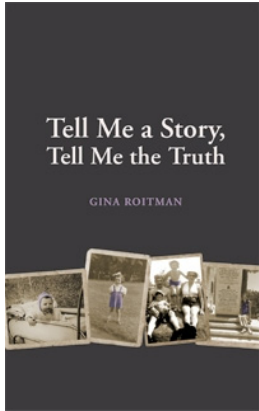


EXTRA MID-WEEK PRESENTATION

Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Inc.

presents

Meet the Author Gina Roitman



Book and Author: *Tell Me a Story, Tell Me the Truth* by Gina Roitman

When: Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Where:

Holocaust Documentation and Education Center
2031 Harrison Street, Hollywood, FL 33020

RSVP: Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Regina Burgess, Librarian, at (954) 929-5690 Ext. 209 or email regina@hdec.org.

Author Gina Roitman has captured her own experience as the daughter of Holocaust survivors in the character of Leah Smilovitz. Leah lives in a world trapped between two solitudes. An outsider, she belongs neither to her parents' painful generation nor to her own, freshly minted in the freedoms and contradictions of Montreal in the 1950s and 1960s.

Growing up in a community of immigrants forever bound to the past, Leah tests the boundaries of her independence. This poignant and often funny collection of linked stories takes us through her rebellions, loves found and lost, and the pain of being helpless in the face of irreparable circumstances. Coming of age in a generation looking for its own identity, Leah struggles against old world fears and taboos to move into a more hopeful future.

Gina Roitman, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, was born in Passau, Germany in 1948 and lived in the Pocking-Waldstadt Displaced Persons Camp before emigrating to Canada at 18 months of age. She is an award-winning writer and poet whose stories have aired on CBC Radio and appeared in numerous publications. She is currently completing a film entitled *My Mother, the Nazi Midwife, and Me* with award-winning TV and radio host Jane Hawtin, president of Amberlight Productions. It is a chilling yet hopeful documentary about Gina's discovery that the horrific stories she thought were told to terrify her as a child were actually true. A Montrealer by choice and inclination, Gina supports her passion for traveling by working as a communication consultant for the travel and tourism industry.

The book will be available for purchase after the presentation, when the author will personally inscribe your copy on request.

