

The Medallion

Cathy Gohlke



Muddy Pearl

An illuminating tale of courage, sacrifice, survival and the fate of one little girl in war-torn Poland under Nazi occupation

Seemingly overnight, the German blitzkrieg of Warsaw in 1939 turns its streets to a warzone and shatters the life of each citizen – Polish, Jewish or otherwise. Sophie Kumiega, a British bride working in the city's library, awaits news of her husband, Janek, recently deployed with the Polish Air Force. Though Sophie is determined that she and the baby in her womb will stay safe, the days ahead will draw her into the plight of those around her, compelling her to help, whatever the danger.

Rosa and Itzhak Dunovich never imagined they would welcome their longed-for first child in the Jewish ghetto, or that they would let anything tear their family apart. But as daily atrocities intensify, Rosa soon faces a terrifying reality: to save their daughter's life, she must send her into hiding. Her only hope of finding her after the war – if any of them survive – is a medallion she cuts in half and places around her neck.

Inspired by true events of Poland's darkest days and brightest heroes, *The Medallion* paints a stunning portrait of war and its aftermath, daring us to believe that when all seems lost, hope can make a way forward.

A rich story about the deepest of loves, the most impossible of choices, and the determination to live and love others in the midst of paralyzing grief.

Melanie Dobson, award-winning author of *Hidden Among the Stars*

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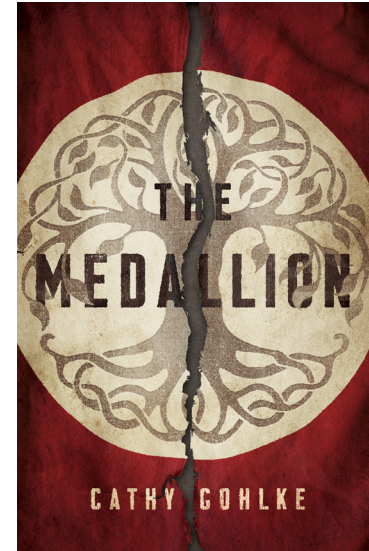
Cathy Gohlke is a three-time Christy and two-time Carol and INSPY Award-winning and bestselling author. She writes novels steeped with inspirational lessons, speaking of world and life events through the lens of history and championing the battle against oppression. When not travelling to historic sites for research, she, her husband and their dog, Reilly, divide their time between northern Virginia and the Jersey Shore.

Key Selling points

- A historic novel based on true events – inspired by the stories of Itzhak Dugin and his Jewish family, persecuted in Lithuania, and Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker who developed a network to rescue Jewish children
- Told from two different perspectives – gives insight into the lives of different faith groups during World War II and their experiences of persecution
- Captivating and moving story-telling with an enduring message of hope and characters that will stay with readers
- Author has carried out extensive research on this period of history to provide an authentic account of life in Nazi occupied Poland

Readership

- Readers of historical and romantic fiction
- Fans of bestselling World War II fiction like *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and *The Book Thief*



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