

The
**DUTCH
GIRL'S
LOST LETTERS**

*An Emotional Jewish
Historical Novel*

DIKLAH GEVA

They lost everyone in the war.
Now they're risking everything for love.
A powerful tale of rebuilding life after tragedy.

About the Book

In a time of darkness and horror, her letters were the only thing keeping his hope alive.

1942, Israel. When Shlomo Lorsch and his wife Liz left the Netherlands for Israel, he had high hopes for his new life as a pioneer.

But as the course of life on the kibbutz puts a strain on his marriage, Shlomo becomes desperately homesick. His only comfort lies in the letters from his hometown friend, Janny. But after war breaks and Janny's letters stop arriving, Shlomo fears the worst.

1942, The Netherlands. Janny van Praagh is a promising Jewish chemistry student when the Nazis invade the Netherlands and shatter her life. Forced to go into hiding with her family in a cramped attic, she fears detection at any moment. But when the next-door neighbor becomes suspicious, the family quickly disperses, and Janny is left to survive on her own.

After Janny survives the war by the skin of her teeth and learns to cope with the fact that none of her family survived, she immigrates to Israel to reunite with the only people still waiting for her. As the horrors she endured become too much to bear on her own, she finds solace in Shlomo. Yet the two become dangerously close, blurring the line between friendship and something that could ruin their lives. After war has torn their families and lives asunder, are they willing to risk it all for a chance at a new life together?

Moving and heart-wrenching, *The Dutch Girl's Lost Letters* is a story of hope, forbidden love, and starting over, perfect for fans of Kristin Harmel, Kelly Rimmer, and Kristin Hannah.

Key Selling Points

- Holocaust aftermath story focused on rebuilding life, not only survival
- Dual timeline: wartime Europe and early Israeli kibbutz society
- Based on authentic family letters and testimonies
- Forbidden love within a close-knit pioneer community
- Strong emotional appeal for book club readership
- Cinematic and sensory writing style

About the Author

Diklah Geva was born in 1960 to Dutch parents who, during the kibbutz split of 1951, moved from Kibbutz Beit Hashita to Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar, where she was raised. She pursued her education at universities in Israel and the United States, earning a PhD in biostatistics. Diklah has spent over four decades contributing to medical research in her field.

Her debut novel *The Dutch Girl's Lost Letters* was inspired by a collection of letters from her late mother, Miriam, who passed away in 2015.



These letters sparked a curiosity and imagination that led Diklah to discover the magic of writing.

Market Potential

- Historical-fiction readers worldwide
- Jewish and Holocaust remembrance audiences
- Women's fiction and book club markets
- Readers interested in early Israeli history and immigration stories



What Readers are Saying:

"A beautifully written and deeply moving story that lingers in the heart long after the final page." ★★★★★

"Unforgettable characters who stay with you long after you close the book." ★★★★★

"A powerful blend of sorrow and hope, shining light into the darkest chapters of history." ★★★★★

"A heartfelt novel of love, loss, resilience, and the power of love to heal and rebuild lives." ★★★★★

"A tender and unforgettable story that proves how fragile letters can carry extraordinary courage." ★★★★★

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