

# Tutti's Promise

BY K. HEIDI FISHMAN

**Together, Dutch ingenuity, valiant Polish diplomats, friends, and family helped three generations defy all odds.**

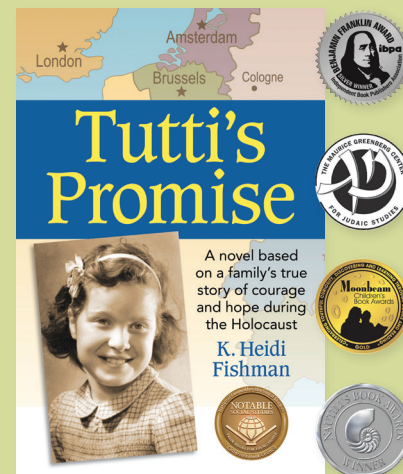
*TUTTI'S PROMISE* IS THE TRUE ACCOUNT of the Lichtenstern family's unwavering quest to stay alive during the Holocaust while protecting others in harm's way. Written by Tutti's daughter and filled with historical photos and documents—including one very important Paraguayan passport—this multi-award-winning book draws the reader into the family's plight and reveals the precious legacy of a promise kept.

**"That the family survived to have this powerful, heartening tale told cannot fail to move readers."** —BOOKLIST, ANNE O'MALLEY

**"Fishman tells the tale of her mother's family with elegance and a great sense of suspense."** —KIRKUS REVIEWS

**"History comes alive in Fishman's capable hands as a writer telling the story of her mother and achieving the family's eternal desire to always remember."** —THE US REVIEW OF BOOKS, MICHELLE JACOBS

*For young readers, the story of 6 million lives lost is too overwhelming to fully comprehend. The story of one family personalizes the Holocaust so that readers can understand and develop empathy and compassion and be inspired to find their own voices to fight unfairness, injustice, and bigotry . . . wherever they encounter it.*



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Promise*

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To tell her mother's family's story of survival, Dr. Fishman undertook a five-year worldwide journey to conduct research in the archives and museums of Israel, America, and Europe, such as Yad Vashem, USHMM, and NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies; interview historians, archivists, survivors, rescuers, and families of victims and rescuers; and retrace the steps of her mother's family in Amsterdam, Westerbork, and Terezin.

For more details, visit <https://www.mbpublishing.com/tuttis-promise>.

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## THE GEOGRAPHY OF TUTTI'S PROMISE:

**GERMANY:** The Lichtensterns, a German-Jewish family, were from Cologne.

**THE NETHERLANDS:** The family fled to Amsterdam in 1936; in 1943, when Tutti was eight, they were forced to go into hiding; then they were arrested and sent to Camp Westerbork.

**CZECH REPUBLIC:** The family was interned at Theresienstadt for nine months.

**SWITZERLAND:** The Ładoś Group consisted of diplomats from the Polish Legation and Jewish leaders from Agudath Israel and the World Jewish Congress in Bern. Their humanitarian mission saved over 830 lives—and possibly thousands more.

**POLAND:** All members of the Ładoś Group were Polish.

**PARAGUAY:** The Paraguayan passport was instrumental in saving the family.