

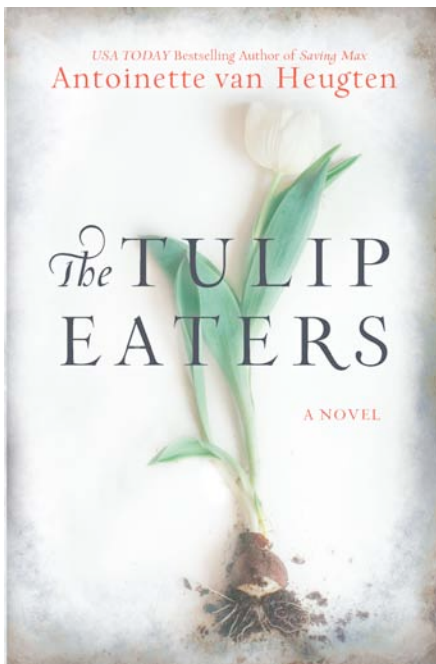


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USA Today bestselling novelist spins thrilling tale through WWII lens

THE TULIP EATERS

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It is 1980, almost forty years after a brutal war that pitted a generation of Dutch Nazi sympathizers against Holland's resistance fighters. For some, those wounds are still raw and the thirst for vengeance unquenched. Half a world away, a seemingly innocent woman is brutally murdered and her infant grandchild abducted – all in the name of justice. In Antoinette van Heugten's *THE TULIP EATERS* (Harlequin/MIRA, November 2013, \$15.95), the bestselling author of *Saving Max* transports readers back to the darkest days of World War II and explores the power the past wields over the present.

Nora de Jong returns home from a grueling day at work and walks right into a nightmare – her Dutch mother has been murdered and her infant daughter, Rose, is missing. As she tries to make sense of the horrific tableau in her living room, she comes across the strangest piece of the puzzle: a dead stranger sprawled on the floor, clutching a World War II-era Luger in his hand.

Knowing that each passing day diminishes any chance of recovering her baby, Nora must put aside her grief to search for Rose. Frustrated with a stalled police effort, she follows a lead to Amsterdam to research her mother's past. Digging deep into her family's history – too deep for some – Nora uncovers a side of her parents she never knew about and begins to see how the actions of a past generation could spell doom for a future one.

As in the critically acclaimed *Saving Max*, van Heugten thrills readers by showing a frantic mother, terrified but determined to save her child – no matter how crazy the police think she is or what horrifying family truths she must uncover. Knowing she can't rest until her baby is safe is an uncontrollable obsession to which every parent can relate. In *THE TULIP EATERS*, van Heugten paints this picture like no other author today.

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About the Author

Antoinette van Heugten's *USA Today* bestselling debut novel, *Saving Max*, was widely acclaimed. More than a heart-pounding thriller, it was based on her real-life experience as the mother of autistic children. *Saving Max* has sold over 200,000 copies and has been translated into six languages. The story follows a single mother whose teenage son has Asperger's Syndrome and becomes the primary suspect in a gruesome murder case. *THE TULIP EATERS* is based upon research van Heugten did at the Dutch War Institute in Amsterdam about her parents, both Dutch resistance fighters. A former international trial lawyer, van Heugten retired from law to pursue a full-time career as a writer. A native Texan, she received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas. During her 15-year career as an attorney specializing in international and admiralty law, she represented clients worldwide. van Heugten is currently working on a sequel to *Saving Max*, entitled *Finding Marianne*. She lives in Fredericksburg, Texas, with her husband, a prominent oil and gas trial lawyer. For more information, please visit www.avhbooks.com.

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