

# "Jews, Queers, Germans": A Novel that Explores Identity and Prejudice

In her powerful and moving novel, "Jews, Queers, Germans," Allison Escoffery explores the complexities of identity, prejudice, and the search for acceptance. Set against the backdrop of World War II, the novel follows the intertwined stories of three young people: a Jewish girl, a gay German boy, and a German girl who is struggling to come to terms with her family's Nazi past.



## Jews Queers Germans: A Novel by Alexandra Ivy

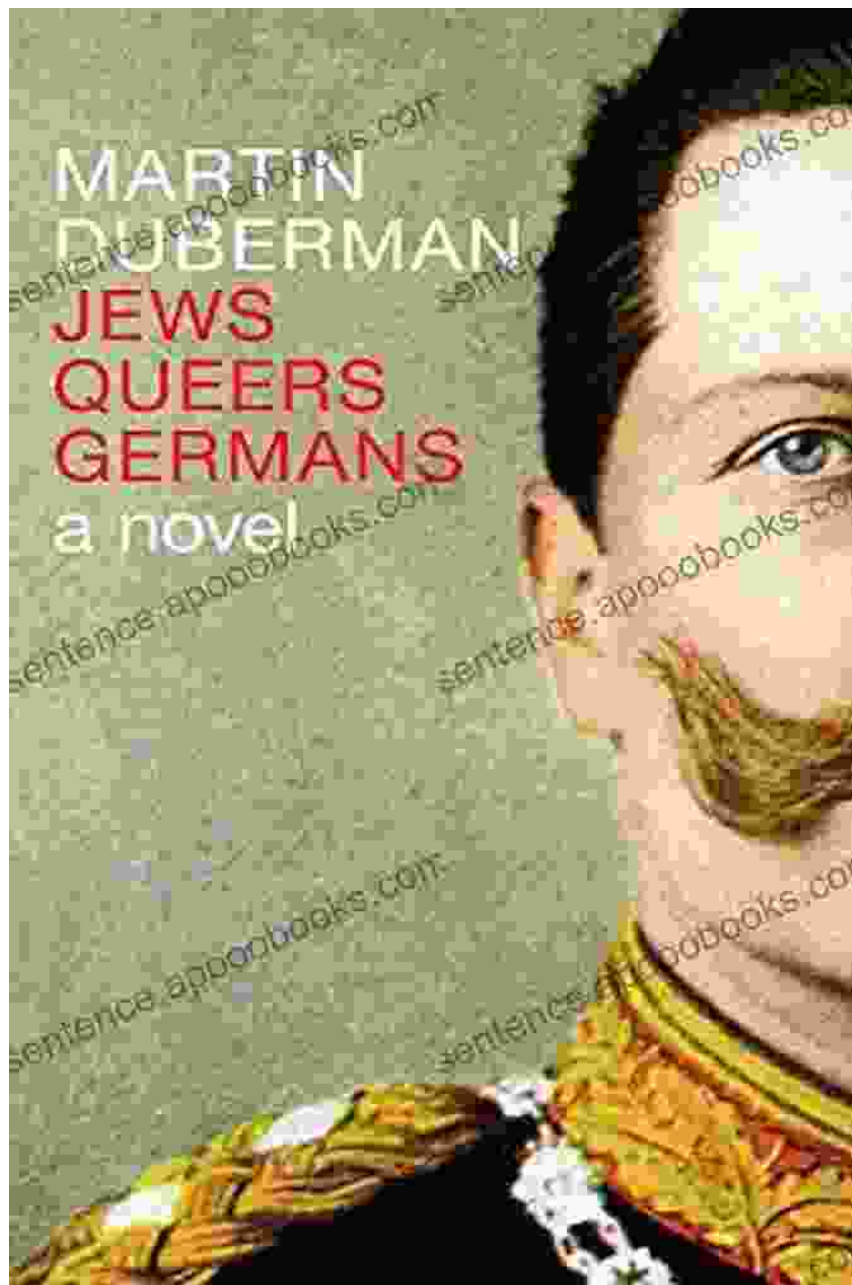
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The novel begins in 1938, as the Nazis are coming to power in Germany. Ruth, a young Jewish girl, is forced to flee her home with her family. Otto, a gay German boy, is sent to a concentration camp. Angelika, a German girl, is struggling to come to terms with her family's Nazi past. The three characters are brought together by a shared desire to find a place where they belong.

Over the course of the novel, the characters' lives become increasingly intertwined. Ruth and Otto fall in love, but their relationship is forbidden. Angelika befriends Ruth and Otto, but she is torn between her loyalty to them and her desire to protect her family. As the war rages on, the characters are forced to make difficult choices that will shape the rest of their lives.

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### **About the Author**

Allison Escoffery is a Jamaican-American writer whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Paris Review*, and *The Best American Short Stories*. Her debut novel, "Kingston Noir," was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. "Jews, Queers, Germans" is her second novel.

### **Critical Praise for "Jews, Queers, Germans"**

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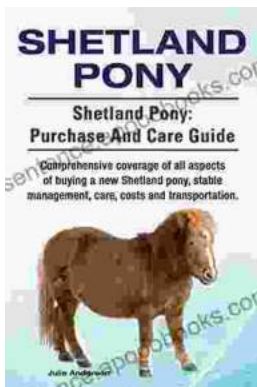
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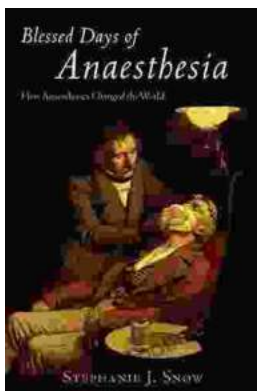
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