



The Takeaway Men

by Meryl Ain



Fiction - Historical - Event/Era

264 Pages

Reviewed on 07/24/2020

Book Review

Reviewed by Heather Osborne for Readers' Favorite

The Takeaway Men by Meryl Ain is a historical fiction novel focusing on the life of a family after they have left Poland for America after World War Two. Dyta, or Judy—so dubbed by her new family in America—struggles to keep the secret of her true origins. When she and her husband, Aron, decide to settle in the new country with their twin daughters, Aron is determined to put the Holocaust behind them, and his self-imposed shame about his wife's background. However, as their girls grow up, more and more comes to light about what happened to the Jewish people and they start to ask questions. Can Judy and Aron come to terms with the past?

I immensely enjoyed The Takeaway Men by Meryl Ain. All too often, books focus on what happens to people persecuted by the Nazis during the war, but I rarely find a novel that tells the story of what happens to a family after liberation. However, I wished Judy's character was developed a bit more. There were a few moments when I was hoping she would find someone to confide in, yet she kept her silence. The twins were two of my favorite characters. It was nice to see the contrast between the pair. I do hope Meryl Ain goes on to write more, including what ends up happening to the twins as well as Faye's daughter. It's such an interesting premise, it would be wonderful to see a sequel. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves historical fiction, especially if they want a novel about what happened after the war.