



Bio



Annette Oppenlander is an award-winning writer, literary coach and educator. As a bestselling historical novelist, Oppenlander is known for her authentic characters and stories based on true events, coming alive in well-researched settings. Having lived in Germany the first half of her life and the second half in various parts in the U.S., Oppenlander inspires readers by illuminating story questions as relevant today as they were in the past.

Oppenlander's bestselling true WWII story, *Surviving the Fatherland*, won multiple awards, and was recently translated into German. Uniquely, Oppenlander weaves actual historical figures and events into her plots, giving readers a flavor of true history while enjoying a good story. Oppenlander shares her

knowledge through writing workshops at colleges, libraries, festivals and schools. She also offers vivid presentations and author visits. The mother of fraternal twins and a son, she recently returned to her home, Solingen, Germany where she lives with her husband.

Awards

- 2017 National Indie Excellence Award
- 2017 Winner Chill with a Book Readers' Award
- 2017 Kindle Book Awards Finalist
- 2017 Discovered Diamond Historical Novel
- 2018 Indie B.R.A.G. Award
- 2018 Readers' Favorite Book Award—Bronze
- 2019 Global eBook Award—Gold
- IWIC Hall of Fame Novel

Selected Editorial Reviews

- "This book needs to join the ranks of the classic survivor stories of WWII such as "Diary of Anne Frank" and "Man's Search for Meaning". It is truly that amazing!" **InD'tale Magazine**
- "This novel is fast-paced and emotively worded and features a great selection of characters, flawed and poignantly three-dimensional." **Historical Novel Society**
- "...eye-opening and heartbreaking..." **San Francisco Review of Books**
- "...a science fiction time travel action/adventure novel that will grip the reader's total attention from beginning to end. Very highly recommended for school and community library YA fiction collections." **Midwest Book Review**
- "Geared to a young adult audience, *Escape from the Past* is an entertaining and fast-paced read that guarantees to thrill any young reader's/gamer's wish to be a hero in a faraway time." **Historical Novel Society**
- "I would heartily recommend this book as an engrossing and well-researched story with two of the most engaging protagonists I've read for a while." **Discovering**



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Diamonds - Independent Reviews of the Best in Historical Fiction

- “I for one am glad she shared her story with us as it gives us a look at a different perspective from those who endured this tragic time in history. "Surviving the Fatherland" by Annette Oppenlander is highly recommended reading!” **Reader Views**
- “...simply beautiful.” **Readers’ Favorite Five Stars**
- “A Different Truth is a powerful and thought provoking tale that allows us to think about our moral decisions. Readers who are personally familiar with the history of the Vietnam War will be fascinated by the story of the boys at Palmer Military Academy, whereas the generation that was born after the war would be able to use it as a trajectory to discover more about this unseen but crucial part of history.”

Readers’ Favorite Five Stars

- “Annette Oppenlander has a genuine flair for original and compelling storytelling and as with the first two volumes, “At Witches’ End” will keep the readers rapt attention from cover to cover. Unfailingly entertaining from beginning to end...”

Midwest Book Review

- “...Oppenlander’s tale is guaranteed to please readers who love plenty of adventures, battles and love trysts. It is highly recommended YA historical fiction.” **Historical Novel Society**

Published Books



A Different Truth

Historical Mystery, Boarding School, Vietnam War era – July 2016 (Second edition)

eBook and paperback

ISBN: 978-0997780017



Escape from the Past: The Duke's Wrath (Book 1)

Historical Time-travel Adventure Trilogy, Medieval Germany – June 2019 (second edition)

eBook and paperback

ISBN: 978-3948100032



Escape from the Past: The Kid (Book 2)

Historical Time-travel Adventure Trilogy, Wild West – June 2019 (second edition)

eBook and paperback

ISBN: 978-3-948100-05-6



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Escape from the Past: At Witches' End (Book 3)

Historical Time-travel Adventure Trilogy, Medieval Germany – June 2019
(second edition)

eBook and paperback
ISBN: 978-3948100070



Surviving the Fatherland: A True Coming-of-age Love Story Set in WWII Germany – Biographical historical Novel, WWII and postwar Germany –

March 2017

eBook, paperback and audiobook
ISBN: 978-0997780048



Vaterland, wo bist Du? Roman nach einer wahren Geschichte

German translation of 'Surviving the Fatherland'

September 2019

eBook, paperback, hardcover
ISBN: 978-3948100117



47 Days: The True Story of Two Teen Boys Defying Hitler's Reich

(Novelette and excerpt from 'Surviving the Fatherland') February 2017

eBook and paperback
ISBN: 978-0997780062



Everything We Lose: A Civil War Novel of Hope, Courage and

Redemption – Historical Novel, American Civil War era – February 2018

eBook, paperback and audiobook
ISBN: 978-0997780079



Where the Night Never Ends: A Prohibition Era Novel

Historical Novel, U.S. Prohibition era – March 2019

eBook and paperback
ISBN: 978-3948100001



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When They Made Us Leave: A Novel about Hitler's Mass Evacuation Program for Children

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