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Editorial Review

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Starred Review. Grade 5–8—When resistance fighters assassinated the highest ranking Nazi officer in Czechoslovakia, Hitler sought revenge on the small village of Lidice. All 173 men and teenage boys were executed while the women were sent to the Ravensbruck concentration camp. Ten Lidice children, who exemplified Aryan traits, were selected for "Germanization." They were sent to Lebensborn training centers, forced to speak only German, given new names, and indoctrinated into the Nazi ideology. They were then adopted by German families. The rest of the children of Lidice were gassed. Based on extensive research and interviews with survivors, Wolf tells the heart-wrenching story of the fictional Milada, who is sent to a Lebensborn center and adopted by the commandant of Ravensbruck. Readers are quickly immersed into her character, gaining a painful understanding of her intense struggle to hold onto her true self and identity. Students who have read stories of Jewish persecution and survival during the Holocaust will be enlightened by this portrait of how Hitler's Final Solution affected these innocent children. This amazing, eye-opening story, masterfully written, is an essential part of World War II literature and belongs on the shelves of every library.—*Rachel Kamin, Temple Israel Libraries & Media Center, West Bloomfield, MI*
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Review

"This little-known side of the Nazi era will fascinate young readers.... An important addition to the Holocaust curriculum."

"Not only honest about lost family and culture but also about the heartbreaking parting with an adoptive mother and sister."

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An informative author's note provides additional information about the Lebensborn program.

About the Author

Joan M. Wolf's research for *SOMEONE NAMED EVA* took her to the Czech Republic, where her great-grandmother was born. She lives in Minnesota.

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