

# PEPCA'S STRUGGLE

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**Pepca's Struggle**  
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## Narrative Synopsis

This true story is essentially historical, although its spirit is sometimes romantic and occasionally reaches into the heroic. **Pepca's Struggle** takes place from 1938 to 1957 in Slovenia, Yugoslavia, in Italy's refugee camps, and on to Australia, one day settling in the United States.

While symbolizing the struggles of many, this book is a detailed, accurate account of the life of one young woman, Pepca Beckar, who was born under the Italian annexation of Slovenia. As a child, Pepca grew up under the hardships, abuse, and oppression of Italianization, experiencing the pressures of war and fighting for survival under a communist regime. This continuous struggle threatened her family's life, educational pursuits, and employability.

Because of her twofold resistance to communism and strong religious beliefs, Pepca's future was in jeopardy, and this book takes you through a series of events, including:

- Planning to escape Yugoslavia while still underage.
- Enduring extraordinary sufferings and the small joys of a refugee in a foreign country, Italy.
- Meeting an American philanthropist who made educational opportunities possible.
- Discovering a fiancée's disloyalty.
- Experiencing the problems of being a DP in Australia.
- And meeting another escaped Slovenian and falling in love.

**Pepca's Struggle** is a human story about thousands of people who suffered under tyranny and oppression. It is replete with astonishing incidents and revealing insights into human nature. It is a testament to events drawn from the seared memory of a child who describes a life scarred by deprivation, fright, and horror but redeemed and healed by love.

  
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