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## **Shining Through** By Susan Isaacs Bibliography

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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

A truly compulsive read, Isaacs's fourth novel (after *Almost Paradise*) is a smooth blend of romantic fiction and spy thriller. Again demonstrating her unbeatable flair for down-to-earth dialogue, sassy, outspoken heroines and social nuances that convey character and period, Isaacs tells a Cinderella story with a contemporary twist. Linda Voss is a 31-year-old secretary to the dreamiest looking man on Wall Street, international lawyer John Berringer, with whom she is secretly and hopelessly in love: she is a poor girl from Queens, and he boasts an Ivy League background along with his perfect profile. When circumstances lead to their unlikely marriage, however, sexual fireworks keep them together. As World War II engulfs Europe, the Berringers move to Washington, where both become involved in undercover work for the COI, soon to become the OSS. Heartbreak, plus a feeling of kinship for the victims of Nazism, leads Linda, whose childhood was spent in a German-speaking household, to volunteer for a dangerous mission in Berlin. There, events tumble her into heroic action. Isaacs's depiction of daily life in wartime Germany rings with accurate detail, as does her picture of the American espionage organization and of the psychological orientation of the people who made up its ranks. She has hit her stride here with a book that has all the marks of a runaway bestseller. 300,000 copy first printing; \$300,000 ad/promo; movie rights to Columbia; paperback rights to Ballantine; Literary Guild and Doubleday Book Club dual main selections.

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Review

"Linda Voss is an irresistibile heroine...She's exactly the bright and resourceful heroine we all feel we could be." "San Francisco Chronicle" "Totally captivating." "Chicago Sun-Times" "As close to a 1940s movie as a book can get. It's like the kind of big, exciting movie we liked best then, in which someone pretty much like us takes incredible risks for unimpeachable motives and wins just what we wanted." "The New York Times Book Review

From the Publisher

As a publisher, one of the things I hate the most is when big screen movies and made-for-TV movies take really well written, interesting stories and make horrible movies out of them And in doing so turn thousands of people away from a truly enjoyable reading experiences. Sadly, such is the case for both **ALMOST PARADISE** and **SHINING THROUGH**.

Do yourself a big favor and beware the screen. Both of these books are marvelous romances, and it took me a long time to get around to reading them, for I was a snob, and didn't 'read romances'. The joke was on me however, where these two novels are concerned, for they have great characters and such stories of love! **SHINING THROUGH** is also a W.W.II thriller, with the heroine infiltrating the house of a Nazi official. The love of nation and of freedom is also accented. In **ALMOST PARADISE**, the romance of Jane and Nicky begins before they were born, and the book takes us through their lifetimes... It made me laugh out loud on one page then had me in tears a few pages later. You will need several kleenex to get through the last few pages, trust me. The trick in both books is that Susan Isaacs makes us care passionately about her characters.

Both books are equally hard to put down once you start, but what do you care? It's not like you have a movie to watch.

-Alice Kesterson, Regional Sales Manager

## **Users Review**

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