

Worthwhile



The Master Craftsman!

RELEASING APRIL 5 WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD!

In This Issue

Details on my new release, which hits bookshelves in less than one month!

Link to enter the Goodreads Giveaway to get your own copy of The Master Craftsman!



Hot new releases!

There are so many excellent books releasing this spring! In this issue, you find links for a hot list of new releases to round out your summer tbr!

What's really happening between Russia and Ukraine?

After more than twenty-five years of studying the different cultures and histories of Russia and Ukraine, I have a few things to share to give context to the situation.

I will also share a list of reputable organizations that are working directly inside Ukraine, or alongside refugees that have fled the country.



What's really happening between Russia and Ukraine?

I've written pretty extensively in the past on Ukraine. My novels have all centered around the stories of characters from the former Soviet Union. [Like a River From Its Course](#) is set entirely in Soviet Ukraine and tells the story of Babi Yar, the 'killing ditch' where nearly 34,000 Jewish men, women, and children were murdered in September, 1941.

[A Silver Willow by the Shore](#) is a generational story of three women spanning 1930's Ukraine and Siberia to 1980's Moscow to modern-day America.

The Fabulous Freaks of Monsieur Beaumont follows a single Russian mom whose special son takes them deep into the heart of the early circus.

The history between these two countries is centuries-old. I wrote a little about it for The Huffington Post back in 2016. [Click here to read that article.](#)

At the end of the day, this is a battle for freedom and democracy. A free people are fighting for their land, their culture, their language, and their history. And if we care about freedom and democracy, then we must be ready to join them in that fight.

Are you looking for ways to help Ukraine as they fight for freedom? Scroll to the last page for trusted resources and organizations.

All you need to know about _____ www.kellistuart.com

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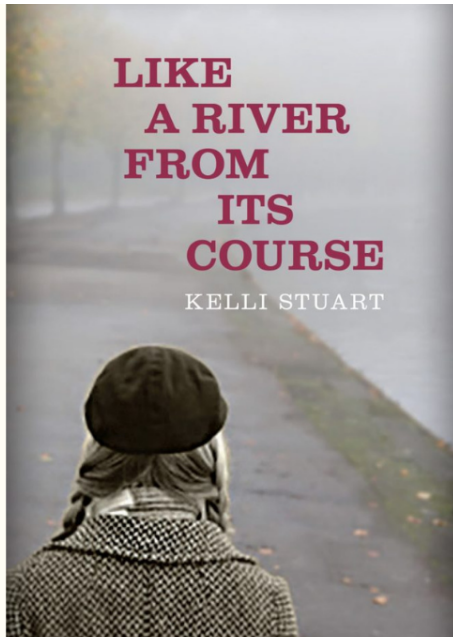
The Master Craftsman: Releasing April 5

In 1917, Alma Pihl, a master craftsman in the House of Fabergé, was charged to protect one of the greatest secrets in Russian history--an unknown Fabergé Egg that Peter Karl Fabergé secretly created to honor his divided allegiance to both the people of Russia and the Imperial tsar's family. When Alma and her husband escaped Russia for their native Finland in 1921, she took the secret with her, guarding her past connection to the Romanov family.

Three generations later, world-renowned treasure hunter Nick Laine is sick and fears the secret of the missing egg will die with him. With time running out, he entrusts the mission of retrieving the egg to his estranged daughter, Ava, who has little idea of the dangers she is about to face. As the stakes are raised, Ava is forced to declare her own allegiance--and the consequences are greater than she could have imagined.

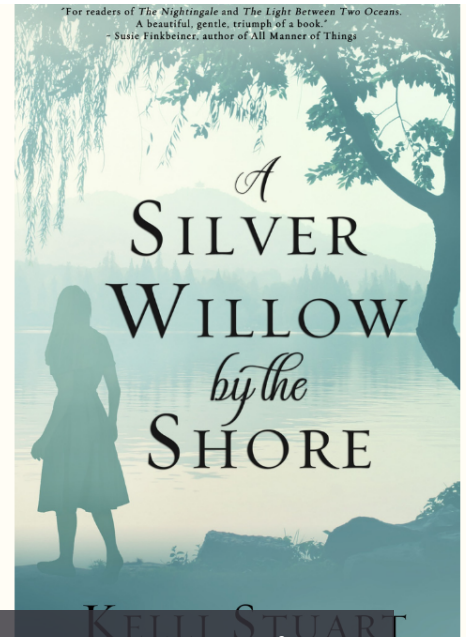
This modern-day treasure hunt from award-winning author Kelli Stuart transports you into the opulent and treacherous world of the Russian Revolution to unearth mysteries long buried.

[Click here to preorder for 40% off + Free Shipping!](#)



Learn More About the History of Ukraine and Russia

BECAUSE CONTEXT IS KEY AND KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



How a Ukrainian Mother Taught Me to be Brave

I wrote this article for The Huffington Post about the woman in this photo who taught me what it is to stare evil in the face with courage and bravery.

[Click here to read.](#)



How a Girl Tricked the Nazis and Redefined Bravery

In this article, I told the story of Elizaveta, a woman who, as a teenager in 1942, played a trick on a Nazi soldier to show the aggressor that he would never hold any power over her land or her people.

[Click here to read.](#)

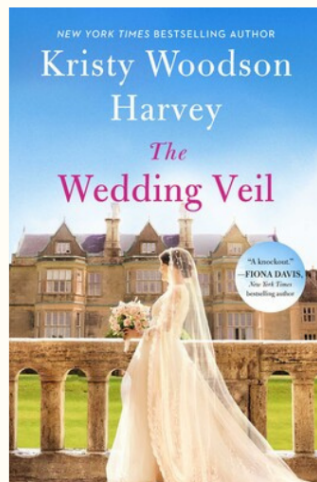
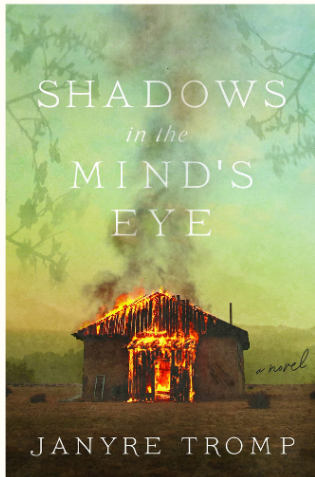


Interested in reading stories that take you into Russia and Ukraine?

My first novel, *Like a River From Its Course* is set in Soviet Ukraine during the years of World War II. Based on the true stories of brave Ukrainian men and women that I interviewed first-hand, this novel takes you into the heart of Ukraine during its dark history. [Click here to read.](#)

A Silver Willow by the Shore is a generational tale of three strong women that takes you from 1930's Ukraine and Siberia to 1980's Moscow to modern-day America. A gripping and unforgettable narrative of the treachery of secrets, and of the light that ignites the heart of a family. [Click here to read.](#)

Releases



There are so many wonderful books releasing in the next few weeks! Here are just a few of them:

Shadows in the Mind's Eye by Janyre Tromp: "A deliciously eerie, Hitchcockian story filled with love and suspense. Readers of psychological thrillers and historical fiction by Jaime Jo Wright and Sarah Sundin will add Tromp to their favorite authors list."

The Wedding Veil by Kristy Woodson Harvey: "In the vein of Therese Anne Fowler's *A Well-Behaved Woman* and Jennifer Robson's *The Gown*, *The Wedding Veil* brings to vivid life a group of remarkable women forging their own paths—and explores the mystery of a national heirloom lost to time."

The Mozart Code by Rachel McMillan: "Vienna is the new Paris in *The Mozart Code*, a World War II spy novel with deft, chess-like plotting, and plenty of old-fashioned romance." — Susan Elia MacNeal, New York Times bestselling author of the *Maggie Hope* novels and *Mother Daughter Traitor Spy*

The Do-Over by Bethany Turner: "Pitch-perfect comedic timing, a relatable heroine, and a refreshing sweetness elevate this novel above the sea of modern rom-coms. The rare author who can make me laugh-out-loud, *The Do-Over* is Bethany Turner at her best." — Lauren Layne, New York Times bestselling author

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Giveaway?!



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If you're a Goodreads person, then this giveaway is for you!

There are currently 5 copies available for giveaway on Goodreads, so hope on over and enter to win!



[Link to Enter](#)



Early Goodreads Review:

"This is my first book by Kelli Stuart and I am totally blown away. The author's skill in melding history, fiction, and suspense to create a spell-binding dual timeline novel is truly masterful. I felt like I was living with the Faberges in Russia during the early 1900s and equally felt like I was on an exhilarating treasure hunt with Ava and Nick during the present time. I learned quite a bit about Russian history through the eyes of Karl Faberge and loved learning about the man behind the exquisite creations."

Ukraine?



Here are a list of trusted resources working tirelessly to help Ukrainians in their quest for freedom:

Global Unites: I have been meeting weekly via Zoom with the pastors of New Life Church in Kyiv. Global Unites has partnered with them to help them care for the people left behind in the capital city. 100% of the donations go directly to New Life Church.

War Relief Fund: Yuri and Madison Perekoyiy are a Ukrainian-American couple (he's Ukrainian, she's American) who had been living and working in Ukraine when the war started and they had to flee. They've set up a war relief fund to help refugees who cross the border with no place to go.

Amazon Shopping List: Alyona is a Ukrainian photographer living in the US. Her hometown of Kharkiv has been bombed relentlessly. She has coordinated massive shipment of equipment to go to Ukraine. If you'd like to donate essential items, check out her Amazon shopping li

The Red Cross: The Red Cross is the first aid organization many refugees see when they cross the border.

World Kitchen: World Kitchen is serving hot, nutritious meals at eight of the border crossings, allowing refugees to eat and rest after a harrowing journey out of the country.

Personal story: Personally, I have an opportunity to give to a specific family in Ukraine who had to flee Kyiv to get further west, but who cannot leave the country. If you're interested in more details, shoot me an email and I'll let you know the situation and how you might help.