



PEOPLE

Linda Lee Keenan

Local author writes historical fiction set in WWII-era Poland.

INTERVIEWER: VICTORIA SCHLABIG

VITAL STATS

- Author of "With Love From Poland" and "The Journal".
- Resident of the Village of Fernandina.
- Originally from Buffalo, New York.
- Lives part time in Connecticut.
- Has two daughters.

How did you first get interested in World War II? I was a late college student and I decided to have a history major, and World War II just really captured my interest.

Did you travel to Poland to learn so much about the culture? It was from research and a fair amount of intuition. I would love to visit Krakow especially because that's where the book is stationed.

Why'd you choose Poland as the setting of your books? That's where WWII started, and I always like to start my research at the beginning. I became enamored of the Polish customs and the fact that they didn't really have the help of other nations when WWII started. What they were able to do on their own before other countries could get there was just amazing.

What is "With Love From Poland" about? I crafted a fictional family around that time (WWII) and imagined that they formed an underground to get their family and friends out of Poland, and they landed

in Yonkers, New York, where there actually are a lot of Polish people.

What is "The Journal" about? An interior designer in 2018 Manhattan decides to research her genealogy and finds that she had a Swedish uncle who was a diplomat in WWII Berlin who also formed an underground. That's fashioned after Raoul Wallenberg who was a real Swedish diplomat.

Are you planning on writing anything else? I just started another book which is a story of mysterious happenings that I'm collecting from people, like if you were saved mysteriously maybe by a guardian angel. So far, I have 10 stories and I want 50, and it's garnering a lot of interest. That's called "Extraordinary Experiences."

What do you like to read? I like science fiction a lot because it expands your brain.

Where can people find your books? They're on Amazon, Barnes & Noble online and Ingram Books in softcover and ebook.

Favorite TV show? I really like Amazon's series called "Bosch." It's about a private detective in LA.

What's your favorite season? Springtime.

Any guilty pleasures? Chocolate chip ice cream. 🍪

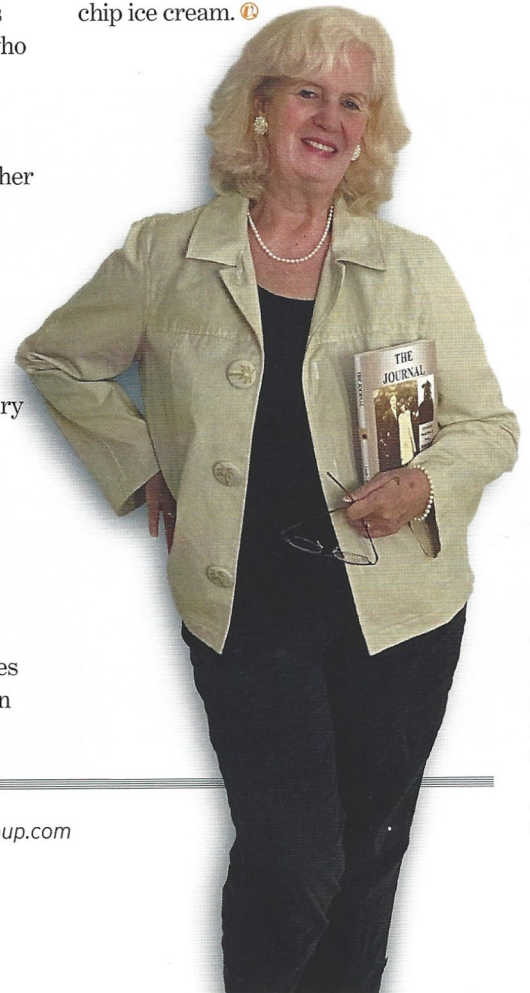


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