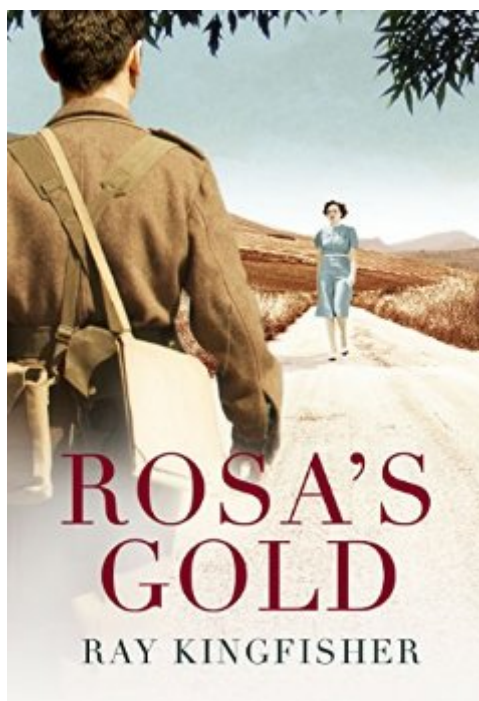


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# Rosa's Gold



## Synopsis

Nicole Sutton's world has been turned upside down. Sixteen and suffering the fallout of a devastating family tragedy, she is forced to move away from her London home to the quiet town of Henley and a new life she never wanted nor expected. In the dusty cellar of her strange new house, Nicole stumbles upon a worn old journal left behind by a previous occupant. Inside, through the eyes of a soldier named Mac, she finds herself drawn into a brutally honest memoir of the horrors of war and Auschwitz and of the life and love Mac had to leave behind. The more Nicole reads, the more she is able to make sense of her own troubles. Because Mac's story is so much more than a journal: it is the story of a family fighting for survival in the darkest days of humanity, of hope in the face of persecution. And then there's the buried gold. Revised edition: This edition of Rosa's Gold includes editorial revisions.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the dual story of seventeen year old Nicole finding Mac's old journal in the cellar of the new house her and her mother have just moved into. Mac's journal is his recollections of being in the wrong place at the wrong time in the second world war and ending up at Auschwitz. Sometimes with

a dual time story I might not like one side of the story or the other or sometimes the transition between the two times can jar, but this story was extremely well put together. The two parts seem as though it's just one person reading another's story, but as the story unfolds we see where the two lives overlap. Nicole seems like a lovely girl, I felt her parents' story was the only bit that slightly let the book down. However Mac's story was heartbreaking at times. Even though the descriptions of Mac's experiences in the concentration camp are hard to read it was sensitively done. This author can turn his hand to numerous genres and is fast becoming my favourite author.

I can't stop talking about this book. Ray Kingfisher has become my favorite author! This book has everything to hold the interest for male or female. I honestly read it in a day, I could not put it down!

â œRosaâ™s Goldâ • was so well-written that although the reader learns about the cruel, inhuman, sadistic events of the Holocaust, moments of tenderness and love emerge in many ways. Every other chapter is narrated either by Nicole or by Mac, and this technique is crafted so seamlessly that the reader can follow it easily. Due to the dysfunction of her mother and father's marriage, Nicole and her mother separated themselves from the father and lived in an old farmhouse. In the basement, Nicole had discovered a journal written by Mac, who was unfortunately caught up as an innocent victim of the Holocaust. Although the mother was not interested in learning about Mac's life, Nicole, on the other hand, was obsessed with it. Past and present merge so masterfully and cohesively that the reader is smoothly guided through both time periods without ever losing track of events, characters, time, or place. Having read and written reviews of numerous Holocaust novels, I can state with certainty that this is one of the finest of its kind. It is the kind of book you recommend to friends and family. Five stars for sure! Phyllis Eisenstadt

I enjoyed this book enough to consider buying more by this author. Good story line. Decent character development. Sometimes I disliked the main character and other times I was sad for him...that's a realistic character. The concentration camp parts were descriptive but not overwhelmingly so although that subject in itself is overwhelmingly tragic. Good ending.

I loved this book! I couldn't wait to find time in my day to continue reading it all the way until it was done. I loved how it switched back and forth between the characters so smoothly.

Mac cannot forget his experiences in the war or the family whose lives crossed with his. His only

wish, to find the remaining family members before he dies, seems impossible. But he hadn't counted on young Nicole and the notebook he left behind.

I was not sure how I would like a story that actually has two working stories, Nicole's and Mac's. It worked very well. I read a lot of historical 'fiction' on the Holocaust and the story of Mac was interesting without having to become too graphic as some books have. It touches on the death and suffering without making it linger in your mind afterward. I liked the authors writing well enough that I just purchased a couple more books. I love authors who can write an entire book and not have to fill the pages with coarse vulgar language.

When you read the reviews you see it is a story of the Holocaust. Even though it is fiction the book draws you into the story and you feel you are living the part along with the author. You have to think about what you are reading as it goes from Mac to Nicole from chapter to chapter. A book I didn't want to lay aside. It was a sad but great book

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