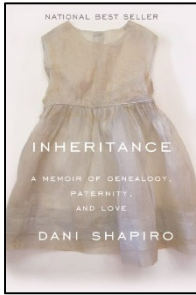


Inheritance:

A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love

by Dani Shapiro



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An unexpected and moving story of an American journalist who unravels her Catholic family's long-buried Sephardic Jewish ancestry in Spain.

***After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont**

The author tells how she discovered that her parents were Jews who survived the Holocaust and explores the elaborate deceptions her parents concocted to preserve her and her sister.

***A Guest at the Shooters' Banquet: My Grandfather's SS Past, My Jewish Family, A Search for the Truth* by Rita Gabis**

In prose as beautiful as it is powerful, Rita Gabis follows the trail of her grandfather's collaboration with the Nazis--a trail riddled with secrets, slaughter, mystery, and discovery.

***The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl* by Marra B. Gad**

A debut memoir by a mixed-race Jewish author describes how her decision to offer care to her abusively racist great-aunt, an Alzheimer's patient, helped them develop a loving relationship formerly marked by prejudice and estrangement

***Half-Jew: A Daughter's Search for Her Family's Buried Past* by Susan Jacoby**

A journalist explores her family's hidden roots to uncover the history of her New York German-Jewish family, which attempted to hide its religious and cultural background by converting to Roman Catholicism.

***Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home* by Nora Krug**

A graphic memoir by an award-winning artist tells the story of her attempt to confront the hidden truths of her family's wartime past in Nazi Germany and to comprehend the forces that have shaped her life, her generation and history.

***The Bridge Ladies* by Betsy Lerner**

A fifty-year-old bridge game, and the secrets it held, provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between the author and her mother.

***My Fathers' Houses: Memoir of a Family* by Steven V. Roberts**

A *New York Times* correspondent recounts his family's experiences before and after World War II, including his grandfather's work as a Zionist in Palestine, his family's relocation to America, and his parents' secret marriage.

***The Girl from Foreign: A Search for Shipwrecked Ancestors, Lost Loves and Forgotten Histories* by Sadia Shepard**

The daughter of a white Christian father and a Pakistani Muslim mother relates her journey to an insular Jewish community in India in search of her grandmother's secret history.