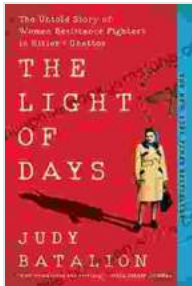


The Light of Days: A Journey Through Time, Memory, and the Search for Meaning



The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women

Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos by Judy Batalion

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File size	: 27416 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 573 pages



Jennifer Egan's *The Light of Days* is a sweeping novel that follows the lives of a group of friends over the course of several decades. The novel is a meditation on time, memory, and the search for meaning in life.

The story begins in 1985 with the death of a young woman named Karen. Karen is a member of a close-knit group of friends who are all in their early twenties. They are all trying to figure out what they want to do with their lives, and they are all struggling to find their place in the world. Karen's death is a devastating blow to the group, and it forces them to confront their own mortality and the fragility of life.

The novel then follows the lives of the group's members over the next several decades. We see them as they go through marriages, divorces,

births, and deaths. We see them as they struggle with their careers, their relationships, and their own personal demons. We see them as they try to make sense of the world and their place in it.

The Light of Days is a beautifully written and deeply moving novel. Egan's prose is lyrical and evocative, and she has a gift for creating characters that are both complex and relatable. The novel is a meditation on the nature of time, the power of memory, and the search for meaning in life. It is a novel that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

Characters

- **Karen:** A young woman who dies in a car accident at the beginning of the novel. Her death has a profound impact on the other characters.
- **Richard:** Karen's husband. He is a successful businessman who is struggling to come to terms with his wife's death.
- **Mina:** Karen's best friend. She is a talented artist who is trying to find her way in the world.
- **Brendan:** Mina's boyfriend. He is a musician who is struggling to make a name for himself.
- **James:** Karen and Richard's son. He is a young boy who is trying to understand the world around him.

Themes

- **Time:** The novel explores the nature of time and its impact on our lives. Egan shows how time can both heal and wound, and how it can both move forward and stand still.

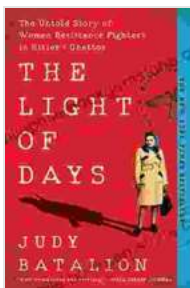
- **Memory:** The novel also explores the power of memory. Egan shows how memory can both shape and distort our lives, and how it can both help us to heal and to hold us back.
- **Meaning:** The novel ultimately asks the question of what makes life meaningful. Egan shows how we can find meaning in our relationships, our work, and our experiences. She also shows how we can find meaning in the face of loss and adversity.

Critical Reception

The Light of Days has received widespread critical acclaim. The novel was shortlisted for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award for Fiction. It was also named one of the best books of the year by The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Time magazine.

Awards

* Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (shortlist) * National Book Award for Fiction (shortlist) * The New York Times Book Review 10 Best Books of the Year * The Washington Post 10 Best Books of the Year * Time magazine Top 10 Fiction Books of the Year



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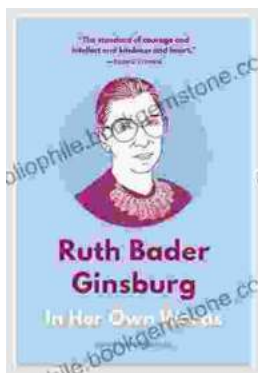
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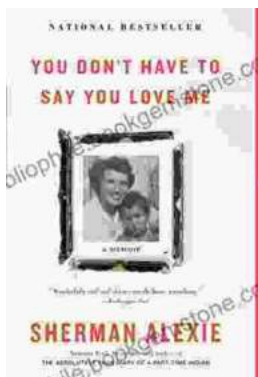
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