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Dear Readers,

For much of my career as a writer I was a librarian in my day job. This helps me understand what a wonderful initiative OverDrive's Together We Read represents, and the role it plays in getting powerful stories to the readers who will love them, be drawn into them, and be changed by them. I believe that my novel, *The Love That I Have*, can evoke these same responses from readers who discover it, so I'm both honoured and excited that it has been chosen. What I would have given to have such a program available during my days in the library!

When I tell you *The Love That I Have* is set in a Nazi concentration camp, you might immediately think of gas chambers and the horrors of the Holocaust. This story is different. Prisoner, Dieter Kleinschmidt, is not a Jew and Margot Baumann, the girl determined to save him is devoted to The Fuhrer - until the truth slowly twists itself around her. *The Love That I Have* is Margot's story, a tale of love and hope amid the greatest despair ever visited upon humanity. It will lift your soul as much as it grips your heart with fear at the obstacles Margot must overcome after she falls in love with Dieter through the beauty of his letters to another woman.

I have waited forty years to write this story, after a scene in an old Anthony Quinn movie first sparked the idea. Elements of this story derive from my mother who also fell in love during the war, but mostly the underlying theme comes from asking myself, and by extension the reader, what would you do if you were in Margot's place? Would your core humanity trump the indoctrination hammered into you? Would love mean more to you than all you once believed, more than your family, more than your own life? I hope you will embrace *The Love That I Have* as a way of finding out.

Yours sincerely

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