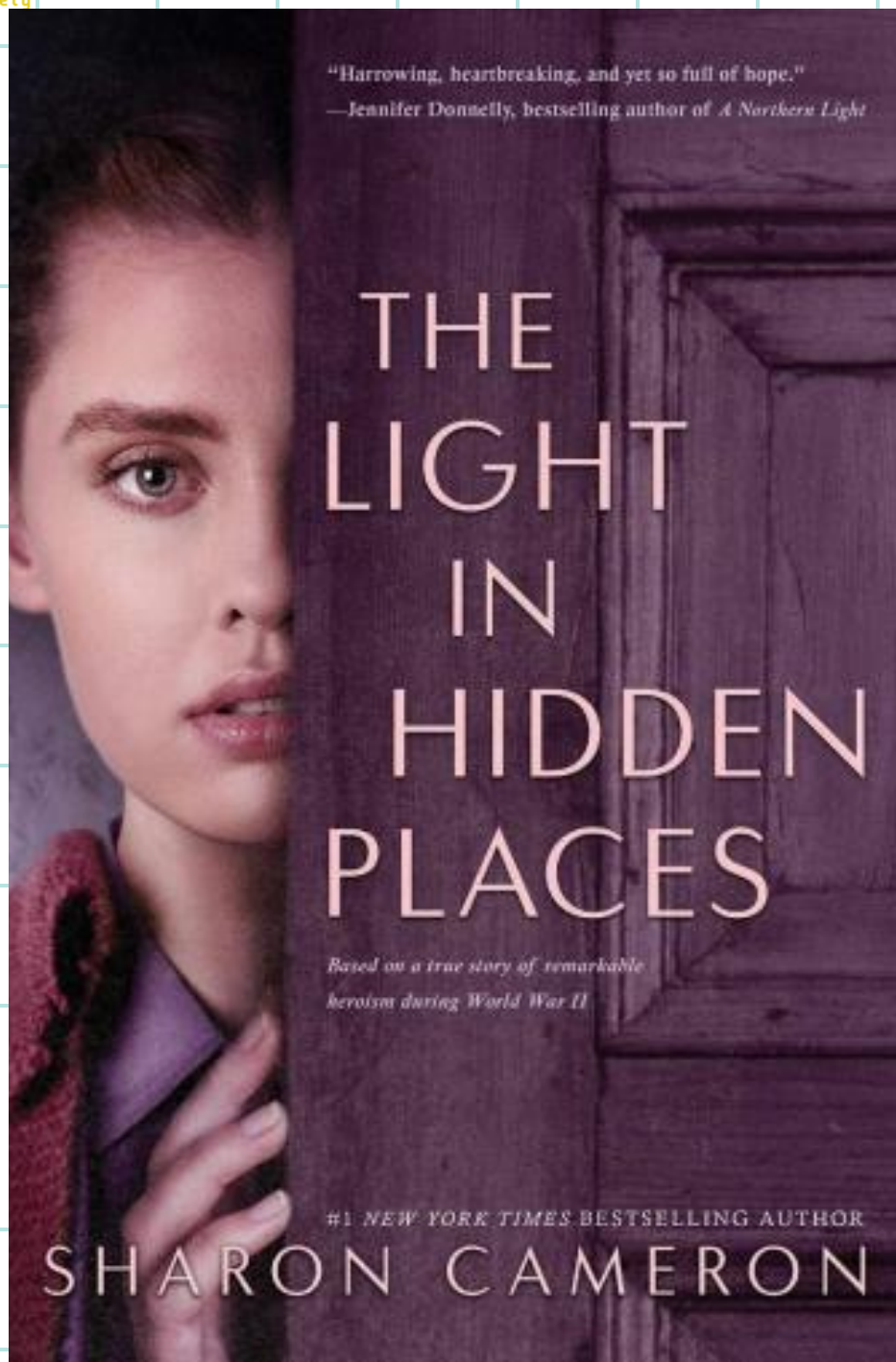




DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Light in Hidden Places Sharon Cameron



THE LIGHT IN HIDDEN PLACES DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRE-READING QUESTIONS

- This book takes place in Przemyśl, Poland. Locate this city on a map note where it is in reference to Germany and Russia.
- This book is about the Holocaust. Take a couple of minutes and refresh your memory on the holocaust before you start to read this book.
- Sharon Cameron wrote this novel. She also wrote 2024-2025 Tome Society Book Award winner, *Artifice*. If you read *Artifice*, what do you think you can expect from *The Light In Hidden Places*?
- What is your favorite time period to read about when reading historical fiction books?

POST-READING QUESTIONS

- At the beginning of the book, Fusia hears stories about what is being done to Jews, and she does not believe the stories. Have you ever just chosen not to accept a story because it was too hard? How do you learn to process hard things?
- Mrs. Diamant tells Fusia, "Sadness becomes cruelty... We don't know what happened to them in Germany. We should pity those women." What do you think about this concept? Do you agree with Mrs. Diamant?
- Izio was murdered in the labor camp because their escape plan failed, but in her letter, Fusia lies about how it happened. Would you soften the truth like she did or do you think you would tell the truth?
- Emilika reminds us that anyone can be working for the SS and that no one can be trusted. Do you agree or disagree with her?
- In this novel, some policemen murder and attack innocent people, and some help Fusia and Helena. Helena mentions that it is hard to know which policemen will be bad. We can all relate to Helena in a small way. We meet people; some are evil, while others show us kindness. How does this impact our behavior toward strangers?
- Fusia believes that silence does not mean loneliness, and it makes perfect sense for her situation. Have you found yourself in a position where you agree with Fusia, if so explain?
- Who is your favorite character in this book and why?
- Fusia and Helena continually had to be courageous and clever. Which moment inspired you to be brave?
- After the war is over, they celebrate by taking a proper warm bath. How do you like to celebrate victories?

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POST-READING ACTIVITIES

- Fusia and Max (official names Stefania and Josef) speak at the Holocaust Memorial Museum Ceremony. Watch the speech. Discuss your thoughts with the group.
- This book already has two cover designs. Which one do you like better? Redesign the cover using a digital design program (Canva, Photoshop, etc). Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions to enter your final design into the Tome Society Digital Cover Redesign competition.
- Create a historical fiction infographic based on one of the topics covered in the book. There are lots of links and additional information at sharoncameronbooks.com/books. Follow the guidelines to enter your final infographic into the Tome Historical Fiction Infographic competition.
- Do some research on the real Stefania Podgórska and create a short video comparing the historical facts with the novel's portrayal of her. The author recommends this website: thesteifoundation.org

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