

Shadows & Wings

A Novel by Niki Tulk

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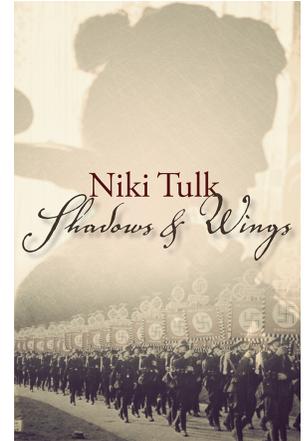
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Synopsis:

Tomas, a cellist and dreamer, denies the devastating changes happening in 1930's Germany—until he is drafted into Hitler's Wehrmacht. Many years later, having emigrated to Australia, he raises his granddaughter Lara to love music and birds. He also chooses to hide from her a terrible secret.

When her beloved Opa dies, 22 year-old Lara receives a shadow box of mysterious ornaments that force her to confront his past. Seeking to understand his years of silence, and to find a way through her own grief, she travels to Germany—the objects her only guide.

Shadows & Wings is a novel of cyclic journeys between hemispheres, the connections between ourselves and those we can never know, and the haunting power of art, love and dreams.

About the Author:

Niki Tulk's childhood was spent between an oppressive elementary school, a South Australian sheep farm, and traveling around the world. She holds a Masters of Education in Children's Literature from the University of Georgia, and has studied Literature, Politics and Theatre at both the University of Melbourne, and the Victorian College of the Arts in Australia. Tulk is now enrolled in the MFA program in Creative Writing at The New School in NYC, where she won a merit scholarship. She is a writer and theatre teaching artist in high schools and community groups. She co-founded a non-profit record label in Melbourne, Australia, and is a trained classical cellist—her passion is to nurture community creativity in as many ways as she can. Tulk currently resides in northern New Jersey, with her husband and four young children.

Target audience:

General public, as well as young adult readers; those interested in World War 2 history, the Holocaust, and immigration; classical music enthusiasts; American, Australian and European readers; and readers of Ian McEwan, Arnold Zable, Bernard Schlink and Shirley Hazzard.

* Shortlisted for the Australian CAL Scribe Fiction Prize.

“This is very beautiful and deeply sensitive writing. With characters affected by nameless forces, the text reads as fable and allegory, and at times evokes the nightmarish sense one gets from reading Kafka. Other sections have something of the quality, in written form, of Shaun Tan’s masterly graphic novel, The Arrival.” - Arnold Zable (author of Jewels and Ashes, Café Scheherazade etc.)

“... impressive first novel ... vivid, heartfelt ... a writer of great gift and high promise.” - BlueInk

“Exquisitely written, exceptionally engaging, and deeply thoughtful.” - ForeWord

“Through its wonderful descriptions and complex characterization Shadows and Wings is a book that can make a reader reflect on their influence and their understanding of the world.” -

Portland Book Review

Shadows & Wings is a well crafted, well written book which engages both emotion and intellect. It has a combination of all the ingredients that make for a best seller. - BlogCritics

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