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One woman's determination to protect a child from the dangers of war will force her to face those lurking closer to home...

Life in rural Poland during WWII brings a new set of challenges to Maria, estranged from her own family and left alone with her in-laws after her husband is sent to the front. For a young, newly pregnant wife, the days are especially cold, the nights unexpectedly lonely. The discovery of a girl hiding in the barn changes everything—Hannah is fleeing the German police who are taking Jews like her to special camps. Ignoring the risk to her own life and that of her unborn child, Maria is compelled to help. But in these dark days, no one can be trusted, and soon Maria finds her courage tested in ways she never expected and herself facing truths about her own family that the quiet village has kept buried for years...

From the international bestselling author of *The Kommandant's Girl* comes a searing historical companion novella to *The Winter Guest*

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Celeen says

A quick look at bravery

I enjoyed this novella and was very disappointed that it was so short. The characters and storyline were well-developed and I believe could have worked as a full novel. I enjoyed her writing style and will look for more writings by Pam Jenoff. I would recommend this book.

Coleen says

This is a short to read book and can be finished in a day. The book is set on World War one between Jews and Nazi. Maria was pregnant when she found a Jew girl staying inside their barn. Not trusting to be keep in the family barn forever she help Hannah escape by staying with the old lover of her mother. The man also helps Jews have a safe refuge during the war. The first historical fiction I have read for this year. I discovered this author writing to be interesting and I am planning to read more world war novels written by this author. I like the plot and the ending of the story. Atmosphere was stated well as well as the situation of each characters during the war. Overall I have given this book Four stars.

Allison says

Ehh. This was okay. The writing style was very nice, as always, and you can only develop characters/relationships so much in a 20-page novella. The ending only left me with more questions though. What will happen to Maria? Will she join the resistance now? And what about Hannah's fate? The ending implies she'll be all right, but when we see her in The Winter Guest, she's lost in the forest and on the verge of freezing to death. That's not a very uplifting thought. This novella was supposed to expand on and develop these two minor characters, but didn't do a very good job of it.

Gary says

Bridging cultures and generations

A quick and easy read. A poignant snapshot of war-torn Europe where families are torn apart, and the way a stranger changes individuals and relationships.

David says

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Karen says

This is a very well written short novella set in Nazi occupied Poland during WW2. A young Jewish girl is found hiding in a barn after running away from her family. She is found by a young Polish woman who befriends her but she disappears the next morning. The author added some mystery, romance and dark family secrets which all kept me interested and engaged.

“Hannah .” The girl faltered , seemingly waiting to be told she was wrong . “Hannah Stein .” “ You’re a Jew ? ” The girl nodded .

I definitely plan on reading more of this authors writing and highly recommend this book as a great introduction to her style!!

Maggi Andersen says

Pam Jenoff is a favorite author of mine. Her latest release, The Other Girl is a short novella, a companion piece to The Winter Guest. Although I have yet to read the novel, I found this an enthralling and thought-provoking look at villagers riven by war.

Maria is a character who engenders sympathy. She has left the family home disapproving of her father's actions and married in haste. Now, a husband she barely knows has gone away to war, leaving her with her unaffectionate in-laws. In the small Polish village, she is quite isolated and struggles to understand the undercurrent of fear and uncertainty wrought by the German occupation. There are secrets concerning Maria's family, which she must uncover. With only a touch of the brush in this short story, Jenoff brings her characters to life. Hannah, the young girl Maria discovers hiding in the barn is fleeing the German police who are taking Jews like her away to special camps. I found Hannah's acceptance of her situation, and how she deals with it, quite moving.

If you like to read World War II fiction, I would certainly suggest this one, but to appreciate this companion piece even more, I would suggest reading The Winter Guest.

Michele says

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A good read -wanted more! Enjoy everything Pam Jenoff writes .looking forward to her next book Something addicting about WWII stories. These people were real heroes !

Laura says

A short prequel to the novel The Winter Guest. Having read that several months ago, I was not immediately reminded of the characters. I always enjoy Jenoff's writing - in fact she is one of my favourite historical fiction writers. However I finished this book quickly and felt a little despondent; like a teaser trailer to the latest blockbuster, The Other Girl only hints at what is to come.

Having paid the princely sum of £1 for this via kindle, I was expecting more. I feel this should've been a freebie to entice me to buy the next book (if I hadn't have already read it of course!) Alas, that will teach me to remember to read the number of pages on the e-book description in the kindle store in the future.

Amanda says

Another story in WWII

Fermentum says

Very short novella. I am going to check out if there is a book that continues the story.

Erin says

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Pam Jenoff is one of my favorite authors. I've enjoyed her work for several years and love what she does with World War II fiction. Her latest release, The Other Girl is a novella, a companion piece to The Winter Guest, and though I've yet to finish the novel, I found the short interesting for the perspective it brought to the larger story.

Naturally there isn't a lot of character development, but one can't help empathizing with Maria. A young woman, alone in a small Polish village, she struggles to make peace with her personal situation and understand the changes wrought by German occupation. I don't want to spoil anything, but suffice it to say her brief experience with Hannah and Janusz is quite moving.

Understandably, I have difficulty stating a short is a must read, but the piece is certainly worth looking into if World War II fiction is something you find appealing.

Diane S ? says

Rural Poland, WWII, Maria whose husband has gone off to fight, finds she is pregnant. Living with her husband's family on their farm, she finds a 10 yr. old Jewish girl hiding in the barn.

A prequel to Jenoff's The Winter Guest, it did Pique my interest. Maria's uncle was my favorite character in this short.

ARC from Netgalley.

Lesley says

Quick short story that was free on amazon! I think its a prequel to an upcoming book by this author. I have enjoyed what I have read by this author! Writes good historical war fiction!

Joanne says

A short prequel, not sure if I'll read the next book, although another by this author, The Orphan's Tale was a good read.
