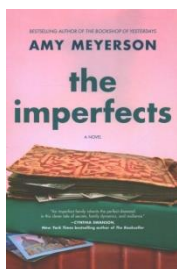


# *The Imperfects*

## by Amy Meyerson



When a spectacular lost diamond is found in the brooch her grandmother left her, Rebecca “Beck” Miller embarks on a mission to prove that the bequest was acquired honestly. Along the way she learns that her grandmother was among 50 Jewish children who had been rescued from the Nazis by a Philadelphia couple.

### See Also:

#### ***The Bookshop of Yesterdays***

A woman inherits a beloved bookstore and sets forth on a journey of self-discovery in this poignant debut about family, forgiveness and a love of reading.

### **FURTHER READING:**

#### ***Unfulfilled Promise: Rescue and Resettlement of Jewish Refugee Children in the United States, 1934-1945* by Judith Tydor Baumel**

Discusses U.S. admissions policy for unaccompanied child refugees from countries under Nazi jurisdiction and relates the struggle against immigration restrictions for children which was conducted by various persons and organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, the subsequent admission of these children, their resettlement and assimilation.

#### ***Don't Wave Goodbye: The Children's Flight from Nazi Persecution to American Freedom* by Philip K. Jason and Iris Posner**

Sent across the ocean by their parents and taken in by foster parents and distant relatives, approximately 1,000 children landed in the United States between 1934 and 1945. This is the first published account, told in the words of the children and their rescuers, to detail this unknown part of America's response to the Holocaust.

#### ***The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer* by Anne-Marie O'Connor**

The galvanizing story of Gustav Klimt's 1907 masterpiece - the breathtaking portrait of a Viennese Jewish socialite, Adele Bloch-Bauer - stolen by Nazis during World War II, that subsequently became the subject of a decade-long dispute between her heirs and the Austrian government. See also the movie *Woman in Gold* starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds and the novel *Stolen Beauty* by Laurie Lico Albanese.

#### ***50 Children: One Ordinary American Couple's Extraordinary Rescue Mission into the Heart of Nazi Germany* by Steven Pressman**

This remarkable true story of personal courage and heroism follows one Jewish-American couple as they, risking their own lives, travel to Nazi-controlled Vienna and Berlin to rescue 50 Jewish children. See also: **50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. And Mrs. Kraus**, the 2013 HBO documentary.

## **READ-ALIKES:**

### ***Away* by Amy Bloom**

Arriving in America alone after her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian Leyb receives word that her daughter Sophie might still be alive and embarks on a risky odyssey that takes her from New York's Lower East Side to Siberia to find the missing girl.

### ***The Lost Letter* by Jillian Cantor**

A young apprentice works secretly for the Austrian resistance in World War II and resolves to save the fiery daughter of his Jewish stamp engraver master, a story that is found decades later by a divorced descendant who investigates an unusual stamp on an old love letter.

### ***Is It Night or Day?* by Fern Schumer Chapman**

In 1938, Edith Westerfeld, a young German Jew, is sent by her parents to Chicago, where she tries to assimilate into American culture, while worrying about her parents and mourning the loss of everything she has ever known (for middle grade readers/grades 5-8). See also ***Motherland: A Mother-Daughter Journey to Reclaim the Past***.

### ***Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah**

Reunited when their beloved father falls ill, sisters Meredith and Nina find themselves under the shadow of their disapproving mother, whose painful history is hidden behind her rendition of a Russian fairy tale told to the sisters in childhood. See also ***The Nightingale***.

### ***Safekeeping* by Jessamyn Hope**

Adam, a drug addict from New York, travels to a kibbutz in Israel to give a medieval brooch to a woman his grandfather loved fifty years earlier.

### ***Some Girls, Some Hats, and Hitler: A True Love Story Rediscovered* by Trudi Kanter**

The true story of a hat designer in Vienna who rescued herself and the man she loved during the 1938 Nazi invasion.

### ***Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng**

Fighting an ugly custody battle with an artistic tenant who has little regard for the strict rules of their progressive Cleveland suburb, a straitlaced family woman who is seeking to adopt a baby becomes obsessed with exposing the tenant's past, only to trigger devastating consequences for both of their families.

### ***The Gown* by Jennifer Robson**

Yearning to know more about her grandmother's past, Heather travels to London to unravel the mystery of a set of embroidered flowers, a legacy from her late grandmother that closely resembles the motifs on Queen Elizabeth II's wedding gown.

### ***Memento Park* by Mark Sarvas**

Learning that a painting that was stolen from his family during World War II has been found, Hungarian native Matt Santos is challenged to repair complicated relationships, uncover important family history and restore his own connection to Judaism in order to recover the artwork.

### ***The Fortunate Ones* by Ellen Umansky**

One very special work of art--a Chaim Soutine painting--connects the lives and fates of two different women, generations apart, in a novel that moves from World War II Vienna to contemporary Los Angeles.