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Ellen Levine was born in New York City. She received a BA in Politics from Brandeis University, graduating magna cum laude. She has a master’s degree in political science from the University of Chicago and a Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law. She has worked in film and television, for Consumers Union and CBS News, and taught adults and immigrant teenagers in special education programs. Her numerous nonfiction titles have received many awards and accolades, including the Jane Addams Book Award, the Carter G. Woodson Book Award, and several starred reviews. A former staff attorney with a public interest law group, she now devotes her time entirely to writing, lecturing, and some wood carving. She lives in New York City.

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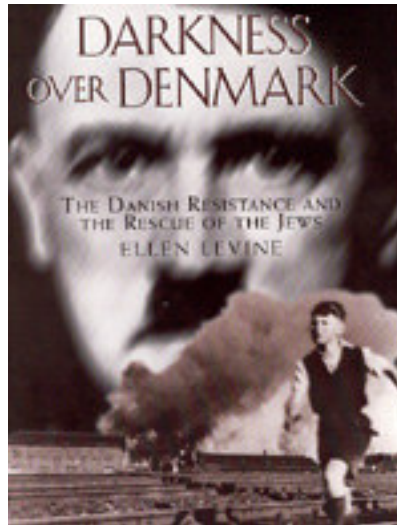


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DARKNESS OVER DENMARK:

The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews

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