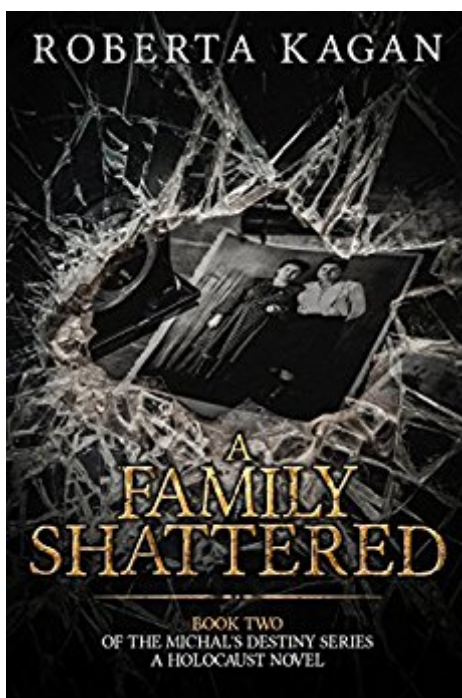


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A Family Shattered: Book Two In The Michal's Destiny Series



Synopsis

"A Family Shattered" is book two in the "Michal's Destiny" series. Taavi Margolis is arrested on Kristallnacht when he races out of his apartment to protect his daughter's fiancé, Benny, who is being attacked and killed by a gang of Nazi thugs as they pillage and destroy the streets of a little Jewish neighborhood in Berlin. Taavi's wife, Michal and their two daughters stare in horror through the window as Benny is savagely murdered. Then, they watch helplessly as the gang turns their attention to Taavi. They beat him with clubs until he is on his knees and bleeding on the pavement. When the police arrive, instead of arresting the perpetrators, they force Taavi into the back of a black automobile and take him away. Michal pulls her daughters close to her. No one speaks but all three of them have the same unspoken questions. Will they ever see their beloved husband and Papa again? They realize, after tonight, the Anti-Semitism that is growing like a cancer all around them can no longer be ignored. Their future is uncertain. What will become of this family, what will become of the Jews? This is the story of the struggle of one Jewish family, to survive against the unfathomable threat of the Third Reich.

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The evils of The Third Reich and the persecution of Jews, communists, gays and many other groups are the highlight of this story as it impacts a family and their close friends. The story follows a group of characters who meet their ugly demise at the hands of Nazis. With the end of the war came Russian occupation of Berlin and more cruelty from vengeful Russian troops. Kagan chronicles the misfortunes of an extended family, with two survivors at the end of the story; one in England and one in America. In a third book in this series, readers get to learn what further misadventures await during the long recovery from the devastation in England and mainland Europe. This book is a finely crafted tale of an unfortunate family living in tragic times.

A Shattered Family is the perfect continuation in this series.. and it sets up book 3 perfectly... Tavi, Lotti, Gildi, Michal all go through horrific events, you won't see them coming, but through all of it, you feel the love and family bonds that keep them together no matter happens

Historical fiction hauntingly true. A family shattered and then some. Horrifically atrocious acts and the victims of. Please never forget.

I've read other books by Kagan. The first I read was the best. This one falls somewhere in the middle. It had a good plot, but she repeated things dozens of times. She continually told you what the character was thinking about the past so that we learned about their pasts multiple times. I think she was trying to make the book longer by doing this. When these 'thoughts' started, I would just skip to the next part. The end of the book was the worst. It just ended. I felt like I was in the middle of the story and it just ended. No resolution. Nothing. Many loose ends that were never tied up.

I try to read every book available on WWII and the Holocaust. The stark evil on display and individual responses make for great reading and provide an emotional setting for a story. This book is the first I have encountered that manages to capture the evil environment very well without creating a compelling story. Yes, a family is shattered, but a few loose ends are left. Perhaps the next book in this series will provide more insight into the survivors.

This book was not written for anyone to enjoy. It appears to me it was someone's idea of what all the most horrible things you could think of to happen to a family and that is what they wrote about. This is definitely not a historical novel. Would Inuit recommend.

A story of a Jewish family in Germany torn apart by the war. There were some typos in the book which was distracting but the story is a good one. What happens to this family even though this is a fictional tale is heartbreaking. I would recommend this book.

Kagan once again gets into the heart of every story she writes about the Holocaust and its effect. So many families were torn apart, many to never know what truly happened to their family members. The author always has a way of bringing in positive events that occurred along with horrific. She strives to use the historical facts along with the fiction that she so beautifully writes. Another excellent read by Roberta Kagan.

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