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Review

"Two cultured French families lose everything in the Second World War, even each other. Winkler spins from this tragic tale a thing of beauty, as delicately radiant as the imagined painting at its core, even as she keeps the pages turning until the end."--**Nicole Mones, author of *Night in Shanghai***

"*Portrait of a Woman in White* is a fairy tale, interrupted . . . a poignant novel about the members of a close Jewish family whose beautiful lives are suddenly shattered when the Nazis invade France. Placed against the backdrop of Hitler's efforts to plunder a nation's cultural treasures, the story gives us characters and a world of such refinement that any reader will be captivated."--**Ellen Heltzel, book critic and author of *Between the Covers: The Book Babes' Guide to a Woman's Reading Pleasures***

"I've read PORTRAIT with great enjoyment. What a beautiful story." --**Douglas Preston, NYT best-selling author of *WHITE FIRE***

"Winkler takes a topic of growing interest, the recovery and return of art stolen by the Nazis, and weaves a story spanning 23 years about one family and one painting. Not a novel about the horrors of war... (but) the struggles of trying to reestablish a life when everything you know and love is gone."

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"A captivating novel about love and art and Paris and Nazis. With war-torn lovers, a family saga plot, and a stolen Matisse, *Portrait of a Woman in White* is a terrific historic novel. Each copy should come with a 'Perfect for Book Club' sticker on the cover!"

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"Fiction depicting one family . . . serves deep truths about individuals and societies. We are invited to consider how art is valued or debased, and what is transitory in our lives, what permanent. A compelling journey."

—**Dr. David Altshuler, Founding Director, Museum of Jewish Heritage**

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