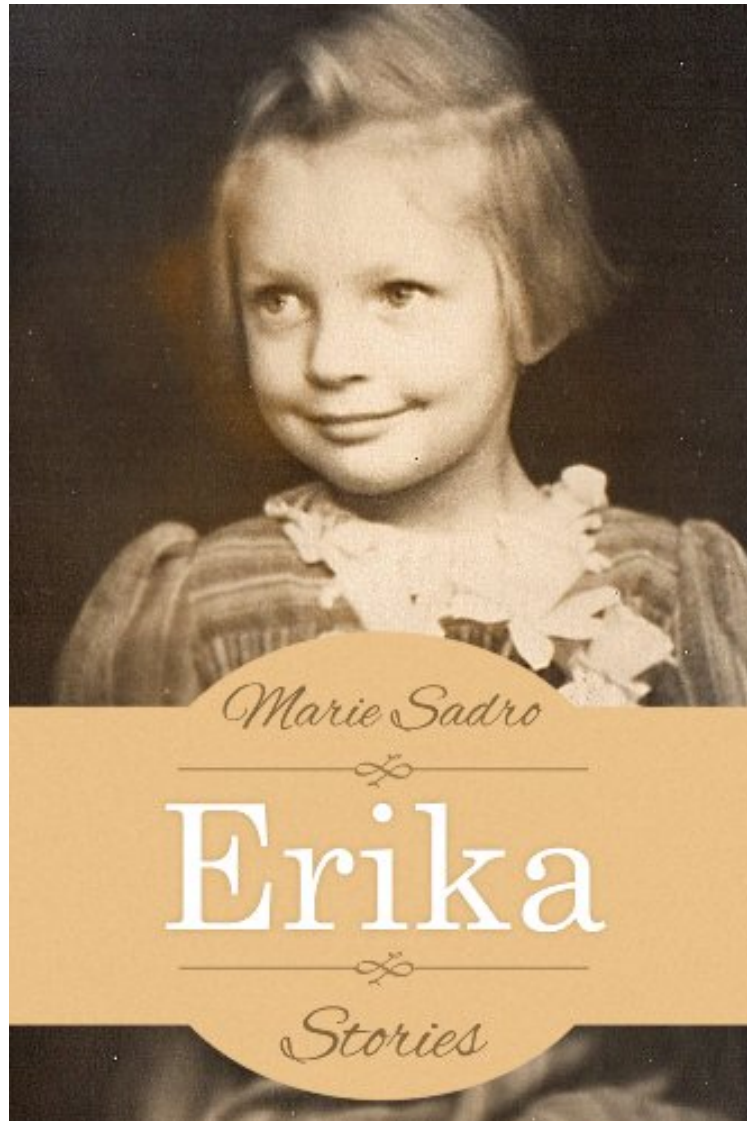


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a new life in Canada.

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**ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende**Marie Erika Sadro was born in Berlin during the war. Her family moved to Austria and France where she did her elementary schooling. She came to Canada in her early teens and completed her studies at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Toronto and at Yale University in the US. She taught languages in colleges and schools in Canada and the USA. Her publications include a collection of poems, "To Canada With Love," a play, "Judith of Bethulia", articles and short stories. Soon to be published are "In Her Light", and several novels and stories. Marie lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she belongs to several community clubs and associations. When she is not teaching or writing, she enjoys hiking in the mountains, skiing, curling and tennis, and visiting her four children and their children. Marie is the eldest of a family of ten children. Her father was a dedicated doctor in the prairies. Marie attended various private schools in the prairies. At university she specialized in languages and literature. In 1990 when the Berlin wall fell, memories of her early childhood inspired her to write the sixteen stories of her book "Erika." These unique recollections, which retell the war experiences of her family, make us aware of the importance of peace for the sake of the innocent. The message of Marie Sadro's book is clear: children need an atmosphere of peace and security in order to thrive. The stress and anxiety of parents and care-givers during war time, no matter how they try to hide it from children, is communicated to them and sometimes affects them for life. This is particularly seen when parents and adults try to preserve traditions like Christmas and story telling in spite of the horrible war shattering lives around them. The icon of the dove at the end of each story reminds us of her message: work towards peace at all costs, for the sake of your children. Do not raise your little ones in trauma, fear and hatred. Let them thrive in a normal environment of security so they may bring happiness into the world. Marie Sadro is the author of several books soon to appear on . She may be contacted on Facebook and Twitter.