



About the Author

Ruth Treeson was born in Warsaw, Poland between the two world wars. Nine-years-old when World War II started, she survived the war and the concentration camps to immigrate to the United States in 1947. She taught English at various colleges in New Jersey throughout the 1980's and the early 199's. She has written both novels and poetry throughout her life. Her poems have been published in various magazines and literary journals. She is currently at work on her fourth novel, *An Apartment in the Bronx*.

The Long Walk by Ruth Treeson

A novel from real life

Suitable for teens and adults

Fifteen-year-old Rutka awakes in a barn to silence. There are no attack dogs barking, no guards shouting. After weeks of evading the Soviet Army by marching their captives around Germany, the Nazis have finally given up and evaporated into the night.

Rutka embarks on a harrowing journey back to Poland that lands her at the Catholic boarding school where she'd hidden from the Gestapo until her capture. Here, among the few tattered remnants of her childhood, the tragic past begins to seep through: the assumed Christian names, the mother who risked everything to find her husband and the little sister torn from Rutka's arms by the police.

Confronted by unimaginable loss, Rutka nonetheless finds friends, joy and slowly, a whole new life in the United States.

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