

## **The Diamond Eye, Kate Quinn**

If you are a Kate Quinn fan then you already expect a large, well-researched historical novel. The Diamond Eye is a historical fiction version of the story of Lyudmila Pavlichenko, a.k.a. Lady Death, a Russian sniper who fought against the German army early in 1941. It is documented that Mila (as her name is often shortened) had killed 309 German soldiers before she was injured in 1941. Upon recovering she became part of a Russian propaganda and diplomatic team that was sent to the US and Canada to try and convince the Allies of the need to attack the Germans on multiple fronts.

The early years of Mila's life are set in what is now Ukraine, as Mila's childhood home was in Kyiv, something that seemed a bit eerie to be reading about right now. The later part of the book covers more of the friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Mila.