her and her family -- along with all the other Jewish families -- into the ghetto in Krakow, Poland. Rena worked as a slave laborer with scarcely any food and watched as friends and family were sent away. Then Rena and her mother ended up working for Oskar Schindler, a German businessman who employed Jewish prisoners in his factory and kept them fed and healthy. But Rena's nightmares were not over. She and her mother were deported to the concentration camp Auschwitz. With great cunning, it was Schindler who set out to help them escape. Here in her own words is Rena's gripping story of survival, perseverance, tragedy, and hope. Including pictures from Rena's personal collection and from the time period, this unforgettable memoir introduces young readers to an astounding and necessary piece of history.

*Krakow Melt (Large Print 16pt)* - Daniel Allen Cox 2010-11

This second novel by Lambda Literary Award finalist Daniel Allen Cox (Shuck) is an incendiary story about two pyromaniacs who fight homophobia in Krakow, Poland, one of the fronts of the Solidarnosc revolution that eventually toppled the Berlin Wall in 1989. It's 2005, and Poland is grappling with its newfound role as a member of the European Union; the nation dips into moral crisis as Pope John Paul II (a Pole) hovers near death while the country's soon-to-be president makes homophobic declarations. Radek, a bisexual artist and a practitioner of the extreme urban sport parkour, is convinced that fire is the great stabilizer. While creating miniature replicas of the world's great infernos? Chicago 1871, San Francisco 1906, London 1666?he meets Dorota, a literature student and budding pyromaniac. Driven by rage, sexual curiosity for one another, and Pink Floyd, they buck church, government, and the LGBT community to find sexual freedom, escaping their enemies by scaling the crumbling walls and ideas of the city. Provocative and unnerving, *Krakow Melt* is at once a love letter and a fiery call to arms.

*The Woodcarver of Krakow* - Rachel Clare 2020-06-28

Two brothers. Bound by a promise. Torn apart by war. Tadeusz and Jacek Lewandowski are the closest of brothers. After the tragedy of losing their mother and with their father in the Polish army, they are raised by their grandfather, a skilled wood-craftsman. They enjoy an idyllic childhood in the Tatra Mountains.

**The Dollmaker of Krakow** - R. M. Romero 2018-09

One night a little doll named Karolina comes to life in a toyshop in Krakow, Poland, in 1939, and changes the life of the gruff, broken-hearted Dollmaker. And when the darkness of the Nazi occupation sweeps over the city Karolina and the Dollmaker must bravely use their magic to save their Jewish friends from a terrible danger, no matter what the risks. A timeless fantasy set in the Second World War that weaves together magic, folklore and history.

**Autumn in Oxford** - Alex Rosenberg 2016

"After being blacklisted for having communist sympathies as a student twenty years before, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Tom Wrought escapes America's Cold War climate to teach at Oxford. There, he falls in love with Liz Spencer, a beautiful married woman. When Liz's husband is pushed in front of a train in the London Underground, Tom is immediately arrested for the murder. Scotland Yard is convinced it has its man, as he had means, motive, and opportunity. Certain of his innocence, Liz hires a young solicitor, Alice Silverstone, to defend Tom. But they discover that Tom's former secret work as an American spy made him a number of powerful enemies. Russian intelligence, British counterespionage, and even the FBI all may have reason to frame him. If Liz and Alice can find out who is behind the murder, they stand a chance of freeing Tom, but doing so puts all their lives at risk"--Page 4 of cover.

*Mrs. Mohr Goes Missing* - Maryla Szymiczakowa 2020

A charming, witty, and deliciously spooky mystery, inspired by the work of Agatha Christie, following a bored socialite who becomes Cracow's most cunning amateur sleuth.

**Winter Under Water** - James Hopkin 2012-06-14

'The tenderness and severity of Hopkin's vision is absolutely unique. This is a beautiful and moving novel.' - Olga Tokarczuk, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature When Joseph meets Marta, who has come to the UK to research the forgotten histories of remarkable women from across Europe, he is captivated, and Marta feels the same; when she returns to her previous life, their relationship continues through letters and phone calls. Then Joseph decides to visit Marta in her native Poland.

Interlinking Joseph's often strange experiences with Marta's letters to him, *Winter Under Water* is a book about who we are and who we choose to love; exploring issues of isolation and identity, of home and belonging, it is also, ultimately, a book that suggests you only truly know a person or a place when you can sit in silence and not feel compelled to break it -- in any language. 'Winningly confident . . . There are few first-time novelists who have an ability to conjure language to such magical effect. The prose is littered with the sort of startling and poetic metaphors that continually persuade the reader to pause and savour in satisfaction, and *Winter Under Water* is a seductive and irresistible read. I doubt there'll be many more accomplished debuts published this year' Independent on Sunday 'A chilly and atmospheric first novel about crossing cultures . . . Hopkin beautifully conveys the sense of being a stranger in a strange land, struggling to reach a true understanding of the woman he loves' *The Times*



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