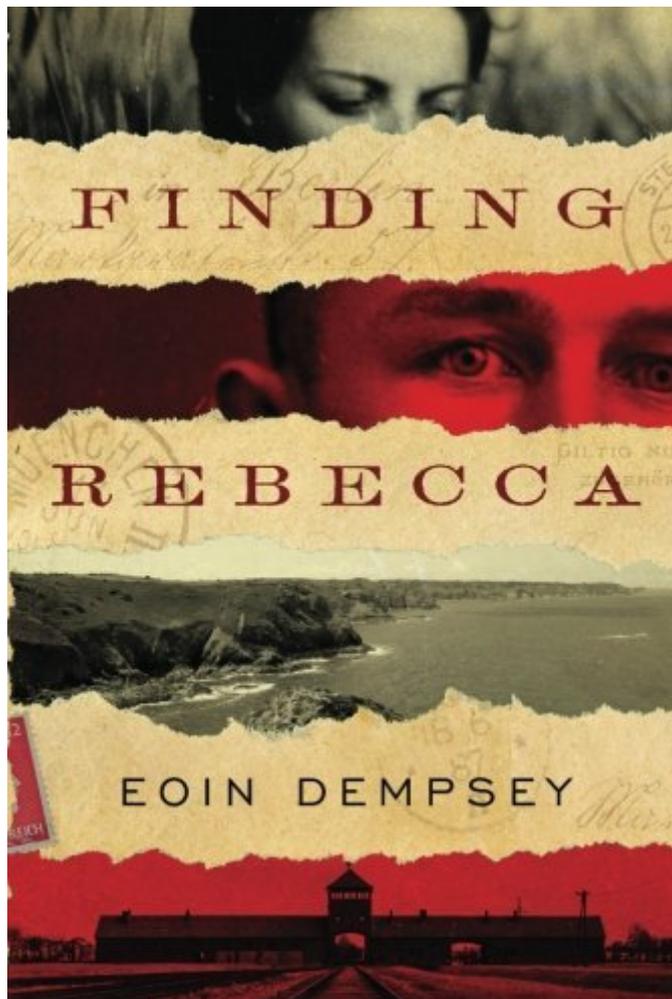


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# Finding Rebecca



## Synopsis

Nothing could keep Christopher and Rebecca apart: not her abusive parents, or even the fiancé she brought home after running away to England. But when World War II finally strikes the island of Jersey, the Nazi invaders ship Rebecca to Europe as part of Hitler's Final Solution against the Jewish population. After Christopher and his family are deported back to their native Germany, he volunteers for the Nazi SS, desperate to save the woman he loves. He is posted to Auschwitz and finds himself put in control of the money stolen from the victims of the gas chambers. As Christopher searches for Rebecca, he struggles to not only maintain his cover, but also the grip on his soul. Managing the river of tainted money flowing through the horrific world of Auschwitz may give him unexpected opportunities. But will it give him the strength to accept a brave new fate that could change his life--and others' lives--forever? Revised edition: This edition of Finding Rebecca includes editorial revisions. Please note: Any typos or anachronistic language mentioned in reviews below referred to previous editions of this book before editorial revisions took place.

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## Customer Reviews

This was a wonderful book. Having just finished it, I'm still glowing from the amazing ending. I was initially a little nervous about the war images on the cover but once I began reading, the storyline captivated me from start to finish. I truly had a hard time putting this down, from Christopher and Rebecca's love story through the first part, to Christopher's search for Rebecca and the finale in New York. The book starts off as we are introduced to Christopher, a new officer in charge of taking care of the money taken from the victims of the gas chambers in Auschwitz, but immediately we figure out that he is different. Then the backstory kicks in to tell us why. We're then taken back to the island of Jersey (between England and France) in the year 1924 where we're introduced to Christopher as a 6 year old as he meets Rebecca, the girl who will change his life. The story of their lives as they grow up is enthralling. I found myself really caring for the characters. So much so that I was almost crying when Rebecca was taken off to a concentration camp in 1943. The action then switches to the camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Christopher joins the German forces to try to find Rebecca and we are introduced to day-to-day living in the most horrible place imaginable. So much more happens during this section than I ever could have imagined and this was the part of the book I found most compelling. Christopher tries to hide his intentions while doing all he can to find Rebecca. He also finds that due to the amount of money he delivers to the Nazis he is able to take some himself to help the other prisoners. The last section of the book was set in New York, and while I don't want to give anything away I was very satisfied with the ending. This truly was a fabulous book. The characters were real and well drawn. I loved Christopher's family and especially his father. It's easy to read and the pages will fly by and you will learn a huge amount about what happened on the island on Jersey, in Auschwitz and beyond, during the war. The historical element of the novel was fascinating. Overall I would thoroughly recommend this book.

It was a wonderful story of two great friends, a girl (Rebecca) and a boy, who live next door to each other from very different backgrounds. They live on a quaint little island off England called Jersey. It is at the beginning of the second World War. The boy's family is German and the girl's is French and her family is Jewish. It is very heart-warming and sad. Rebecca is from a very poor, abusive and neglectful family and the boy is from a very loving family. They try to take the girl in as much as they can. The girl's father wants nothing to do with them or have them do anything with his daughter. Rebecca and the boy fall in love and plan to marry. Long story short, Rebecca turns herself in when Jews are all supposed to turn themselves in. The boy's uncle has lived in Germany and think what is happening with Hitler has changed the country for the better. He is tuning a blind

eye to what is happening with the Jews. The boy, no young man goes to Germany to work in the one of the prison camps to try to find Rebecca. He is sickened by what is happening there and does his best to help as he can the prisoners. His job is to be the accountant, taking everything he can from the prisoners, documenting it and sending it the Reich. You have to read it to find out what happens to all.

The premise of this book, that a Jersey man (born in Germany) is repatriated to Germany during the war and loses the love of his life (Jewish) into the concentration camps seems far fetched. His joining the SS is a further stretch as he tries to find her. Still, the book echoes several other books I've read about the Channel Islanders as well as the plight of the Jews. Were there SS men who were forced to do horrific work....did many choose to go to the Russian front instead? As a baby boomer, I realize the terrible choices our parent's generation had to make. It is good to examine what was happening in Germany and how it affected good people--unable to take a stand without risking their own lives.

What a book! Read it in an evening. Cried most of the way through it. This is an author I will be keeping my eye on. What an intense novel! KUDOS TO YOU , MR DEMPSEY

Beautiful book. It's always appreciated when you can see history through the eyes of a writer. Now more than ever, the world needs to remember that part of our past. Very good written and absorbing, the novel reflect those horrible years is the Nazi occupation from other point. I loved this book. Highly recommended.

this story took me in within minutes of starting. The writer made me feel a part of the story, the pain of the characters' suffering. Though a bit vague about how Christopher rose to the ranks of the SS, once there I could empathize with the fear and hopelessness of the prisoners. The end wasn't predictable; though it was inevitable.

Finding Rebecca is soul searing. I have read dozens of true books written by survivors and was skeptical about a fiction love story between a German SS soldier and a Jewish woman who fell in love as kids before war tore Europe apart. Just wow. I was in Auschwitz. I was at the selections. I was on the hunt for Rebecca. The characters were well developed and I was engrossed in the book. I usually save 5 stars for literature, but this book was so factual, flowed so well and captured my

mind even when I wasn't reading it. I am sorry I am finished reading it. This will stay with me for all my days.

I loved this story, there were of course disturbing scenes of Auschwitz. (How could they not be). The love the main characters shared showed that love triumphs evil. That there is hope for mankind despite the evil that happened in WW 2 .

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