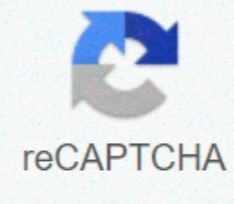




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With special thanks to Brenda Bowen and Barbara Coates. In memory of Zeid and my father, my beloved grandparents... And from the land of grim exile to a new land... - Pushkin 2 September 1919 Russia My dear cousin Tova, we did it! But loeb your father, I think my whole family would be dead right now; Mom, Dad, Nathan, Saul and me. At best we'll be in this filthy prison in Berdychev, not rolling west through Ukraine on a freight train bound for Poland. I'm sure you and cousin Hannah were happy to see Uncle Avram come home today. Some concerned his daughters must have been after last night's locked doors and whispers. Soon my father Ruth, my dear little grandmother, will hear of our escape. I hope she gives a big pot of Prossil's loth to Uncle Avram. How much better can she thank him? As the sun came up over the trees at the train station in Berdychev this morning, I stood alone outside the carriage, my heart banging on my ribs. I was standing there, trying to look older than my 12 years. Wrapped in the new scarf cousin Hannah gave me, and yet I was shaking. Put it on in heath, Hannah whispered in my ear as she wrapped the scarf over my shoulders early this morning, before slipping out of your house into the darkness. Come on, Dad said, leading us through the woods to the train station. I looked back at the bright lights of your house, tova. Quick, Rifka, Dad whispered. The boys, and Mom, and I have to hide in front of a light. You can distract the guards, can't you, little sister? Nathan said, put an arm around me. In the dark, I couldn't see his eyes, but I felt them studying me. yes, I said, I didn't want to disappoint him. Train Mom and Dad hid behind bales of hay in the mainin carnations. My two giant brothers, Nathan and Saul, got in separate cars to my left. Dad said we had to hide in different cars. If only one of us were discovered, maybe the others would still have escaped. Behind me, in the dusty corner of a cart, sat my backpack. He's been waiting for me, holding up little of my ownership in this world. I packed Mom's candlesticks, wrapped in my two heavy dresses, at the bottom of the bag. Your gift to me, Pushkin's book, I didn't pack. I kept it out, I held it in my hands. I'd like to fly away, run back up the road, stop at every door to say goodbye, say we're going to America. But I couldn't. Dad said we can't tell anyone we're leaving, not even Babi Ruth. Only you, Hannah and Uncle Avram knew. I'm so glad you at least knew, Tova. As Papa expected, not long after he and Mom and the boys hid themselves, two guards emerged from a wooden shelter. They thundered down the platform in their heavy boots, climbing in and out of the cars, conducting their search. They didn't notice me at first. Saul says I'm too small for anyone to notice, but you know Saul. He never has a nice word to say to me. And I'm small for a 12-year-old girl. Still, my size didn't keep the guards from people they were watching over me. I think the guards missed seeing me at first because they were so busy looking for them on the train. They were looking for Nathan. You know as well as I am, well, that when a Jewish boy abandons the Russian army, the army tries everywhere to find him. They bring him back and kill him in front of his battalion as a warning to others. The ones who helped him, they're also dead. Late last night, when Nithan slipped out of his battalion and showed up at our door, Joy filled my heart to see my beloved brother again. However, a troubled look worried Nathan's face. He hugged me for just a moment. His dimple smile disappeared as quickly as he arrived. I came, he said, to warn Saul. The soldiers will follow in their footsteps soon. They'll take him to the army. I'm ashamed, well, to admit that at first hearing Nathan's news would make me happy. I wanted Saul gone. He's driving me crazy. From his big ears to his big feet, I can't stand the sight of him. Good riddance, I thought. How foolish I wouldn't figure out what Nathan's news really mattered to our family. You shouldn't have come. Mom told Nathan. They'll shoot you when you get back. Dad said Given wouldn't be coming back. Fast! We have to pack! We're all nano-staring at him. Quickly, said Dad, clashing. Rifka, run and fill your backpack with all your stuff. I don't know what Dad thought I had. Mom said, Rifka, do you have room in my candlestick bag? The candlesticks, Mom? I asked. Either we take them, Rifka, or we'll leave them to the greedy peasants. Soon they will be Down as vultures to choose our home exposed. Mom said, Dad said your brothers in America sent us, Rifka, it's time to leave Russia and we're not coming back. Ever. Don't we need papers? I asked. Dad was looking out of Nathan For Saul. There's no time for newspapers, he said. And then I started to realize. We huddled in your basement on black night, planning our escape. Uncle Avram shut you down just to protect you, tova. Hearing the guards talk this morning, I figured out his precautions. It was dangerous enough for you to know we were leaving. We couldn't risk telling you the details of our escape in case the soldiers questioned you. The guards were talking about Nathan. They said what they would do to him once they found him, and what they would do to everyone who helped him. Nathan hid under a pile of cloth bags, 100 miles away from me. I knew, no matter how scared I was, I couldn't let them find Nathan. The guards said terrible things about our family. They don't know me, or Mom or Dad. They don't even know Nathan, not really. They couldn't have said those things about my brother Nathan if they knew him. Saul, maybe, Clumsy Saul. They could say hateful things about Saul, but never Nathan. The guards spoke ill of us, not because of anything we did, not because of everything we said. Only because we were Jews. Why, well, in Russia, whatever the problem, does the blame always fall on the Jews? The guards' handlebars plunged into packages and bags and boxes in each box. That's how they looked, with the vicious blades of their handlebars. The sound of steel in the tree echoed throughout the morning. My position trembles at dawn, good, holding your book in my hands to steady myself. I was afraid the guards would guess knocking one out at me for what I was hiding. For a moment, I peeked at the cars where Mom and Dad were hiding, to gather courage from them. My movement must have caught the guards' attention. You! I heard a voice screaming. You're in there! The guards lingered down the track towards me. One of them had a rough, unshaven face and a wide mouth. He stared at me for a moment or two like he recognized me. Then he seems to change his mind. He reached out to touch my hair. That's what Dad was hoping for, I think. People often stopped in wonder at my blond curls. You're saying a girl doesn't probably depend on her steering wheel, good. This better on August 5, 2010 was edited by id added libraryThing ID April 24, 2010 edited by the open bot library and amended double goodreads IDs. April 16, 2010 Edited by bgimpertBot added goodreads ID. April 14, 2010 was edited by an open library bot linked to existing covers for the edition. April 29, 2008 was created by an anonymous user imported amazon.com records. National Jewish Book Award winner sells American bookselecting lists by Keren Hesse (4th-8th grades) Audiobook written by: Karen Hesse Narrated by: Angela Dawe Date: August 2010 Duration: 3 hours 3 minutes Rifka knows nothing about America when she flees Russia with her family in 1919. But she dreams that she will finally be safe from the Russian soldiers and their harsh treatment of Jews in the new country. Throughout her journey, Rifka carries an esteemed volume of poetry by Alexander Pushkin. 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