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Misha lost his family. He can't rest until he has found them, if only to find himself.

Inspired by true events in the life of the author's father, Mihail Ichizli, this remarkable novel tells the story of an orphanage graduate, who set out from a village in Soviet Moldova, to the University of Odessa, Ukraine, in the hopes of finding the family he had lost as a toddler during World War II.

His quest will not be in vain. But will what he discovers bring him a much longed-for peace, or will it only bring him misery? Little does Misha know what he will find out – not only of his own past, but also about the orphanage; a place he believed he had left behind for ever.

"A deeply moving story, very beautifully told. I frequently found myself pausing to breath in a particularly lovely sentence, before eagerly turning the page to find out what was to happen next." Menna van Praag, bestselling author of *The House at the End of Hope Street*

Includes the first four chapters from Victoria's upcoming novel "A Life Upside Down: A Spy's Daughter"

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Karina Gjedde says

This novel is a story of a young man who was growing up in an orphanage in Moldova with one big dream: to find his family. We follow him, as he leaves the orphanage to go study the university in Odessa and as he starts the search for his family. This is a very well written story about finding your identity and yourself in the young years, and I was drawn into the author's universe from page one. It is one of those books you don't want to finish, because you have come to care for the persons and their stories. Highly recommendable!

Réal Laplaine says

The Truth About Family captures the essence of life behind the Iron Curtain, in the old USSR - the forerunner to modern day Russia. It shows the stark reality of young minds growing up in an orphanage under the rule of a Communist manifesto. Young boys and girls who are trying to find a sense of identity and accomplishment while straightjacketed by communist mediocrity and oppression. It is also a very personalized story about one boy's search to find his family in the wake of post-World War II era in the USSR. The book conveys a sense of hope - that in spite of the bleakness of the collective communist system - the only real warmth and life which existed at all was the result of individual people who imbued it with such. A simple story and one that shows that with persistence, no goal goes unrewarded.
