

### ***Chasing Shadows* by Lynn Austin**

Many books have been published lately about women during WW II, but this one has a slightly different angle. Set in neutral Netherlands just before and during the Nazi invasion and occupation, Austin's novel follows a farmwife, her daughter who has moved to the city of Leiden, and a young Jewish violinist who fled to Holland for safety from the Third Reich. When the Nazis invade, life changes forever for all three, and their lives intertwine in unexpected and even heartbreaking ways.

Realistic and sometimes dark, the book chronicles the inner struggles of faith in all three women as they confront the huge moral and spiritual challenges the conflict brings. Many of the incidents in the story are based on true accounts of courageous Dutch Christians who lived through the Nazi occupation. This book had a special resonance for me as I think of the wives, daughters, and mothers of infants whose lives are currently being changed forever by the war in Ukraine. May faith in God carry them through, as it does for the women in this story.