

Advance Praise for *Nermina's Chance*

Nermina's Chance in less expert hands would have ended up as a drifting trilogy. Dina Greenberg has kept her story together in one tight and suspenseful narrative, intricately woven. She has given us a cast of main characters each worthy of their own novel. Rarely does a story blend so meaningfully the horrors of war, the possibilities and limits of love, and the human need for family. If you give *Nermina's Chance* a chance, you will soon be turning the last page.

Clyde Edgerton, author of *Walking Across Egypt* and *The Night Train*

Nermina's Chance recounts the harrowing odyssey of a young woman escaping war and atrocity to find a new home in America. Her story—steeped in yearning and hope—is the age-old story of immigrants of all kinds seeking a better life, the story of damaged people healing one another with a fierce and gentle humanity that battles against brute barbarism. Beautifully and dramatically told, full of insight and empathy, with crisp clarity and a laudable moral vision.

Philip Gerard, author of *Cape Fear Rising*

As a refugee and survivor, I worried that *Nermina's Chance* might not do justice to the historical facts of my war, to my city, and it's people who had suffered so deeply. Though forensic in detail, the novel eludes the trap of a single narrative—as important as this one is. Instead, Dina Greenberg performs the job of a skilled fiction writer, wielding her imagination to bring to life one woman's healing journey with empathy and humanity.

Zrinka Bralo, CEO, Migrants Organise

Nermina's Chance is an intense, riveting read that is hard to put down. In Dina Greenberg's stories, one always has the feeling of being dropped right into the center of her protagonist's world. The author takes this connection to a new level in *Nermina's Chance*. Well placed details like “delicate gold-plated dishes” in the family home in Bosnia, reveal Nermina's privileged upbringing. All too soon, though, readers are perched on the edge of their seat beside Nermina—the “truck jerking and lunging” along a dark, mountain road, explosions in the distance—wondering if she will escape. Nermina's will to survive is extraordinary. *Nermina's Chance* is a wonderful achievement. Highly recommended.

David Bright, Editor, Gemini Magazine

In *Nermina's Chance*, Dina Greenberg weaves the horrors of a nearly-forgotten war with the ongoing plight of the immigrant experience to create a riveting story about survival and perseverance. It's a story that reminds us of the humanity that underlies every experience, no matter how alien it may seem, and one that is perfect for our divisive times.

Joe Ponepinto, Senior Editor, Orca, A Literary Journal

The day I became a refugee was the day I bore witness to the trauma of the war in Bosnia, especially as my relatives were tortured and raped in concentration camps. Not many people are quite so capable of writing about other people's tragedies as Dina Greenberg did in *Nermina's Chance*. The book is a witness statement of the trauma that exists still years after the brutality has ended. You can tell Greenberg has put her heart and soul into the writing of this book. I've read *Nermina's Chance* in three days, and I highly recommend it.

Nadina Ronc, Foreign Affairs Analyst

With passion, compassion, and wise storytelling, Ms. Greenberg renders the brutality of the Bosnian War, and gives us Nermina, a traumatized refugee of that war, who comes to America and faces the challenges of a bewildering new culture. Alone, unmoored, she strives to reclaim her identity and to replace the family she lost. *Nermina's Chance* is a novel that's psychologically keen, told with exquisite detail about a protagonist who soars off the page and into your heart.

James Rahn, founder, Rittenhouse Writers Group; author of *Bloodnight*

I stayed up so late reading *Nermina's Chance* because I had to know what would happen next. Each time I put it down, I found myself ruminating about these characters I had come to love—what would happen to them? Would they find their way toward peace? This is a novel of remarkable self-assurance and wisdom. Dina Greenberg has written a gripping story of love, loss, war, and the things that people do to create family.

Dana Sachs, author of *The Secret of the Nightingale Palace*