

Reviews of *This Hidden Thing* by Dora Dueck

"I never knew what the next page of This Hidden Thing would bring, never could guess what way the story would go, never imagined what the end would be for Maria, whom I had come to love so deeply."

Katherine Arnoldi, author of *The Amazing True Story of a Teenage Single Mom* and *All Things Are Labor*

"Dora Dueck's powerful and deeply engaging novel follows the fortunes of Maria Klassen, a young immigrant whose heart's purest desires are in tension with domestic service, sexual passion, and the demands of family and church. Beautifully and intelligently written, the story transcends its Mennonite particulars to shed light on the universal and timeless struggles of the human spirit."

Sarah Klassen, author of *A Feast of Longing* and *A Curious Beatitude*

"Dora Dueck tells a compelling woman's story too often obscured by history. She inhabits her characters in such a way that the reader is drawn into a living, breathing world that lingers even after the covers of the book are closed. This Hidden Thing offers a worthy female, urban counterpart to Rudy Wiebe's Peace Shall Destroy Many."

Ann Hostetler, author of *Empty Room with Light* and editor of *A Cappella: Mennonite Voices in Poetry*

"Dueck's extensive research about the Russian Mennonite immigrant experience in Winnipeg lends the novel a good bit of its verisimilitude. At points, lost in the narrative, I forgot Maria was a fictional character.... Dueck does a superb job of using Maria's very particular situation — and that of her immigrant family — to limn the contours of human relationship, drawing us toward characters who, despite their brokenness, deserve our compassion."

Melanie Springer Mock, *The Mennonite Weekly Review*

"Dueck probes the nature of secrets, their cost, and the unexpected grace that can ensue."

Margaret Goldik, *Prairie Books Now*