

HOLODOMOR STORIES: RECENT READS FOR SCHOOLS

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This book confronts the possibility of terrible times and fearful events without flinching, but in terms that a child can absorb, contain, manage.

And beyond that – holding the child's hand, never letting them go – it asserts the ongoing presence of continuity, comfort, love. Even as an adult, I am glad that I have read this tiny, beautifully illustrated, very positive book.

–Author Carly Rheilan

HREC Education presents a free webinar series of dynamic talks with authors of primary, middle-grade and young adult fiction featuring their recently published novels relating to the Holodomor. The series runs from Fall of 2022 into Fall of 2023. Webinars are introduced by HREC Director of Education Valentina Kuryliw and hosted by Mateusz Świetlicki.

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Author Carola Schmidt talks about her children's storybook,
Tell Me A Story Babushka

When a little girl asks her Baba to tell her a story about a princess and a monster what she hears is so much more — the true tale of the arrest and deportation of her grandmother's family to a concentration camp in Siberia during the Holodomor. She escapes to freedom with the help of a secret message hidden in a nesting doll. The perfect happily ever after!

Carola Schmidt is the author of six books for children. She is a pediatric oncology pharmacist living in Curitiba, Brazil and some of her much loved books help children undergoing cancer treatments. Carola's Baba (great-grandmother) Amelia emigrated to Brazil from Ukraine. It was when Carola travelled to Ukraine that she decided to write this story — a tale imagining her missing family history and her great-grandmother's escape from a difficult experience long ago. The storybook is beautifully illustrated by accomplished artist/illustrator **Anita Barghigiani** who lives in Florence, Italy.



Mateusz Świetlicki holds a PhD in literary studies and has taught at the University of Wrocław (Poland) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (USA).

