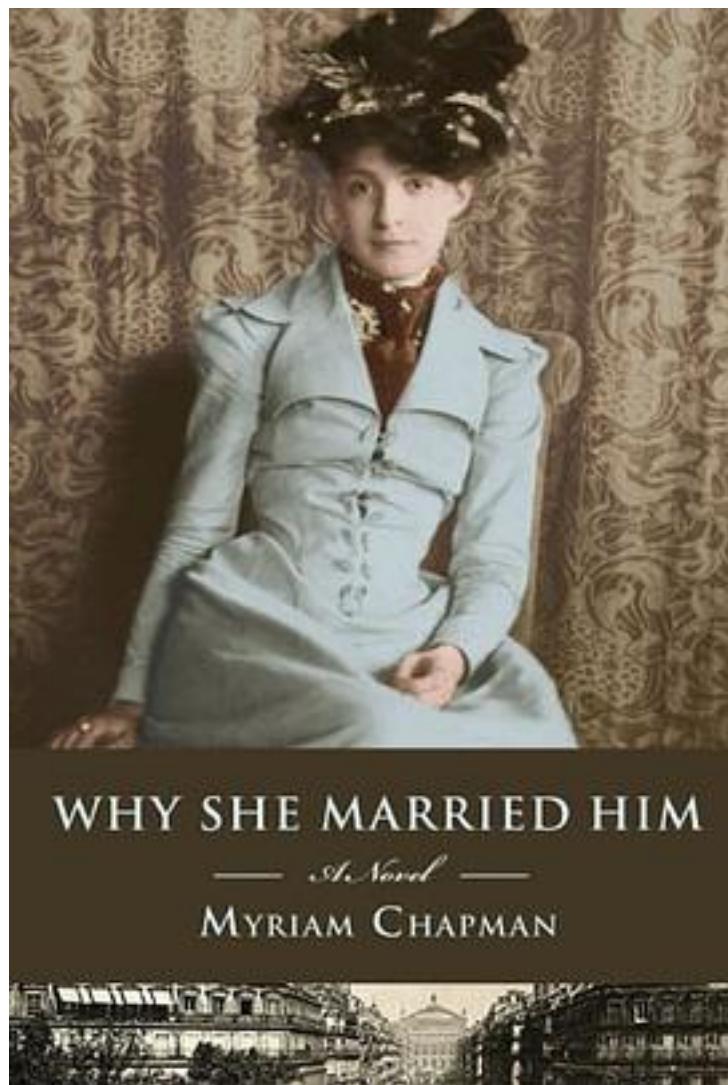


Why She Married Him



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History and fiction merge in this richly embroidered tale of a young Jewish woman in early 20th-century France.

Set in Paris in the early 1900s, *Why She Married Him* tells the story of Nina Schavranski, a beautiful young Russian Jewish émigré at a crossroads in her life. At 22, in the immigrant community of Belle Epoque Paris, Nina's choices are few. She works in her father's tailor shop, attends political lectures and night school, striving to be an intellectual, "modern" woman. But Nina's sensual nature and her longing for freedom remain unfulfilled. The answer to the question of why she marries Abraham Podselver, a struggling fashion illustrator with socialist dreams, lies in the sum of Nina's experiences—which unwind like a bolt of silk as the novel moves backward in time. We see Nina enjoy her first real love—who abandons her for better opportunities in America. We see the Schavranskis when they first arrive in Paris, struggling to make it out of the Marais ghetto. We see the family in Yekaterinoslav in Ukraine, where they enjoyed a comfortable, cultured life until a series of bloody pogroms forced them into exile.

Capturing both the sweep of history and the private joys and turmoil of a complex young woman, *Why She Married Him* is rich, satisfying historical fiction. Inspired by an unpublished memoir by the author's grandmother, found years after her death, the novel is infused with passion.

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