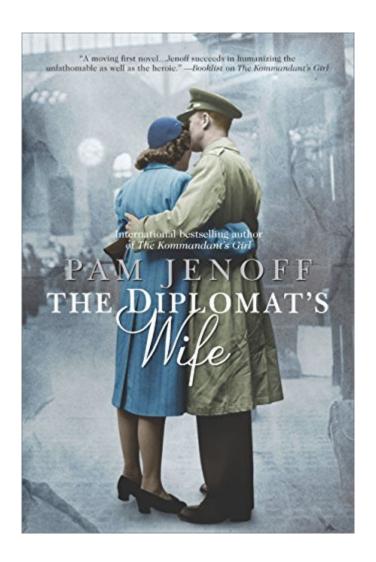


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The Diplomat's Wife (The Kommandant's Girl)





Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Orphan's Tale How have I been lucky enough to come here, to be alive, when so many others are not? I should have died…. But I am here.1945. Surviving the brutality of a Nazi prison camp, Marta Nederman is lucky to have escaped with her life. Recovering from the horror, she meets Paul, an American soldier who gives her hope of a happier future. But their plans to meet in London are dashed when Paul's plane crashes. Devastated and pregnant, Marta marries Simon, a caring British diplomat, and glimpses the joy that home and family can bring. But her happiness is threatened when she learns of a Communist spy in British intelligence, and that the one person who can expose the traitor is connected to her past.

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Customer Reviews

"The Diplomat's Wife" by Pam Jenoff is the sequel to "The Kommandant's Girl". In this second book, Marta, best friend of Emma from the the first book, winds up in Dachau. Both Emma and Marta were part of the Jewish resistance in Krakow, Poland during WWII, and Marta is freed by an American

soldier. While she recovers she meets a woman named Rose and becomes fast friends with her. and in the meantime a romance has started between Marta and Paul, the American soldier who liberated her. Eventually Marta is to marry Paul, but as fate will have it, that marriage is not to be. As in Jenoff's first book as well as this one, the horrors and suffering that people went through is made very clear. The awful conditions in the ghettos and the terror of being rounded up and sent off to a death camp for no reason other than being Jewish is told and also shows the strength that these people had under the worst possible conditions. Jenoff definitely did her research. Marta makes her way to England and eventually marries Simon Gold who works in the Foreign Office in London. The two meet on the ship to England, and Simon thinks she would be perfect for the job in the Foreign Office that is open and needs to be filled. Marta and Simon soon have a little daughter, Rachel. There is a Communist spy at work in London in British intelligence, and part of Marta's past comes back to her through a connection to the spy, and the only way the Communist spy can be identified is through someone who Marta knew in her Resistance days. I read "The Diplomat's Wife" in a few days and enjoyed it, but not as much as I enjoyed "The Kommandant's Girl." As several other reviewers have written, many parts of the book were very predictable, which took away from the excitement of the story. One twist at the end surprised me, but despite it all, I still enjoyed the book and have the next one that Pam Jenoff has written. I really enjoy books, either fiction or non-fiction, that take place around or during the time of WWII, so this book still interested me historically. If you plan to read this book, it is much better to read the first book, "The Kommandant's Girl" first, so that you can meet the characters who appear again in "The Diplomat's Wife." The second book picks up where the first one left off, so without the history behind the first one, it will be confusing and a lot of the meaning will be lost.

I enjoyed reading this book but was disappointed that it did not contain more details of WWII.

Basically it was a love story between an American and a girl whom he rescued from a Nazi prison.

The surprise ending made it worth glossing over some details and fast reading others, I would give it
41/2 stars but for some reason my computer won't let me.

I enjoyed this book very much. Set in World War Europe at the end of WW 2. The main character is Marta Nederman a prisoner of the Germans when Paul an American soldier rescues her. The book tells the circumstances of her life after the war. The twist and turns were most intriguing. I am looking forward to reading Pam Jenoff first book the Kommandant's Girl.

I couldn't put this book down. Pam Jenoff has become my favorite author. I'm on my third book of hers and loving her style, the flow of her books. Looking forward to the next book.

WOW! What a great book. I read it in one day. It was good from beginning to end and what an end it was. It was historically correct and having lived through that period in history made it all the more vivid.

Despite a bit of predictability, there were some excellent twists. Such lovely, lyrical writing. I couldn't put the book down.

Very improbable story line, kept hoping that the story would take off, but for me it was to improbable. Easy read with soft plot line

Good story but not as well written as Jenoff's previous books. Character's nicely developed. Graphic, for sure!

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