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**CHATHAM AUTHOR WILL DISCUSS LIFE IN HITLER’S GERMANY**

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PITTSBORO, NC—Author Lisa London will be signing her historical novel, *Darker the Night*, and discussing what she has learned about civilian life in Nazi Germany on September 25 at 3:00 pm at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church 204 W. Salisbury Street in Pittsboro. The signing is jointly sponsored by Daughters of the King and the Episcopal Church Women.

London, author of the top-selling *Accountant Beside You* series of books for nonprofits and churches, was inspired to write *Darker the Night* after her friend, Mrs. Sensale, spoke of enjoying the outings of her Hitler Youth group. “It was fun. As young girls, we were allowed to go play in the mountains and do things proper young women weren’t supposed to do.”

After encouraging her friend to share more experiences, London realized the intrigue of a novel from the perspective of a German civilian. *Darker the Night* follows Hedy’s desire to become a physical therapist to assist the soldiers as she is thwarted time and time again by the Nazis. Instead she must assemble airplanes, dodge bombs, battle hunger, and stand up to invading tanks.

As the pride in her country is shattered with the news of Nazi atrocities, Hedy’s father reminds her, “The darker the night, the brighter the stars.” Is her star the charming American Counter-Intelligence Agent who keeps appearing in the oddest places?

D. Dovovan, Senior Reviewer for *The Midwest Book Review* made the story a special recommendation. *“…a stunningly realistic, absorbing quality that will make it a powerful juxtaposition to* Diary of Anne Frank, *recounting the youth experience from quite a different vantage…”* Chris Fischer of *Reader’s Favorite* gave it five stars and said, *“Author Lisa London has done a fantastic job in creating a character in Hedy that readers will connect with, relate to, and ultimately care about very much. If that isn't a hallmark of a great author, I'm not sure what is.”*

London has been pleased with the response to the book. “At each speaking engagement or signing, people have come up to tell me how it reminded them of their families’ stories. I even had a World War II vet come to a signing and ask to see Hilde. He wanted to apologize for bombing her home.”

Each chapter begins with a historical quote or piece of propaganda. “I want the reader to get a feel for what was influencing the average German citizen at the time,” said London. Video interviews with the woman who inspired the story are available at [www.DarkerTheNight.com](http://www.DarkerTheNight.com) and [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCecgYYuCxP4eJl4HCdHlPzA).

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