

# House of Gold by Natasha Solomons

The outbreak of World War I forces headstrong Austrian heiress Greta Goldbaum to choose between the family she built in her new life in England and the family she left behind in Vienna.

#### Also by Natasha Solomons:

#### The Song of Hartgrove Hall (2015)

A celebrated composer in mourning for his wife bonds with his piano-prodigy grandson while seeking redemption for a wrenching betrayal committed while restoring his family home decades earlier in the aftermath of World War II.

#### The Gallery of Vanished Husbands (2013)

A member of a conservative Jewish community in 1960s London, Juliet Montagu still hasn't divorced her husband who disappeared seven years earlier, but when a wealthy artist asks to paint her portrait her life changes dramatically.

#### The House at Tyneford (2011)

To escape 1938 Vienna, Elise Landau, a Jew, accepts employment as a domestic servant at Tyneford, a family estate in England, where her involvement with the son of the master of the house changes her life in unexpected ways.

#### Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English (2010)

After the Jack and Sadie Rosenblum and their baby daughter escape Berlin at the beginning of World War II, they settle in England where they are given a pamphlet with specific instructions for assimilating, which Jack follows explicitly until he discovers that he is barred from joining a golf club, after which he hatches a plan to start his own.

## **FURTHER READING:**

#### Founder: A Portrait of the First Rothschild and His Time by Amos Elon

Tells the story of a man who began the European banking empire as he struggled for success during the eighteenth century amid the final remnants of the Holy Roman Empire.

#### The House of Rothschild: Money's Prophets 1798-1848 by Niall Ferguson

Presents a portrait of Europe's most powerful banking family, tracing their influence on European finance, on political events, and on European Jewry.

# The French Rothschilds: The Great Banking Dynasty Through Two Turbulent Centuries by Herbert R. Lottman

A portrait of the Rothschilds, the great French banking dynasty, follows their growth to prominence under Napoleon and their key position through nearly two centuries of turbulent world history.

#### The Rothschilds: A Family Portrait by Frederic Morton

Nominated for a National Book Award, Morton nimbly captures the eccentric brilliance of one of the most powerful and wealthy families in the world and their involvement in some of the most crucial moments in history: the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, the development of the Suez Canal, the introduction of Jews in the House of Lords.

#### Edmund De Rothschild: A Gilt-Edged Life by Edmund De Rothschild

Born in London during World War I, Edmund de Rothschild was the eldest surviving direct male descendant of N.M. Rothschild. This autobiography covers his life, from his service in France during World War II, his development of Churchill Falls in Labrador in the 1950s, and his presidency of Rothschild Bank.

## **READ-ALIKES:**

#### The First Mrs. Rothschild by Sarah Aharoni

In this award-winning historical saga, translated from Hebrew, passionate young lovers in a Jewish ghetto rise to become the foremost financial dynasty in the world. As their family and fortune grow, so does their belief that money will ultimately bring the power needed to establish Jewish civil rights.

#### A Bend in the Stars by Rachel Barenbaum

An epic love story and heart-pounding journey across World War I-era Russia, about a brilliant young scientist racing against Einstein to solve one of the greatest mysteries of the universe.

#### The Family Orchard by Nomi Eve

A novel chronicling nearly two hundred years in the lives of a family of immigrants in Jerusalem captures the love affairs, legends, family secrets, triumphs, and tragedies of six generations.

#### We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter

A novel based on the true story of a Jewish-Polish family recounts how the Kurcs are scattered throughout the world by the horrors of World War II and fight respective hardships to survive, reach safety and find each other.

#### The Empire of the Senses by Alexis Landau

Told from various viewpoints, a novel of duty to family and country set in the politically charged climate of Berlin between World War I and II follows the Pearlmutter family as they feel and dream to the fullest while coexisting with cultural loss and ethnic hatred.

#### Cry of the Peacock by Gina Barkhordar Nahai

A recreation of two hundred years of history of the Persian Jews follows four generations of Iranian Jews and their struggle for peace and freedom in the face of poverty, prejudice, war, and revolution.

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