Zhanna, a young Jewish girl from Ukraine, also happens to be a gifted piano prodigy and is giving concerts by the age of six. When disaster strikes her hometown and her family is condemned to exile and execution, Zhanna manages to escape the famed Nazi death march to Dorbitsky Yar and uses her rare musical gift to help her survive. Performing and giving concerts for the occupying German troops as they move throughout Europe, Zhanna keeps her true identity a secret until a young American soldier with ties to Juilliard adopts her. Upon her emigration to America, Zhanna’s gift flourishes and she becomes one of the first Jewish refugees to enter Juilliard.

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This is a great book. The story is wonderful and the writing is excellent. I loved the book and bought a copy for my daughter's piano teacher for Christmas.

It is about a young piano prodigy and her sister whose parents are killed by Nazis during WWII. The girls are able to escape and they stay hidden by creating false identities. They are discovered as great pianists and are put into a traveling troupe that entertains Nazi soldiers! It is a beautiful story of their struggle for survival written many many years later by the older girl's son. He did not even know the story until he was an adult because she never talked about it. A great read.

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