



DEBUT AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR RELEASES THE INCREDIBLE TRUE WWII STORY OF 'ANNA UND GUNTHER'.

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Anna und Gunther is the first novel by Australian author Jacob Hendryx to be released globally by Osmond Press on February 1st, 2021. It is a historical fiction based on a true story that follows the separate storylines of two children forced to grow up too young in Germany during World War 2 and the subsequent Cold War. The dual-storylines merge into one in the third and final part of the book where the protagonists fall in love and emigrate across the world to Australia.

As described in the Author's Note, the book was written after the author travelled to his German grandmothers hometown in the Sudetes Mountains of today's Czech Republic. Returning with photos of one of the few buildings that remained, his grand-mother began to recount stories of growing up in the town in vivid detail she had never shared before. These stories formed the first chapter of the story which Jacob gifted to her, and upon her delight at reading her own stories, encouraged her to share the stories from her life following that chapter that she previously had not shared. It was a series of repeating visits like this, writing only a chapter at a time, that today's novel came together.

Anna und Gunther appeals to a broad range of readers young and old and will be favoured by those who enjoyed other notable true stories from the era such as *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*. Rich historical content also lends itself to inclusion in high school curriculum and university reading lists. Available in all good book stores, online and via Kindle from Feb 1st.

Watch the video trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLjR4IXUAZI>

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"The book is well written, jam packed full of historical accuracies that elevate this tale of humanity" – Julie Oakley @bookish.intoxication

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