THE SAFEST LIE
by Angela Cerrito

This powerful historical novel tells the story of a young girl who is smuggled out of the Warsaw ghetto and struggles to both hide and hold on to her Jewish identity.

In 1940, nine-year-old Anna Bauman and her parents are among 300,000 Polish Jews struggling to survive the wretched conditions in the Warsaw ghetto. When Jolanta—the code name for the real-life Resistance spy Irena Sendler, who smuggled hundreds of children out of the ghetto—agrees to help Anna escape, Anna’s mother drills her daughter day and night, teaching her a new identity: Anna Karwolska, a Roman Catholic. Soon Anna is whisked out of Warsaw to a Catholic orphanage and then to a foster family.

Anna’s story is a suspenseful and deeply moving account of the sacrifices endured, the dangers faced and the heroism demonstrated by courageous young victims, their parents and their saviors. It sheds light on yet another tragedy of the Holocaust: rescued children who lost not only their loved ones, but their very identities and Jewish heritage.

ANGELA CERRITO lives in Germany. She met with and interviewed the real Irena Sendler when she was doing research for The Safest Lie. Angela’s first novel for children, The End of the Line, was a YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers and a VOYA “Top of the Top Shelf” selection.
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