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*Mouth of Truth* is a gripping account of impossible choices, divided loyalties and unimaginable horrors. Batya Lightenberg, a Canadian wife and mother, tries to live a normal life in oblivion of her troubled past while carrying a legacy of guilt and buried secrets inherited partly from her father, a successful lawyer turned Jewish policeman in the Warsaw Ghetto. Compelled by a need to unearth the truth about her family, Batya sets out for Eastern Canada, Italy and Poland on a mission of discovery and healing.

*"Mouth of Truth represents an important contribution to the field and engages — with such eloquence, insight and sensitivity — with timely questions related to Holocaust memory, the transmission of trauma across generations, and the complexity of roles and responsibilities in a moral universe upended. Mouth of Truth would be a compelling candidate for the reading lists of universities and colleges with courses on Holocaust history and literature, the psychology of genocide."*  
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