

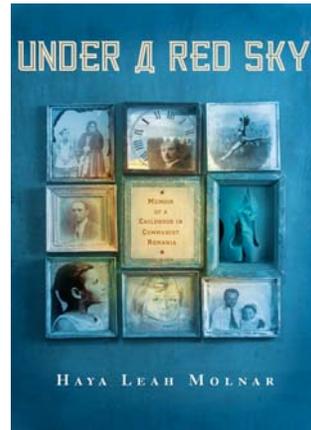


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has been shrouded in secrecy?



**UNDER A RED SKY**  
Memoir of a Childhood in Communist Romania

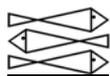
★ “In this rich, insightful memoir, Molnar offers a child’s-eye view of life in Romania in the late 1950s. [Her family is] a lively, eccentric bunch brought vividly to life in a simple first-person, present-tense narration. [A] poignant, memorable memoir. — *Kirkus* (starred)

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“This splendid memoir depicts the growing dangers and the hardship of postwar life for a Jewish family in Soviet-controlled Bucharest, where religion is assailed as superstition, education is communist doctrine, dissent is dangerous, and the sanctity of private life nonexistent. The family is eccentric and argumentative, but humor and love abound, even as they keep secrets from Eva for her own protection. The writing is sharp and beautiful and haunting, and the story one to be read today.”

— **Susan Campbell Bartoletti**, author of *Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow*, a Newbery Honor Book

*“You can never hide who you really are, Eva.”*

These are the words uttered to Eva Zimmerman who didn't know she was Jewish until she was nearly eight years old. In postwar Bucharest, Eva is the only child growing up in a family of eccentric and opinionated adults — adults who would do absolutely anything to keep her safe in a country that is changing in ever more frightening ways.

In this wrenchingly moving and surprisingly funny memoir, Haya Leah Molnar paints an unforgettable picture of life in Communist Romania and captures with heartbreaking precocity the very adult realities of living behind the iron curtain.

**HAYA LEAH MOLNAR** was ten years old when her family escaped the Communist regime and immigrated to Israel. She now lives in New York City. This is her first book.

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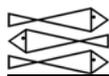
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