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Editorial Review

Review

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“On the surface *Fever at Dawn* may seem a harrowing tale of survival and suffering, but in this remarkable book the Holocaust merely provides the backdrop for the most improbable of true-life love stories . . . There is a timeless quality to *Fever at Dawn*, a kind of classical romanticism . . . Gardos’s fascinating novel is sure to become a staple in book clubs.” —*Australian*

“Will make you like life more when you’ve finished.” —*Bookseller*

“A riveting and high-spirited journey from the brink of death toward life, a novel that asserts the power of love in a world newly devastated by unspeakable hate. With courage, humor, and unfailing emotional honesty, Peter Gardos illuminates the incredible power of the human will—the drive not just to stay alive, but to fight for a life worth celebrating.” —Julie Orringer, author of *The Invisible Bridge*

“*Fever at Dawn* belongs to the canon of extraordinary true stories about love and war and the power of letters. Dramatic, compassionate, and deeply moving, this unforgettable story reminds us that the Holocaust is not only history, it’s a warning.” —Jennifer Clement, author of *Prayers for the Stolen*

“The impossibly moving story of two damaged youths who forge from their *amour fou* a love that will light the decades ahead. With playfulness and charm, with iron conviction, *Fever at Dawn* will convince you that it’s possible not only to survive the worst of human hell, but to transcend it.” —Francisco Goldman, author of *Say Her Name*

“Books don’t make me cry. *Fever at Dawn* did. Drawing you in with pathos and playful wit, it squeezes the heart with sorrow and leaves it expanded with joy and love.” —Gabor Maté M.D., author of *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts*

“A magnificent novel, tonally flawless, its humor defiant in the face of vast tragedy.” —Joan London, author of *Gilgamesh* and *The Good Parent*

From the Inside Flap

Love is the best medicine.

July 1945. Miklos, a twenty-five-year-old Hungarian marooned in a Swedish hospital, has just been given a death sentence. His lungs are filled with fluid and in six months he will be gone. But Miklos has never felt more alive, and he certainly didn’t endure a concentration camp only to drown from within. And so he wages war on his own fate: he acquires the names of the 117 Hungarian women also recovering in Sweden, and he writes a letter to each of them in his beautiful cursive hand. One of these women, he is sure, will become his wife.

In another part of the country, Lili reads his letter and decides to write back. For the next few months, the

two engage in a funny, absurd, hopeful epistolary dance. Eventually, they find a way to meet.

Based on the true story of Peter Gardos's parents, and drawn from their letters, *Fever at Dawn* is captivating readers around the world a vibrant, ribald, and improbably joyous tale showing the death-defying power of the human will to live and to love."

From the Back Cover

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