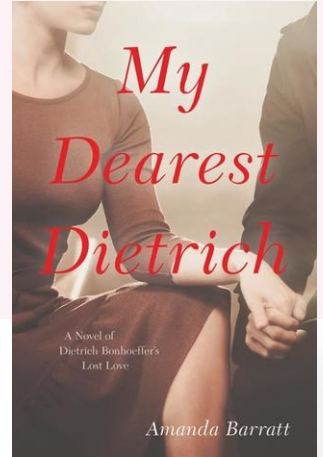




PARTICIPANT GUIDE

MY DEAREST DIETRICH
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"Based on detailed historical research into both Maria's and Dietrich's lives, this true love story is at once beautiful and heartrending."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Q. Before reading this book, did you know much about Dietrich Bonhoeffer or other Christian heroes?

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Q. What has stayed with you since reading the novel?

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Q. What did you find most intriguing about Dietrich and Maria's love story?

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Q. Dietrich asks, "Why did so few raise their heads and look about them? Why did those who took a stand remain a minority" (p114)? Discuss.

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Q. Dietrich becomes familiar with "feining patriotism while inwardly plotting resistance" (p78). Discuss.

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Q. On page 191, Dietrich is asked to comfort Rudolf, who plans to sacrifice himself to end Hilter's regime. Do you agree with what Dietrich said?

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Q. Dietrich and Eberhard's friendship is tested as Dietrich battles jealousy toward his and Renate's happiness. Can you relate to how Dietrich felt? If you're comfortable, share a time when you've experienced envy and how you overcame it.

Handwriting lines for question 7

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Q. "It's not child's play. It's dangerous. For the men and for us" (p257). The Resistance used many covert techniques for information sharing and sabotage. What fascinated you most about these methods?

Handwriting lines for question 8

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Q. As Dietrich's imprisonment continues, Maria questions whether or not she can continue in her grief as his fiance. Why did Maria choose to remain faithful? Would you have made the same steadfast and faithful decisions she made? Why, or Why not?

Handwriting lines for question 9

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Q. Dietrich lived a faithful, grateful and inspirational life. How did you feel at the end of the story? How did Dietrich truly live what he preached?

Handwriting lines for question 10

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