



The Katyn Order

by Douglas W Jacobson



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Book Review

Reviewed by Anne Boling for Readers' Favorite

This is not a book for the faint of heart. Douglas Jacobson's book "Katyn Order" is a fictional account based on historical facts. In 1939 the Germans invaded Poland. Soon the Soviet Union also invaded the country. Polish soldiers and policemen were taken prisoners as were many others considered intelligence agents. The citizens lived under great tyranny. The Katyn massacre, aka The Katyn Forest massacre, took place in 1940. All members of the Polish Officer Corps were massacred. The official document ordering the massacre was signed by Joseph Stalin. There were approximately 22,000 victims. Among those killed were officers, police officers, landowners, factory owners, lawyers, officials and priests. The atrocities the Poles faced brought tears to my eyes. No one should ever have to go through what they did. In "Katyn Order" we have a hero almost larger than life. Adam Nowak was born in Poland but raised in the US. The British drop him in Warsaw to assist the Home Army as they struggle against the Germans. He meets Natalia, an AK member. The two search for a copy of the Katyn Order. The premise of the tale is that Dimitri Tarnov had given a copy of the order to Hans Frank. Once the Soviets drove out the Nazis, Tarnov was desperate to find the copy in fear of being labelled a traitor.

The last half of the book was hard to put down. It was there that the pace quickens. The race to find the missing document becomes more frantic. Once the document is found Adam and Natalia know they have to make the document public; however, to accomplish that they must stay alive. This tale reaches a superb but perplexing climax. The romance between Adam and Natalia is heartwarming. The language used in this book should be toned down. The constant vulgar language detracted from the plot. If the language is softer I would suggest this book as a tool for a history class. As it stands, this is a great historical novel for adults.