



DIANA MATHUR HISTORICAL NOVELIST

Diana Mathur, MBA, is the author of *The Ghastly Year*, a trilogy set in WWII Latvia, which received support from the American Latvian Association Cultural Foundation through its cultural grants program.

She is a former president of the Southern California chapter of the Historical Novel Society and an occasional feature writer for the *Topanga New Times*. She is also a member of the Authors Guild, serves on the board of the Topanga Chamber of Commerce overseeing publications, works as a freelance editor and ghostwriter, and leads a long-running writers' critique group.

A Latvian citizen through Meritorious Service for the Benefit of Latvia, Mathur conducts extensive primary-source research through interviews, archival work, and frequent travel throughout the Baltics.

She reclaimed family property confiscated during the Soviet occupation and helped restore her family's antebellum country house in Ikšķile, Vidzeme.

Her research has taken her across Eastern Europe in pursuit of buried family history and aboard the Trans-Siberian Railway to the remnants of the Gulag archipelago while tracing the stories of Stalin-era deportees.

Deeply engaged with Latvian cultural organizations for decades as both a board member and folk dancer, Mathur brings long-term historical and cultural immersion to her fiction.

The mother of three, Diana lives in Topanga Canyon, California, with her husband and labradoodle. She can often be found writing in cafés where artists and writers still gather to argue about books and the state of the world.

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