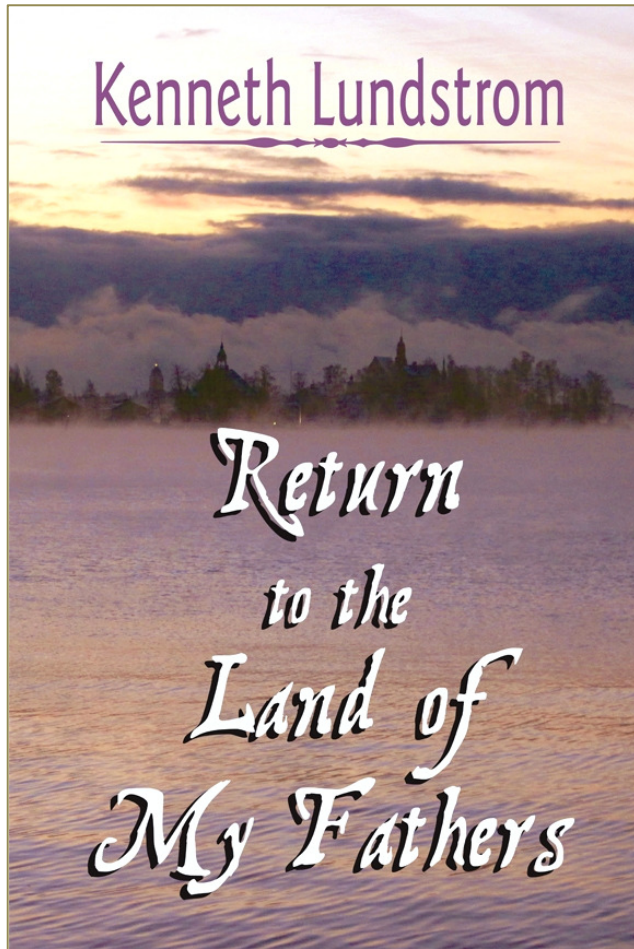


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Groundbreaking Novel of a Family's Dramatic Evacuation and Dreams of a Return to the Land of Their Fathers



World War II took a massive human toll, but especially in Europe. Ilmari was a fisherman in Karelia, a region in Eastern Finland bordering Russia. He had a happy life until the war changed everything. *Return to the Land of My Fathers* is his story, an inspiring novel that takes place from pre-war Finland to modern day America.

Ilmari's family was forcefully evacuated with 422,000 other Karelians. His son, Aleks, ended up as a prisoner of war, spending years at a hard labor camp in Siberia, before joining Soviet intelligence. Aleks then arrives as a Soviet gold medal contender in shooting at the Olympic Games in Helsinki, where he defects. Meanwhile, Ilmari begins a new career as a painter. Through his art, he expresses the longing for the Land of His Fathers, his beloved Karelia. As a renowned artist, he also finds inspiration from the seashores on Long Island. Aleks becomes a literature professor with a specialty in Russian literature. The traumatic evacuation of Karelia makes him draw parallels to the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

After a lifetime of missing the Land of His Fathers, at age 95, Ilmari is finally able to return for a visit, taking with him his grown-up children and grandchildren. Afterward, he reflects on his emotional return, questioning if the trip really happened or was an illusion. "Did I really *Return to the Land of My Fathers*?" This emotional story tells of one family's eventful journey through a historic period of turmoil.

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