

My Journey to Freedom

Judy Bartosy's memoir, *My Journey to Freedom* was launched at the Society of Women Writers Victoria April meeting.

Former Secretary and later Membership Secretary for many years and now Life Member, and often referred to as 'the jewel in the Society's crown', Judy had many friends present who were keen to buy a copy of her book.

Through her small publishing company, Busybird Publishing, our President, Blaise van Hecke published Judy's book. She also spoke about it, read extracts from it and officially declared it launched.

My Journey to Freedom tells the story of Judy's life and how, in March 1944 at age 14, her life changed dramatically when the German Army marched into her home city, Budapest, Hungary and occupied it. By winter 1945, the Red Army advanced on the city, the Germans retreated and Judy's family decided it was time to leave Hungary. During the following four years Judy lived in southern Germany working for the US Government doing translations. In 1949 her family came to Australia.

The attractive cover of the A5 size book of 94 pages features one of Judy's photos of the old city of Budapest with a striking blue surround. The back cover features one of Judy's paintings, presumably of a Budapest landscape with a bridge in the foreground and buildings in the background.

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