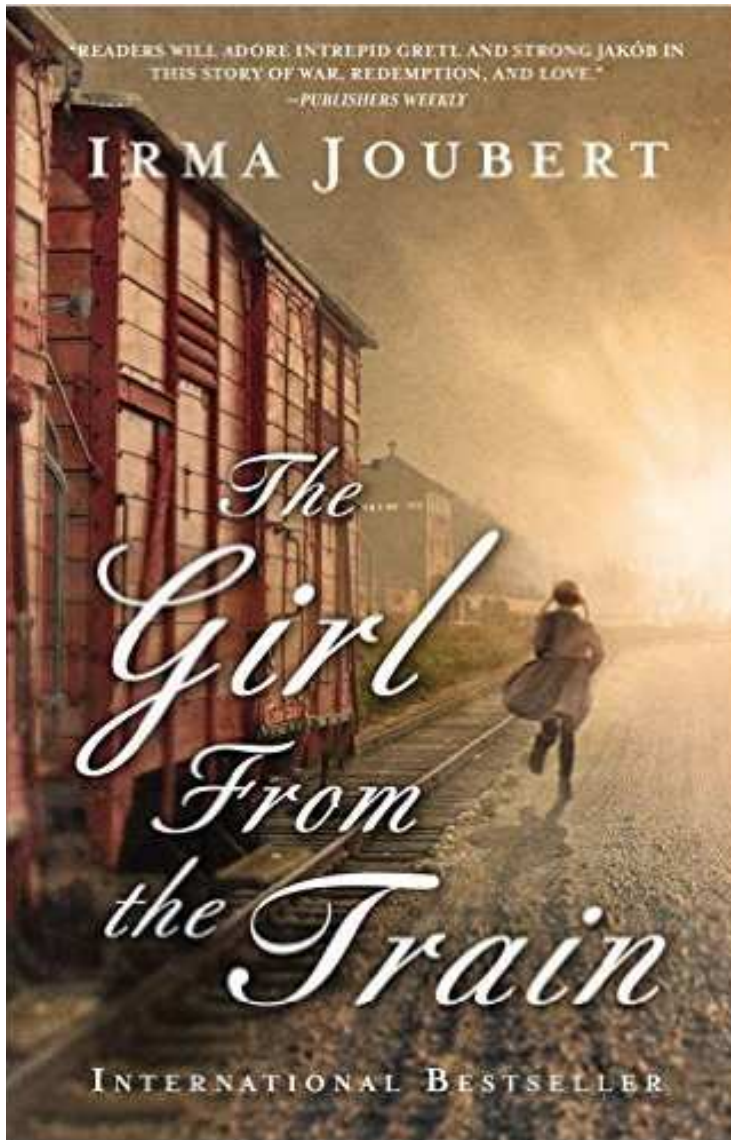


# BOOK CLUB

at Placentia Library

## August Selection:

---



### UPCOMING BOOK CLUBS:

September 12: *The Year of Pleasures* by Elizabeth Berg

October 10: *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff

November 14: *Modern Lovers* by Emma Straub

December 12: *Orphan #8* by Kim Van Alkemade

January 9: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

February 13: *The Disposables* by David Putnam

Meet David Putnam on March 3 at the Author's Luncheon!

Six-year-old Gretl Schmidt is on a train bound for Auschwitz. Jakób Kowalski is planting a bomb on the tracks. As World War II draws to a close, Jakób fights with the Polish resistance against the crushing forces of Germany and Russia. They mean to destroy a German troop transport, but Gretl's unscheduled train reaches the bomb first. Gretl is the only survivor. Though spared from the concentration camp, the orphaned German Jew finds herself lost in a country hostile to her people. When Jakób discovers her, guilt and fatherly compassion prompt him to take her home. For three years, the young man and little girl form a bond over the secrets they must hide from his Catholic family.

But she can't stay with him forever. Jakób sends Gretl to South Africa, where German war orphans are promised bright futures with adoptive Protestant families—so long as Gretl's Jewish roots, Catholic education, and connections to communist Poland are never discovered. Separated by continents, politics, religion, language, and years, Jakób and Gretl will likely never see each other again. But the events they have both survived and their belief that the human spirit can triumph over the ravages of war have formed a bond of love that no circumstances can overcome.

Tuesday, August 8th  
Placentia Library History Room  
12 p.m.

*Bring your lunch, desserts will be provided*



411 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia, CA 92870  
(714) 528-1906  
information@placentialibrary.org  
www.placentialibrary.org



This program is sponsored by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation