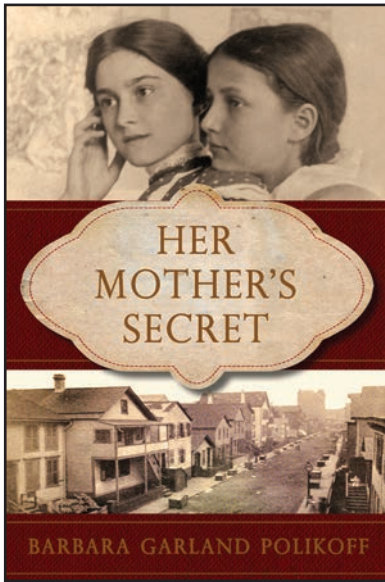


A Young Adult Historical Novel

from Award-Winning Author Barbara Garland Polikoff



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Replete with historical details that vividly evoke the Chicago of the 1890s, this moving coming-of-age story is set against the backdrop of a vibrant, turbulent city. Sarah moves between two very different worlds—the colorful immigrant neighborhood surrounding Hull House and the sophisticated, elegant World’s Columbian Exposition.

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Barbara Garland Polikoff is the author of several novels and non-fiction books for children and young adults. Her first novel, *Life’s a Funny Proposition*, *Horatio*, was an American Library Association Notable Book for Children, a *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year, and winner of the Carl Sandburg Award for best children’s book. She lives in a Chicago suburb with her husband.

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