MARY'S BOOK CORNER

Non-Fiction Book Reviews

"Maps and Shadows" by Krysia Jopek

Maps and Shadows is the story of a Polish family deported to Siberia shortly after the beginning of World War II. Told in the point of view of four of the five family members, we journey with them as they lose their home, are separated and finally reunited.

Utilizing poetry, the author prefaces every chapter with beautifully written, yet haunting details. My heart broke for the family as they endured untold hardships and I rejoiced with them at their reunion. There is no doubt the individuals involved were courageous



as they fought for their lives. The only criticism that I can offer is that I wanted to know more. More about their daily life, more about the harrowing journey they undertook. Overall, I highly recommend this book.

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