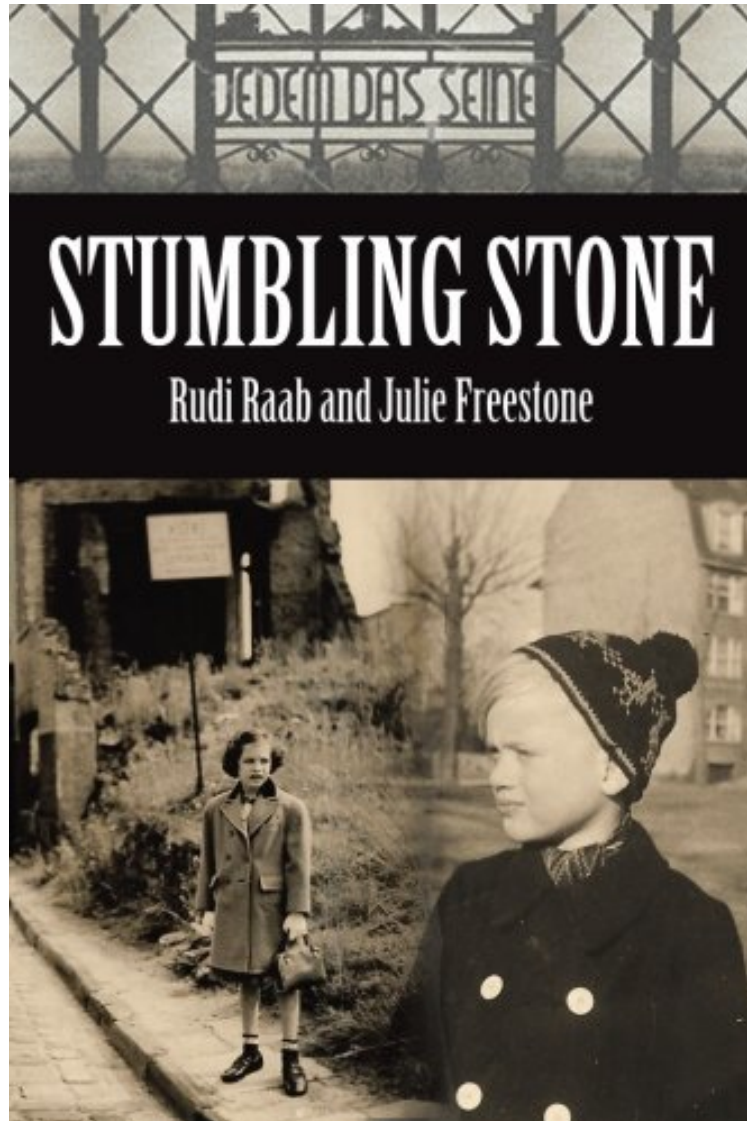


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Julie Freestone, Rudi Raab : Stumbling Stone before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stumbling Stone:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Lives stranger than fictionBy MARTIN HELLMANIf I described someone as "the son of a high Nazi" official, you might imagine an unrepentant anti-Semite. While the first phrase describes one of this book's authors (Rudi Raab), the second couldn't be further from the truth as evidenced by the fact that the other author and his life partner (Julie Freestone) is Jewish. The story gets more interesting but sadder when you learn that Rudi's uncle (his Nazi father's brother) was killed by the Gestapo for his anti-Nazi sympathies. Aside

from being an amazing story, Rudi and Julie's lives remind us to question the assumptions that our imagination conjures up about different people and nations in other words, to question our prejudices. While this book uses fiction to bridge some of the holes in their knowledge of what happened to others, it is based on their amazing life stories. Their decades-long romance proves that love is stronger than hate. Of course, a story like that needs writing to match, and the book doesn't disappoint on that count either. I'm pressed for time and expected to read it over a couple of weeks of casual reading, but found it hard to put down. I also enjoyed the occasional injections of humor, which leavened what otherwise could be a very heavy topic. It's hard to imagine laughing out loud at times after delving into questions about collective German guilt, Jewish prejudices (against Germans), and things like that. But I did and expect you will too. A nice break, and laughter is good for the soul. Highly recommended!! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful glimpse into the past through an unlikely romantic pairing. By Kristen S. Peck WWII and the Holocaust are events in history that I have learned about and grieved over in a global "never let that happen again" sense. With most events and history I struggle to connect to the meaning and the experience until I hear personal stories and am able to relate on a more intimate level. *Stumbling Stone* is a window into a unique relationship, family dynamics and world history. It challenged me to rethink right and wrong and served as a reminder that there are many ways to look at a situation and judgement must be reserved, even when you know all "sides" of a story. Nations may have won WWII but individuals did not. *Stumbling Stone* draws you into the realities of the time and the mysteries in a family. A glimpse at an unlikely pairing and love story, and a reminder of the imperfections of the human condition. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. When these two fall in love, they must unearth and then reconcile themselves to ... By Barbara Stark-Nemon - author *Even in Darkness* - a novel *Stumbling Stone* by Rudi Raab and Julie Freestone is a novel based on a true story of discovering Rudi's family's past in WWII Germany. Sarah Stern is an investigative journalist in Berkeley California, a transplanted Jewish girl from the Bronx whose parents escaped Germany. Karl Schmidt is a cop whose beat is the drug-infested neighborhood Sarah is writing about. He's originally from Germany. When these two fall in love, they must unearth and then reconcile themselves to the impact of Karl's family's Nazi past. Along the way, they discover secrets and confront barriers that challenge their trust, their prejudices, their understanding of themselves and their relationship. Strongly written, *Stumbling Stone* is an interesting and entertaining take on an unusual story.

Jewish women born to immigrant parents in the Bronx in 1944 don't get romantically involved with men who are cops, have German accents and look like Hitler youth leaders. But reporter Sarah Stern is drawn to Karl Schmidt and intrigued by his tangled family history. *Stumbling Stone* chronicles their journey across two continents and the discovery of sinister secrets they never could have imagined. This is a compelling work of fiction inspired by the remarkable histories of the authors.