

# IMMIGRANT SOLDIER

The Story of a Ritchie Boy

*Immigrant Soldier, The Story of a Ritchie Boy*, based on the true experiences of a refugee from Nazi Germany, combines a coming-of-age story with an immigrant tale 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 who struggles with hate and forgiveness.

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## Marketing:

*Immigrant Soldier* 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 at the time of publication. A radio interview of the author was on FM KX93.5. 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.

## Advance Praise:

"In this debut historical novel, a young German Jew flees his homeland before World War II and is later drafted into the US Army, serving closely under the legendary Gen. George S. Patton. Lang-Slattery effectively mines family history to create a solid work of historical fiction from her uncle's real-life derring-do . . . In the sunny glamour of the book's California passages, she effectively evokes the young immigrant's overflowing hope . . . Overall, her uncle's fictionalized adventures never fail to interest, whether he's slipping behind the lines for Patton or simply attempting to romance the local girls. An often engaging tale of one man's involvement in the world's most horrific war." — *Kirkus Reviews*

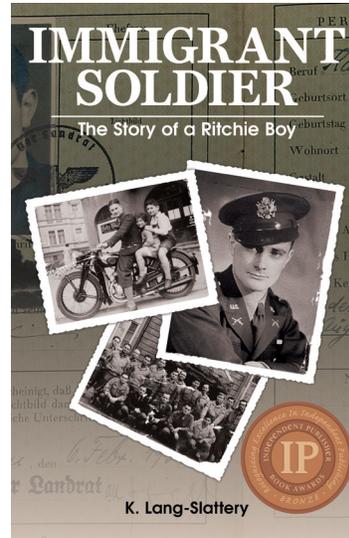
"A captivating book, extremely well-written. Thanks to the army's Camp Ritchie Military Intelligence Training Center for molding soldiers like Herman Lang and to the author for sharing his story with us." — *Ralph M. Hockley, Colonel, US Army (Ret); Career Army Intelligence Officer, 1952-1980; and a Ritchie Boy*

"Written by Herman's niece, *Immigrant Soldier, The Story of a Ritchie Boy*, has an appealing personal touch. Interwoven through the story is a wealth of well-researched and often little-known information about World War II. Time reading this book is time well-spent, and anyone—from teens to adults, history buffs or not—will enjoy it." — *Marion Coste – Editor and award-winning children's book author of Kolea*

## Author Biography:

Kathryn Lang-Slattery, a published author of fiction and nonfiction for youth, became fascinated with her uncle's World War II stories and began taping his conversations in 1991. Soon she knew she had found a fascinating untold story of Jewish refugees who became silent heroes. More than a decade spent researching, interviewing Ritchie Boys, and turning the true story of her uncle into fiction became an odyssey of discovery that resulted in the novel, *Immigrant Soldier, The Story of a Ritchie Boy*. She lives in Laguna Beach, California, only steps from her childhood home.

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## Points of Interest about the Book:

- *Immigrant Soldier* contains information about the Ritchie Boys, World War II soldiers who were mainly Jewish refugees, and their training for special assignments in army intelligence.
- Though a novel, *Immigrant Soldier* closely follows the true experiences of the author's uncle as a World War II intelligence officer working directly with General Patton.
- The author, K. Lang-Slattery, spent 20 years researching, interviewing Ritchie Boys and writing this historical novel based on one man's true experiences. She visited the National Archives and attended several reunions of the graduates of Camp Ritchie.
- *Immigrant Soldier* includes many little-known facts about World War II and includes a timeline, a glossary, and a map of the movements of Patton's Third Army.