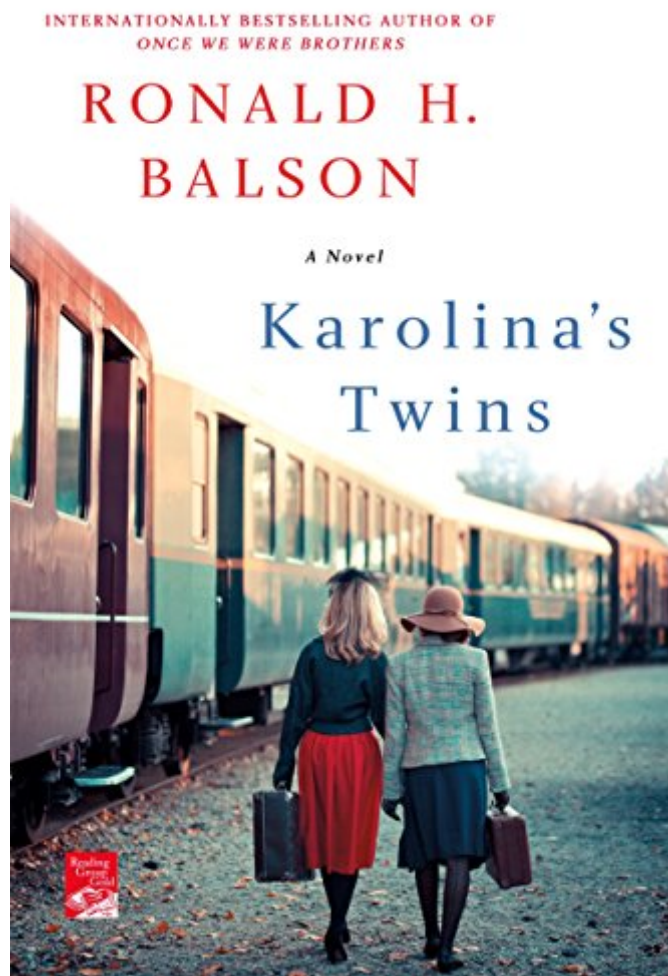




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# Karolina's Twins: A Novel (Liam Taggart And Catherine Lockhart)



## Synopsis

In the tradition of *The Nightingale*, *Sarah's Key*, and *Lilac Girls*, comes a saga inspired by true events of a Holocaust survivor's quest to return to Poland and fulfill a promise, from Ronald H. Balson, author of the international bestseller *Once We Were Brothers*. "Readers who crave more books like Balson's *Once We Were Brothers* and Kristin Hannah's bestselling *The Nightingale* will be enthralled by Karolina's Twins." • Booklist (starred review) "A heart-wrenching but ultimately triumphant story." • Chicago Tribune

She made a promise in desperation. Now it's time to keep it. Lena Woodward, elegant and poised, has lived a comfortable life among Chicago Society since she immigrated to the US and began a new life at the end of World War II. But now something has resurfaced that Lena cannot ignore: an unfulfilled promise she made long ago that can no longer stay buried. Driven to renew the quest that still keeps her awake at night, Lena enlists the help of lawyer Catherine Lockhart and private investigator Liam Taggart. Behind Lena's stoic facade are memories that will no longer be contained. She begins to recount a tale, harkening back to her harrowing past in Nazi-occupied Poland, of the bond she shared with her childhood friend Karolina. Karolina was vivacious and beautiful, athletic and charismatic, and Lena has cherished the memory of their friendship her whole life. But there is something about the story that is unfinished, questions that must be answered about what is true and what is not, and what Lena is willing to risk to uncover the past. Has the real story been hidden these many years? And if so, why? Two girls, coming of age in a dangerous time, bearers of secrets that only they could share. Just when you think there could not be anything new to ferret out from World War II comes *Karolina's Twins*, a spellbinding new novel by the bestselling author of *Once We Were Brothers* and *Saving Sophie*. In this richly woven tale of love, survival and resilience during some of the darkest hours, the unbreakable bond between girlhood friends will have consequences into the future and beyond.

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## Customer Reviews

I just loved this book - literally found every free moment to read it. The author is fantastic - read his *Once We Were Brothers* and loved that one too. The holocaust truly is unbelievable that the whole world could sit by and watch what happened to the Jews - the story is written wonderfully, many twists and turns & a beautiful happy ending. So glad I read it! CH

Loved the story and the premise. I always like historical novels that move from the present to the past and vice versa. While the historical storytelling was wonderful and incredibly detailed, albeit a bit too long at times, I thought that the storytelling around the present time lacked in depth and often distracted the reader with unnecessary information. Also, the present day fact-finding mission seemed to be trivialized and seemingly simple and the story seemed to end too abruptly after the slower slog of the beginning 80%. A Part 2 felt like it was necessary in order to explore the feelings around the culmination of the storyline.

I read *once we were brother's*, and I wanted to read Karolina's *Twins* when I was Balson wrote another book in the series. While the writing is a little bit predictable and cliché, this is a page turner and I would definitely recommend reading it, particularly if you like *once we were brothers*!

This was a really good book on what was happening in Poland during World War II. I had not read anything about how the war effected the Polish people so this was a learning experience for me. Even though I figured out the ending it was still a page turner for me. I liked the way the author had the main character tell her story to someone rather than just flipping back and forth from time

periods. It is definitely a book I will recommend to others.

Karolina's Twins was a holocaust story about two close friends. It is now 50 years later and one woman will not give up looking for her friend Karolina's twins that were born during the holocaust. Her son feels she is demented and that the twins don't exist. However, is the son doing this because he's afraid that if the twins are found his inheritance may be diminished? A must read to find out the answer!.

Really enjoyed the book and learned a lot about Poland during the War, had figured out the ending very quickly but it did not prevent me from enjoying the story. I really liked that it was somewhat based on the true experiences of a Polish survivor and that it included details about an officer involved in the "July" plot. Well done book!

but I find them horrifying and unbelievably cruel. This is a beautiful example of an attempt to erase Jews from the world. The story is beautiful, sad, and hard to believe could have happened. But similar events did happen. I am so sad that it was possible for any people to be so cruel to others.

Fantastic. All 3 books that I read by this author were captivating and could not put down until finished. Typical time to finish a 400 page book ( rough estimate) was 2-3 days. Besides the realism to true events of the time I like the fact that the chapters were very short. This keeps you going as you say "only a few more pages and the chapter is done."

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