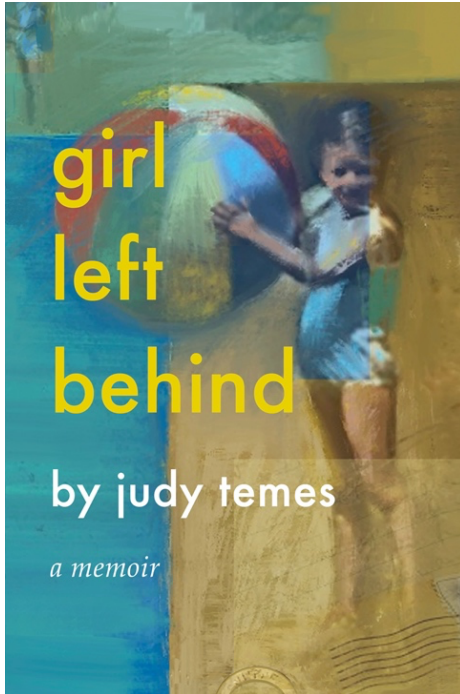


Houston, Texas – March 14, 2021 – Press Release: Saint Julian Press is proud to announce a new memoir. *Girl Left Behind*, by author Judy Temes, to be published on June 15, 2021.



At age five, Judy Temes was living with her parents and brother in a small town near Hungary’s southern border. Unlike most, the family had comforts: a roomy apartment, a television, even a vacation home. What more could anyone want? But for her father, a doctor and a survivor of the Holocaust, living among the people who stood by as his family was taken to their deaths in cattle cars had become untenable.

On a summer night in 1969, the family packed the car for what was supposed to be a vacation to Vienna. Only this was no vacation. They were escaping Hungary’s totalitarian regime, using tourist visas that allowed entry into a Western country. Such visas, however, came at a high price. One child had to be left behind. This was the government’s way to ensure that citizens who left the country would return.

The child left behind was “Juditka,” who would go on to live with her grandmother in a tiny lakeside Hungarian village. When, if ever, would she see her family again? No one knew.

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“*Girl Left Behind* is a gripping, heartbreaking, and strikingly beautiful memoir of the immigrant experience that is all the more relevant and necessary in today’s political climate. In a tale that is reminiscent of *The Liar’s Club* and *The Glass Castle*, Judy Temes, a masterful and compassionate storyteller, captivates the reader with her charm, wit, and lyrical prose. This is a story that will stick with me, and that I will never be able to leave behind.”

—William Dameron
Author of *The Lie: A Memoir of Two Marriages,*
Catfishing and Coming Out

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