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You Are My Sunshine: A Holocaust Novel. Book Two Of The All My Love Detrick, Series



Synopsis

Book Two in the All My Love, Detrick series "You Are My Sunshine," is a bestselling novel set during the holocaust. When Helga Haswell becomes pregnant by a married SS officer who abandons her, she finds herself alone and desperate. She is afraid to tell her parents that she is pregnant out of wedlock, so her doctor suggests that Helga check into Heinrich Himmler's home for the Lebensborn. This is a program, he explains, that has been instituted by the Nazis to create perfect Aryan babies. Since Helga is of pure German blood and the child's father is an SS officer, she will be accepted, the doctor explains. Her child will have a good life because adoption is available only to the finest of Hitler's Elite. Not only this, the doctor says but during her pregnancy, Helga will have the finest food and medical care available. And, instead of a life of shame, she will be honored for her efforts in producing a perfect Aryan child for the new world that Hitler is in the process of creating. Then after the baby is born, the Lebensborn will take the child and assume all future responsibilities releasing Helga to live her life without the burden of a fatherless offspring. In her desperation, all of this sounded perfect to Helga, that was of course before she felt life stir within her womb. However, by the time this occurred it was already too late. She had already moved into Steinhoring, home for the Lebensborn, and there was no possibility of turning back. The papers were signed. She could not escape. Hitler owned her unborn child. On a cold day in January Helga's little girl came into the world. But instead of being sheltered by her mother's arms, she was torn away by the nurses at the home for the Lebensborn and thrust into a treacherous world where the very people sworn to protect her were not what they seemed. The little girl was growing, and she was amongst some of the cruellest people on earth and subjected daily to the ideology of the Third Reich. But when Hitler became convinced that he was indestructible and, went to war on two fronts dividing his army, Germany began to fall. The Nazis became fearful as America entered the war joining Churchill against them in the west, while Stalin a formidable enemy with the brutal Russian winters on his side, ripped them apart in the east. And so, the tables turned on the Third Reich. The cruel Nazis, who believed they could not be defeated were about to swallow their pride and surrender at the feet of the Allies. The superior race would prove to be inferior after all. Hitler's elite would run for cover, some would commit suicide; some would be tried in Nuremberg for crimes against humanity, while others would escape with their tails tucked between their legs and head for South America or other friendly ports. But God had other plans for Helga's tiny innocent child, who had been born on that January morning. The child's life was about to change in a very strange but significant way. Instead of becoming whom and what the Nazis had hoped to create, this child would be befriended and

nurtured by the most unexpected people. Show less

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Customer Reviews

This is the second book I've read by Roberta Kagan (1st was "All My Love, Detrick"), which completely captured my attention, with very realistic characters and a storyline evoking strong emotions on almost every level. This book was no less riveting and I cannot WAIT until "The Promised Land" is published! On the other hand, I must explain the reason for not giving this book a full 5 stars...the grammar and spelling were just atrocious! I found myself being constantly distracted from the storyline due to the number of spelling errors, commas in the wrong place (causing awkward pauses), or missing entirely, as well as apostrophes used incorrectly. Normally, I can overlook this aspect, if it is an occasional occurrence, but it was quite frustrating. I hope the next edition will be edited more carefully, as this seems to be (in my humble opinion) the only aspect preventing this author from becoming a best-seller. Review by Terry Dover

The plot was intriguing and I quickly scanned the book to reach the end, but the numerous (at least in the hundreds) misspellings, comma splices, incomplete sentences etc etc were a terrible distraction. I also found some elements of the plot a little contrived. The author may have been

inspired by Sophie's Choice when Zofia became a maid for Manfred's household at Auschwitz and took up residence in the basement. I also found Manfred's quick rise a little unbelievable, although from other reading, I know that there were many young people who rose quickly in the SS. As well, I didn't like the ending where the author left us hanging - waiting for the next book to come out. That being said, from reading other books about the Holocaust, I found the descriptions of the horrors of Auschwitz and the Nazi atrocities in general to be accurate.

I enjoyed this book, but I felt that it could have ended much sooner than it did. Near the end it seemed to drone on and on. Also, there are so many typographical and grammatical errors. Where was the proofreader??? Very disappointed to see that at the end the reader gets no resolution to the character's journey but instead is urged to read the next book to find out! I do not like cliffhangers and was quite upset to see this. I'm not even sure if I can dive into the next book. Disappointed!

I thoroughly enjoyed your book. The development of the characters was intriguing. My one complaint would be there are so so many grammatical errors, punctuation errors and missing words.

I am not finished with this book so it may be a bit early to give only two stars, however the dialogue is so contrived and artificial sounding that it is not believable at all. The other complaint I have is the editing is so poorly done the book is almost unreadable. I'm not sure I will be able to finish it. Is there actually an editor?

Fine story not as good as the first, all the grammatical errors impacted the storyline. I would like a refund but the author can keep my \$4 to get an editor.

Wow, Wow, Wow, Wow. That is all I can say about this book. The worst part of the book is waiting for the next in the series. Hopefully it will be coming soon! Love her books and her writing style. She just grabs you from the beginning and never lets go! Even after you turn the last page, the characters stay with you. It took a long time for everybody to know what REALLY happened during the holocaust and Roberta takes you right into the thick of it! She shows so many different aspects of how it affected everyone and this book brings some little known facts to life. Do yourself a favor and pick up and read this book you will not be disappointed!

I read many Holocaust books and can say, this was the worst. There were many inaccuracies in

dates of historic events, such as Krystallnacht mentioned in 1936, when that didn't happen until two years later or speaking of the Final Solution in 1939, when that only started in 1942 to name a few. Zofia the main character is not believable, I couldn't have sympathy for her. She falls in love at a mere sighting with multiple men throughout the novel, no matter what the circumstances are and is not shy to have sex with each of them. If you are interested in Holocaust literature, this is not the book I would recommend.

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