

Wildflowers of Terezin

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In the international flavor of his youth series “Young Underground,” Robert Elmer’s latest stand-alone novel *Wildflowers of Terezin* is the story of a young nurse and a pastor who risk their lives to protect the Jews in German-occupied Denmark during World War II.

Pastor Steffen Petersen begins to see how his world is dramatically changing when he finds himself caught in a crossfire on the streets of Kobenhavn. While being treated for his injuries at Bispebjerg Hospital, Steffen meets Hanne Abrahamsen, a striking young Jewish nurse full of compassion and dedicated to caring for the sick.

Days later, rumors of Jewish deportation bring Hanne to Steffen’s church, seeking a hiding place for her family. Though Steffen usually finds comfort in his pastoral duties, his faith comes alive when he helps those truly in need. The Gestapo close in on Steffen and Hanne in their attempts to help the Jews escape to Sweden.

Wildflowers of Terezin is based on actual events during the German occupation in Denmark. Readers will appreciate the historic value of the novel, while the characters bring life to both the sorrows of war and the joys of love reunited.

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