

FOUND TREASURES

STORIES BY YIDDISH WOMEN WRITERS

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AN extraordinary collection of prose — including short fiction and autobiography — which provides a social and historical look at Jewish women's lives during the last century. This anthology, with writings never before translated into English, showcases the work of twenty women who were writing in Yiddish from before the turn of the century to those still using the language today. Life in the shtetls of Europe, the terror of day-to-day survival during the Holocaust, the experience of Jewish women immigrating, struggling and working in North America and Israel are only a few of the themes explored in this unique collection. *Found Treasures* provides the reader with a window on some of the daily occurrences of Jewish women's lives as well as on those momentous and horrific times which challenged and sometimes defeated them.

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