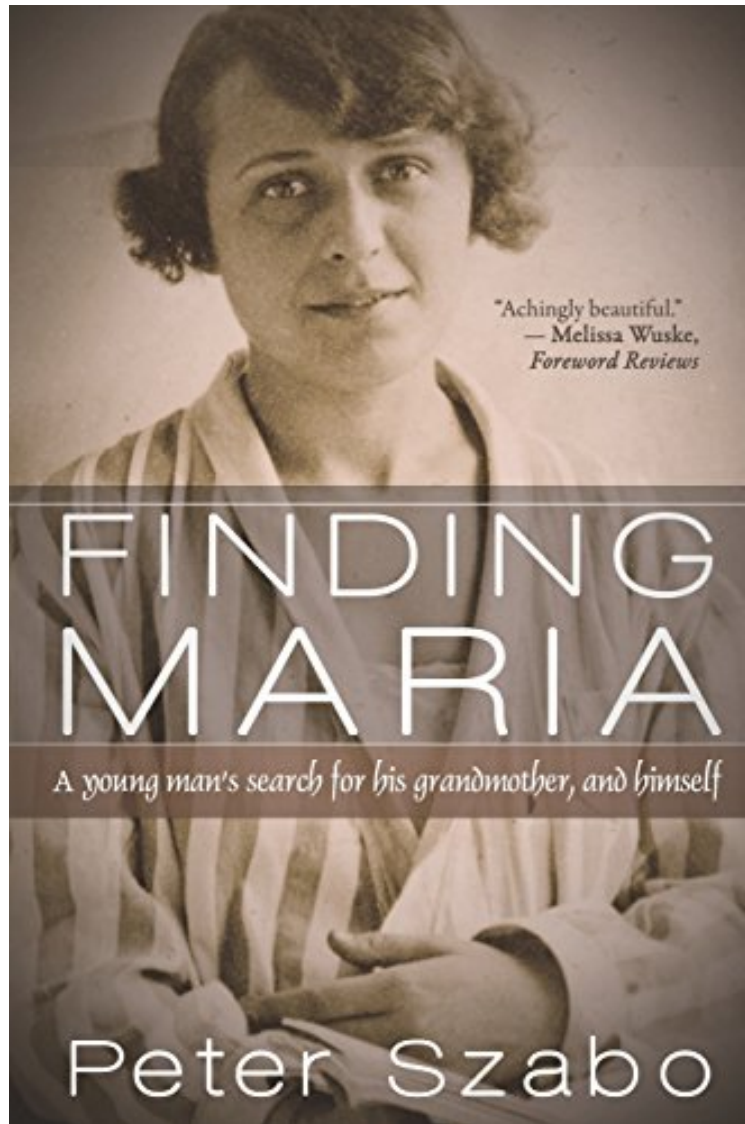


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"The timeless ritual of cleaning out the apartment of a deceased grandparent becomes a moving and multi-layered history of a family, of Hungarian Jewry, of the Holocaust and communism, and of an extraordinary woman. With graceful prose and a sure sense of narrative, Peter Szabo shares his discovery of his family's past, of their suffering and bravery, betrayals and the catastrophic losses. When the apartment is empty, the possessions distributed, and the door on one life is closed, the reader is left with memories that seem almost personal, so clearly do these lives nearly become our own." - Marianne Szegedy-Maszak, author of *I Kiss Your Hands Many Times: Hearts, Souls, and Wars in Hungary* "This is a marvelous story that reflects upon the powerful rapport between grandson and grandmother and how that connection impacts the quality of life for both. What grandson and grandparent share in this story insures that the social isolation and loneliness that has become synonymous with many as they age is lessened and a rich cultural history is passed on to a new generation captured through the appreciation for an 'elusive chance for friendship.'" - Mark Meridy, Executive Director of DOROT "Achingly beautiful. Finding Maria is a heartfelt, honest look at love and loss across generations of a family." - Melissa Wuske, Foreword About the Author PETER SZABO is an organizational consultant and writer who lives in New York City with his wife and children. He is the author of a volume of poetry, *Death and Life*, and his wide-ranging articles and essays, spanning such topics as the civil rights movement, open space preservation, politics, organizational behavior, and urban revitalization, have appeared in *Socioanalysis*, *Bioscience*, *Maryland Historical Magazine*, *The Hartford Courant*, and *Gotham Gazette*, among other publications.