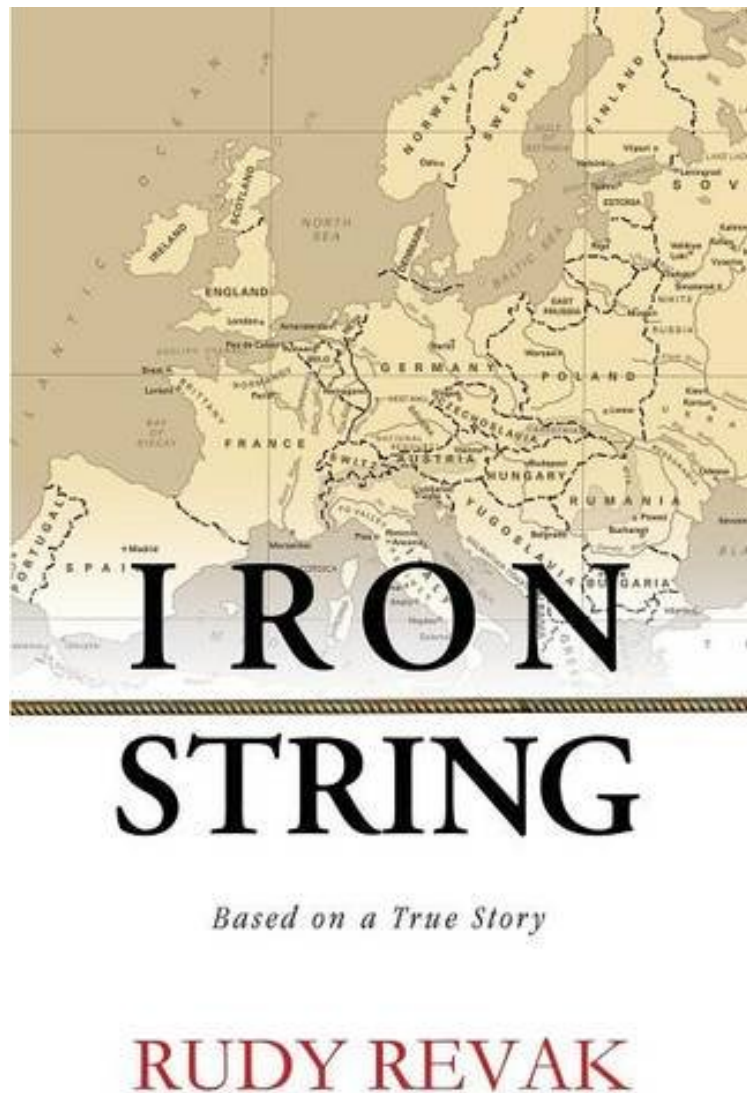


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"Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string."Ralph Waldo EmersonIn 1920, Stefan Revak's father left Scheindorf, Romania to work in the United States. Stefan, then five-years-old, stayed with his mother, Gertrude, to manage the farm and properties, while they waited for his father to save enough money for them to come to America. Thirty years would pass before their dream became reality. "Iron String" is the intrepid story of Stefan Revak, his loneliness and hard work as a child raised by an alcoholic mother to his will to survive as a conscripted World War II German army soldier and prisoner of war. His desperate love for his wife, Maria, kept him alive through every trial, as he crisscrossed Europe in a war he did not choose.

"Alternating between scenes and events that are in turn intimate, poignant, powerful, and chilling, Iron String is a fast-paced, gripping tale that pits two forces--that of evil and that of love--against each other. The work highlights the dignity and resilience of the human spirit, movingly portrayed through the story of Revak family's suffering and eventual triumph ... Iron String, though filled with grisly images of war, wounding, and starvation; of beautiful cities turned to rubble and ruin; and of dreams trampled into the barren soil, is also an inspiring story of the power of love to sustain life and hope."Kristine Morris, Foreword Clarion Five Star s