



## Pacific Bookworks

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### Marketing and Promotion:

*Immigrant Soldier, The Story of a Ritchie Boy* is being marketed to independent bookstores, to museum shops, and through author talks presented to book clubs, community organizations, and Friends of the Library. Several newspaper articles appeared in the author's local area in the first several months after publication. A radio interview of the author aired on FM KX93.5 (03/31/2015). The author also has a web-site and a blog with weekly postings that present background history, discussion of other books about World War II, and updates on the author's writing and promotional activities.

*Immigrant Soldier* earned the 2015 Independent Publisher Book Award Bronze medal in the Military/Wartime fiction category. It also has received a recommended review from the US Review of Books.

*Immigrant Soldier* is currently available at the following museum shops:

- US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC
- National Museum of American Jewish Military History, Washington DC
- Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills, MI
- Illinois Holocaust Museum, Skokie, IL
- Museum of Jewish Heritage, NY City
- General Patton Memorial Museum, Indio, CA
- Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade MD

**Presentations:** In addition to standard readings and book signings, Lang-Slattery is available for talks on the following subjects:

- Tales of the Ritchie Boys — An overview of the Ritchie Boys, their contributions to World War II, and profiles of a few of the men the author has interviewed or researched.
- Indie-Publication: Its Rewards and Frustrations — A look at the author's road to the self-publication of her novel with advice, cautions, and personal stories.
- Turning Fact into Fiction — How the manuscript evolved from nonfiction into fiction, including comparisons between the primary resource material and the finished novel.

## **Note: How Immigrant Soldier Meets the Competition.**

*Immigrant Soldier, The Story of a Ritchie Boy*, stands out among literature about the Jewish refugees trained by the US Army to be intelligence officers during World War II. Other books on the subject are non-fiction and mainly academic in nature.

*Immigrant Soldier*, by K. Lang-Slattey, brings this exciting story to the general public for the first time in a fast-paced, fact-based novel that combines an immigrant tale, a coming-of-age story and a World War II adventure.

On a cold November morning in 1938, Herman watches in horror as his cousin is arrested. As a Jew, he realizes it is past time to flee Germany, a decision that catapults him from one adventure to another, his life changed forever by the gathering storm of world events. Gradually, Herman evolves from a frustrated teenager, looking for a place to belong, into a confident US Army intelligence officer working directly with General George Patton. The reader is swept along as the hero experiences fear, romance, loyalty, disappointment, friendship, horror, and compassion in his quest for an understanding of hate and forgiveness.

Because of some fictional elements (dialogue and a few imagined scenes) and its novel format, *Immigrant Soldier* is being marketed as “historical fiction,” though the story it tells is so close to the truth that it could be called a non-fiction novel, in the same vein as *Schindler’s List*, by Thomas Keneally. Historic personalities, such as General George Patton, Colonel Robert S. Allen, and the German, Richard Schulze, are part of the story because their association with Herman actually occurred. *Immigrant Soldier* is as engaging as fiction and as fascinating as a good biography. It includes a timeline of actual events, a glossary, and a map of the movements of Patton’s Third Army.

*“K. Lang-Slattey has uncovered small but significant details that not only add to the fascination of her novel but also bring material before the public never hitherto disclosed. Beyond that, her brief character sketches bring us, in miniature, samples of the “Greatest Generation.” And her style keeps the reader glued to the page!”* –*Guy Stern, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Wayne State University; Director, International Institute of the Righteous, and a Ritchie Boy*