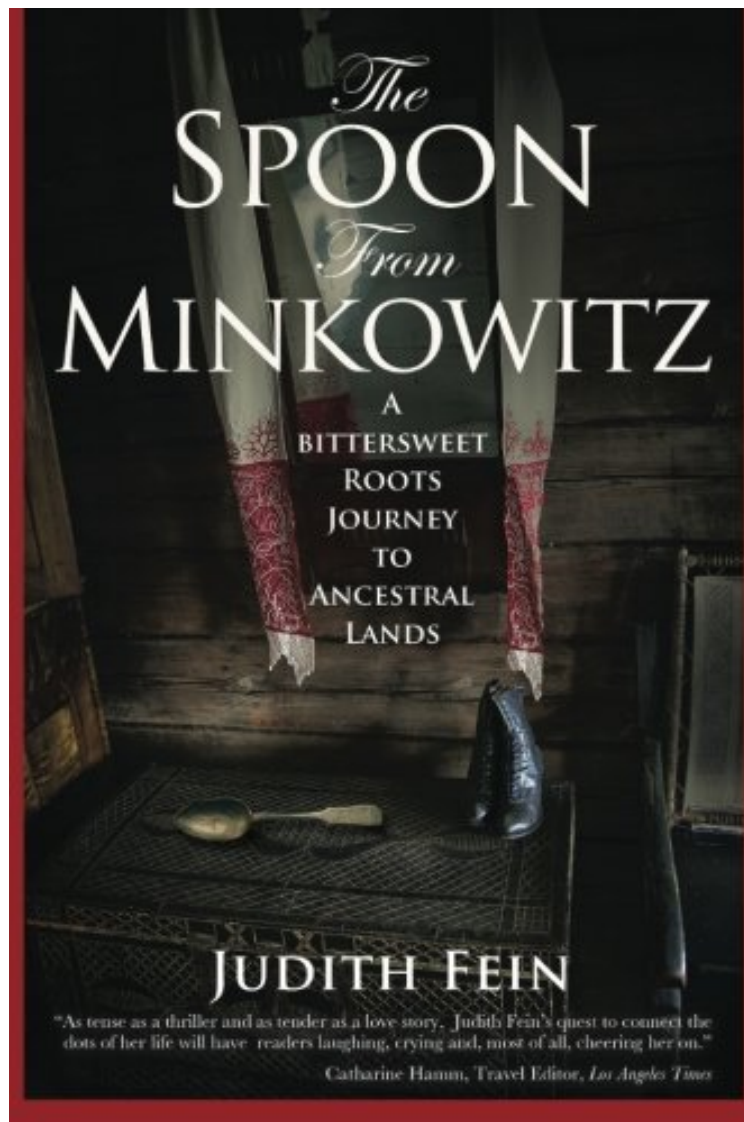


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. great gift for all ages wonderful for book clubsBy Joe LurieI read Spoon from Minkowitz in just one night. It's easy to read and difficult to put down. It's funny, compelling, and life-affirming. I feel as if the author, Judith Fein, is sitting beside me telling me stories that make me laugh and cry at the same time. No wonder, she used to be a Hollywood screen writer! And it has great photos, some worth more than a thousand words.I ordered 2 books-- for my 17 year old nephew and 88 year old grandmother. I'm now very inspired to ask her lots of family questions while she's still got a sharp memory. It's a great GIFT for readers of all ages and backgrounds.My enthusiasm is contagious: my book group just agreed to read Spoon. We're men and women - Christians, Jews, Buddhists, athiests and a Hindu. The discussion guide at the end is excellent.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Making Connections/Uncovering MysteriesBy CallistoFrom a prolific travel writer who can take you there and back, loaded up with family secrets, intriguing characters, and historical details that are haunting and incredibly well-researched. From minimal clues emerge tales worthy of a much beloved drutsyla, but these are true stories for the generations. Read to discover how to unravel the past and find your peace in the present.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary Travelogue of the HeartBy rosebudI enjoyed the journey. Enjoywell thats only partially how I experienced this extraordinary travelogue of the heart. I see and feel the people and the places Judie has introduced us to. I have been transported. I cried during Urban Ancestors being reminded of historical facts buried in not-so-deep recesses of my brain and having learned a few new facts that intensified the feeling. I wept for Dunca and wish she could know that her story makes a difference. That chapter was particularly special to me. I so admire the fire, the passion, that Judie has for the journey. The Spoon . . . may be just the spark I need to return to seeking my roots. I cried reading the details of events Id never heard about beforeJudie uncovers horrors that until now were to me unknown facts about the Holocaust. I was relieved each time I got past those paragraphs, only to have them sneak up on me in the next chapter or the chapter after that. Compelling, necessary. Painful, yes, but we must remember always.But not only were the memories of devastation and murder described so effectively; so were her portrayals of the people she met, the villages and cities she visited, and the picturesque environments the homes, the synagogues, all of it.What a gift she has given us: this rich and detailed tapestry of a treasured past that surely will live on, not only in her heart, but also in her readers hearts.

Award-winning international travel writer Judith Fein has the burning passion and unquenchable curiosity to dive beneath the surface and push past all obstacles to find the truth. In this case, the truth is the shrouded story about where she came from, what the Old World was like, and what remains of the places so many of our ancestors left behind when they came to America. With heart and humor, she takes us along with her as she treks through graveyards, has a private audience with the Gypsy Baron of Moldova, meets the last Jew standing, communes with the dead, quaffs cognac with Russians, wanders among ruins, and hears the call of the ancestors, driving her on. Ultimately, it is our story too, as we the experience the legacy of what was handed down to us in our families, relationships, beliefs, fears and longings. Cracking the mystery of who we are, why we love, and where we came from can be the greatest mystery of all. Book Discussion Guide included.

"As tense as a thriller and as tender as a love story, Judith Fein's story of her quest to connect the dots of her life will have readers laughing, crying and, most of all, cheering her on."