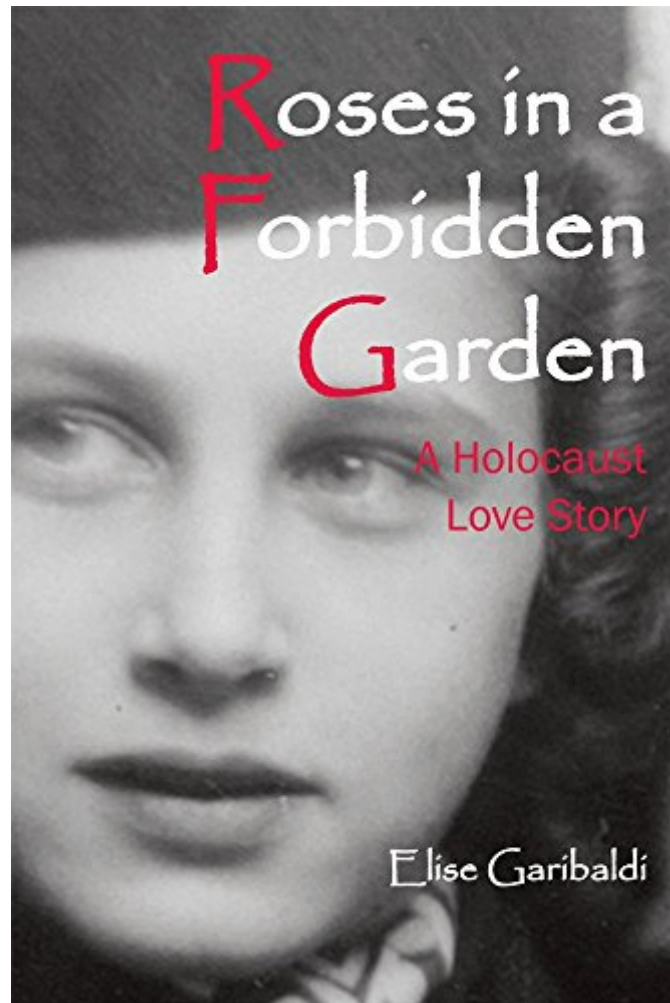




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# Roses In A Forbidden Garden; A Holocaust Love Story



## Synopsis

Amidst the unspeakable horrors of Hitler's Concentration Camps, a young German girl finds beauty and love for a man that will span a lifetime. This story is the true account of Inge Katz; the striking daughter of a successful businessman who meets and falls in love with a handsome fellow inmate. But when he gets shipped out East to a Death Camp, she goes years not knowing if he is alive or dead. Her love for this man endures against all odds – from Nazi rifles, to starvation, to disease, to assaults of allied fire. But as time passes without word or confirmation of his survival, should she remain loyal, or, as everyone suggests, move on with another?

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## Customer Reviews

Elise Garibaldi has lovingly recreated the world of her grandmother, beautiful Inge Katz, a Jewish girl who, along with her family, is thrust into the horrors of Nazi Germany. Guiding the reader through Inge's life from 1938 - 1947, "Roses in a Forbidden Garden" recounts the horrors of the Holocaust, yet the book glows with the love story of Inge and Schmuël that unfolds miraculously against impossible odds. Inge is only 14 in 1938 when she lived through the horror of Kristallnacht,

the night Hitler's henchmen smashed Jewish homes and businesses and took men away from their families. The fact that Inge's father Carl was a decorated veteran of WWI and a respected business owner did not exempt his family from the destruction. The Nazis subjected Jews in Germany (and countries conquered by Germany) to increasing atrocities, resulting in horrific suffering and, for countless numbers of Jews, loss of their lives. The reader accompanies Inge and her parents through the increasing dangers for Jews in their hometown of Bremen, Germany. The reader follows Inge in 1942 when the Katz family was sent to the Theresienstadt concentration camp. In the worst possible situations, threatened by starvation, disease and Nazi oppression, Inge always finds a way to be useful and to help her parents and others. In each horrific situation, the reader is enlightened by Inge's insights that there is always hope for the future. There were 40,000 Jews crowded into Theresienstadt. During prayer services in the concentration camp on the night of Yom Kippur, Inge first saw Schmuel, a handsome young man from Czechoslovakia. The Nazis had assigned Inge to forced labor in a factory, and Schmuel was assigned to labor in the bakery. Amid the horrors of concentration camp labor, Inge and Schmuel form a deep romantic attachment and hope for a future together. Inge and Schmuel are cruelly separated in 1944 when he is transported east to a death camp. Inge's love for Schmuel carries her forward with a strong will to survive; Schmuel was Inge's beacon of light and hope. E.G.'s narrative illuminates small moments that are unforgettable, and the book includes evocative photos of Inge, her parents, and Schmuel, as well as chilling scenes from the concentration camps. This book is a valuable history lesson, a great love story, and an inspiration that faith and hope can create an indomitable will to survive.

A wonderful heartfelt love story set in the misery of the Holocaust. Told with affection by a grand daughter from first hand stories told by her grandparents, whose love survived the concentration camps to flourish in America.

I loved this book. It is wonderfully written, beautifully told true story of an amazing family, the Katz family. A loving family, with integrity and kindness toward others in the most devastating of circumstances. A remarkable family who were able to rise above their situation by trusting G-d and having an optimistic attitude. God helped them through year after year of terrible abuse, starvation and awful circumstances from freezing weather, cruelty and devastation. Witnessing murders and deaths at every turn year after year after year. It's also a beautiful, sweet, enduring love story for a young couple who fall in love during the Holocaust never knowing if they will meet again. They

pushed on, hoping and believing and God miraculously has it all covered for them. This book shares all the atrocities but also all the sweet and kind moments that helped them keep going and enduring, hoping, believing a miracle will come to pass. Thank You, G-d! I love these people and wish I knew them all personally. Carl, Marianne, Inge and Schumel, (Sam) and others that were people of kindness & thoughtfulness. Well done!! PRCS

The ' banality of evil' juxtaposed against the invincibility of human spirit and its capacity for love, no matter the circumstances. Set against the villainy of the Third Reich , Elise Garibaldi's debut book is a testimony to this and more. A beautifully narrated love story based on true events. A must read for all ages.

This is a touching memoir of family loyalty and love set against the terrible years of the Holocaust. The love story of the young couple whose perseverance wins out against all odds will touch your heart and remain with you long after you finish this book.

As a life long educator in Westchester County, I find this book to be an invaluable tool in teaching the lessons of the Holocaust: bullying, speaking your mind, and not losing your faith in the darkest times. I am amazed at this true story which put tears in my eyes.

This true story is not only inspiring, but allowed the reader to walk side by side with a strong, smart, and exceedingly brave young Jewish woman who revealed bravery and compassion as she matured in Hitler's war.

This book was excellent and I couldn't put it down. A love story like no other during WW2. Even through the darkest time they found love that lasted a lifetime. I like that it was written by a family member.

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