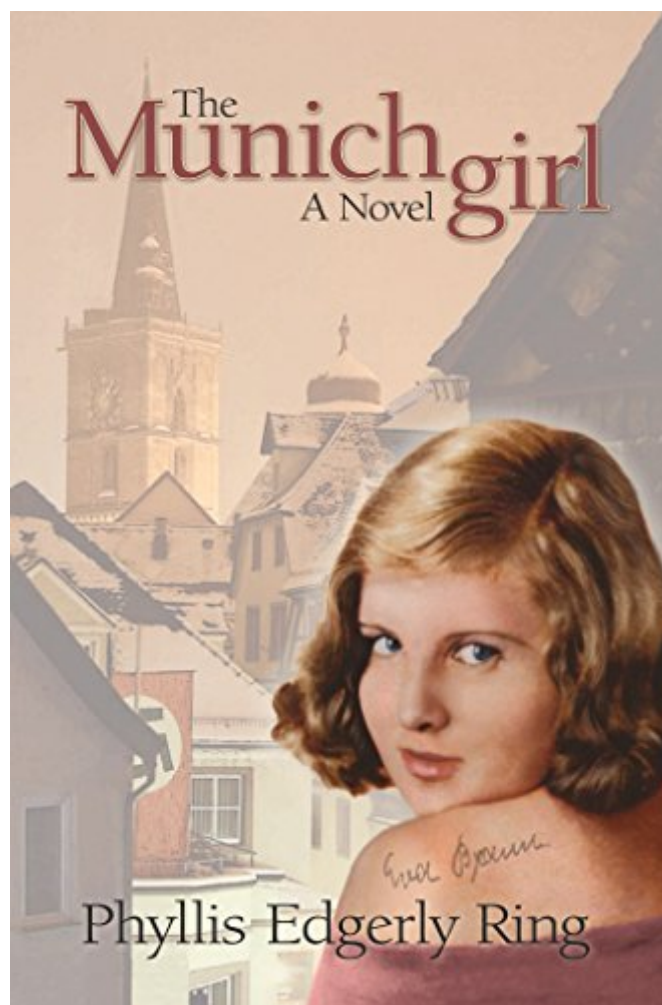


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The Munich Girl: A Novel Of The Legacies That Outlast War



Synopsis

Anna Dahlberg grew up eating dinner under her father's war-trophy portrait of Eva Braun. Fifty years after the war, she discovers what he never did—that her mother and Hitler's mistress were friends. The secret surfaces with a mysterious monogrammed handkerchief, and a man, Hannes Ritter, whose Third Reich family history is entwined with Anna's. Plunged into the world of the "ordinary" Munich girl who was her mother's confidante and a tyrant's lover, Anna finds her every belief about right and wrong challenged. With Hannes's help, she retraces the path of two women who met as teenagers, shared a friendship that spanned the years that Eva Braun was Hitler's mistress, yet never knew that the men they loved had opposing ambitions. Eva's story reveals that she never joined the Nazi party, had Jewish friends, and was credited at the Nuremberg Trials with saving 35,000 Allied lives. As Anna's journey leads back through the treacherous years in wartime Germany, it uncovers long-buried secrets and unknown reaches of her heart to reveal the enduring power of love in the legacies that always outlast war.

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Customer Reviews

I didn't think I would like this book when I read what it was about. And I will admit that I felt somewhat uncomfortable while reading it from time to time because I was actually fascinated with it and enjoying it--but how could I? It was about Adolf Hitler's mistress/wife. Aren't we supposed to hate her? Hate all things Hitler? And I still can't say that I understand Ava Braun, nor would I praise her, but then neither does the author. Once again, human nature is a very complex thing to understand. I was hooked from the first page. It's very well-written, and I thoroughly enjoyed the background story of a middle aged woman who finds out that her mother was a friend of Ava Braun, and needs to know more. The love story is comfortable and perhaps a little predictable, yet I was not bored by it or frustrated. This is a very good book. And anyone interested in World War II history--and what life was like for the Germans after the war--would find it interesting. I highly recommend it.

Over the years many books about WWII have landed in my lap. I thought there couldn't possibly be another avenue to look at this war. Until now. This is a hard-to-put-down book, giving another viewpoint of the well-known, but not much known about person, Hitler's wife, Eva Braun. (She is rarely, if ever, referred to as his wife.) Yet, she is only a small part of the story, the part entwined with Anna and her mother, the every day part that we all live. The story blends those who were inside Germany, but not followers of Hitler, and the Allies who came from outside Germany to defeat him. There is so much going on in this fictional story that reads like it is true, probably because of all the detailed research the author conducted and the personal feeling she brings to the page. There are surprises to unwrap. Nothing is predictable, which makes the story even better. I LOVE THIS BOOK! And it's a book that I will re-read.

I read this book in about 8 hours. I just couldn't put it down. My wife was very upset with me (LOL). I love Ms Ring, I have read her other book as well and must say, she just keeps getting better. Thank you to the writer for another great performance, I read from many different Authors, but you are in my top 3 amongst 50 Authors.

I met the author a few years ago and we share the experience of having lived in Germany after the

war. I bought my book because I love to read and love to get lost in the stories and characters. I am so glad I did. Part of my Germany experience was in Munich so it was especially of interest to me. I have seen many of the spots she writes about. I have also always been fascinated with history. So for me the pluses just kept mounting. A tale in a country I love. Historical information and insight (great insight too!). About a time in our history that we need to learn from and apply in today's life. I love how she intertwines the time periods and the lives of the main women. I was so sad when the book ended and I would not get to keep luxuriating in the world she explains. And I also learned I remember more of my German than I thought. Of course the translations helped and confirmed this! I wish I had her gift with words so that I could share clearly with you how much I enjoyed the read! I usually share my books and pass them on. this I will keep to read again.

The Munich Girl is a wonderful story that takes readers on a journey into history as Anna discovers the secrets of her past. The author weaves an intriguing story that draws the reader in from the beginning. It is a story of a woman's search to discover why there was a portrait of Eva Braun, Adolf Hitler's mistress, hanging on the wall in her family's dining room and what connection if any, Braun had with her family. The story introduces us to Eva Braun and the time just before and during World War II in Germany. This novel is about many things beyond Eva Braun and the time of the war in Germany. It is about how women share their lives with each other and the power of our friendships. For anyone who enjoys a good mystery, a love story and some history.

Having read a lot of historical fiction of World War Two, this is the first I have run across that features Eva Braun. Of course there is a lot of fictional content, Anna, who has traveled to Germany, realizes her mother knew Eva. At the same time the content regarding Eva seems well researched. The book is well written and I found it hard to put down.

Phyllis Edgerly Ring's writings are meaningful and memorable. My only caution is once you start THE MUNICH GIRL, you may not be able to put the book down. Synchronicity refers to meaningful coincidences. Such coincidences are mystical yet readily recognizable. One aspect of this historical novel is the suspense generated by what physician and depth psychologist Carl Jung called "the tension of opposites" makes the story a real page-turner. Biography, even when intentionally partly fictional, is the most popular form of history. THE MUNICH GIRL is available in paperback and on Amazon.com's Kindle, with "Text-to-Speech" function that enables you to do immersion reading while

looking and listening simultaneously, or simply to listen to the story. Enjoy! Maybe it will be available on Audible.com soon...

I immensely enjoyed this story! It has caused me to want to do my own research on Hitler's mistress. First, I have to find out if Eva was his actual mistress as I saw nothing to tell me that. At any rate, whether a true story or totally fictional, I really enjoyed reading it.

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