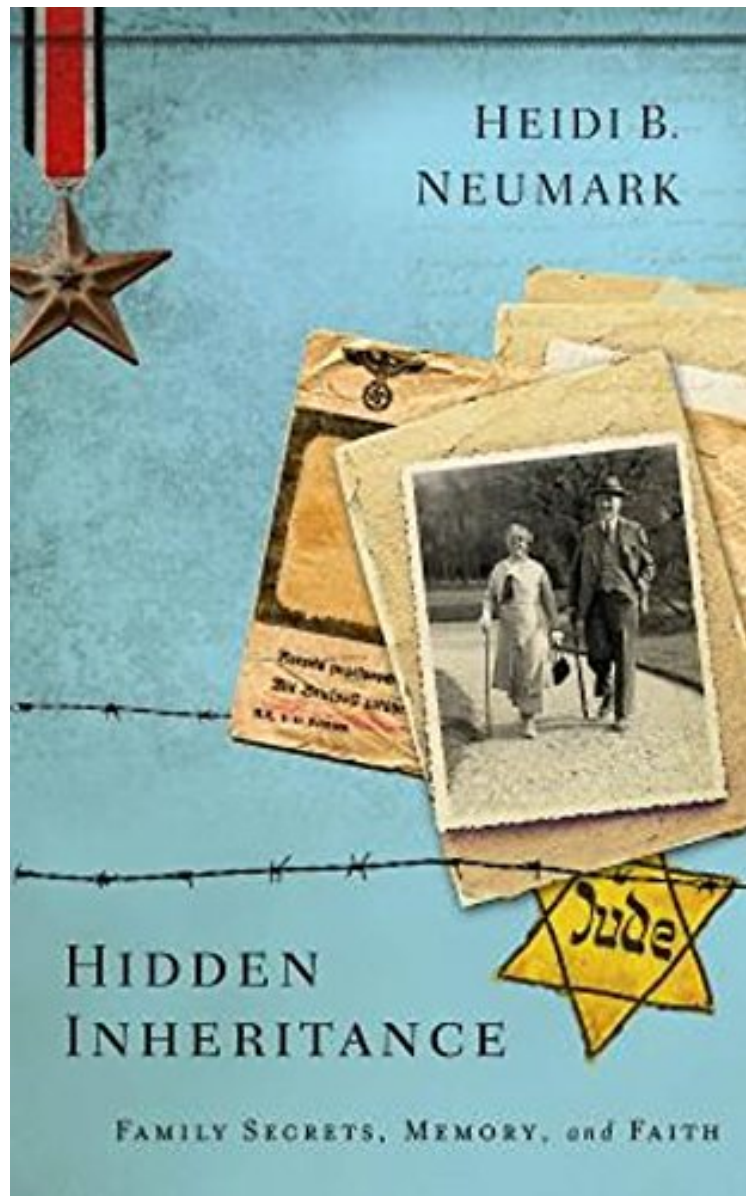


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Grandfather John served as an altar boy before the 20th century. The idea popped into my head "what if there is more to THIS history than I know?" This gave me a new empathy as I read this story. I understood her confusion and questioning all that she supposedly KNEW about her family. The author writes in a straightforward manner that I appreciated. There is a lot to digest in her story and I had to read small chunks and take time to think about it. I appreciate Rev Neumark's sharing her story to the world. What is happening in the world today brings to mind what happened in the 30's and how the world reacted then. I guess if we don't learn from the past we will be forced to re-live it again.

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By Rev. D. Thomas Ford, Jr. For God's sake, get this book now! It is extraordinary. Heidi Neumark is a Lutheran Pastor, writer and theologian, as well as a social services provider to the poor, dispossessed and queer. She discovers unexpectedly via her daughter's on-line research that she is Jewish and that her Neumark family was decimated in the Shoah. It causes her to reflect on her career as a Pastor and her relationship to the Sacraments of Baptism and The Eucharist. In a narrative that is breathtaking and seductive, one simply cannot put the book down. She raises profound issues for believers and non-believers and the relationship of Jews and Christians today as to where life's meaning is to be found. The book is the result of years of painstaking, meticulous and agonizing research and travel. It is not a long book, but it is all consuming in its passion and pathos.

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By Timothy Mason This is an astonishing work: a voyage of unexpected discovery, and a quest for identity. A Lutheran pastor in her 50s learns that her father was Jewish - and her grandfather murdered, along with many other of her German relatives, in Nazi concentration camps. She follows the trail back to stories of horror, and courage, of which she was totally unaware. Hidden Inheritance is a gripping page-turner, terrible and wonderful to read. I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Imagine discovering a secret that your family has a hidden Jewish heritage. That your grandfather died in a concentration camp and your grandmother was a death-camp survivor. How did you not know? How would it change your spiritual life? Heidi Neumark, a Lutheran pastor, happened upon records that revealed her family's loss and trauma and resulted in the shocking revelation that she was suddenly and inherently connected to the multi-ethnic, marginalized community she had been ministering to for three decades and to which she felt a deep affinity. Hidden Inheritance is a combination of compelling personal story and bold call for social justice that links the past with contemporary challenges.

About the Author Heidi B. Neumark is an author, speaker, and Lutheran pastor in New York City. She is the author of the highly-acclaimed book, *Breathing Space: A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx*, which won the 2004 Wilbur Award given by the Religion Communicators Council. She has chapters and sermons in numerous other books and writes regularly for *The Christian Century* and other journals. Pastor Neumark also serves as the executive director of a shelter for homeless LGBTQ youth. She holds an honorary doctorate of divinity from Muhlenberg College.