



Gittle, a Girl of the Steppes

By Estelle Rubin Brager

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 214 x 149 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Gittle, A Girl of the Steppes was inspired by the handwritten memoirs of the author s grandmother, a spirited Jewish woman who grew up in 19th century Ukraine, then controlled by Russia. Gittle is only 10 months old when the family sleigh overturns in the wintry countryside and her mother is killed. Gittle is found alive, rescued from wolves, and becomes her father s favorite, educated beyond the norm for girls in those times. But at sixteen, she loses her father and submits to his dying wish that she join his wealthy cousin s household. Although the family welcomes her, she is almost raped by a member of the household. She barely escapes and on her way home, meets a traveling mill salesman who becomes smitten with her. His family sends a matchmaker to arrange a match, and once Gittle and Yacov are married, they move to his hometown, a village just south of Kiev. The people who fill Gittle s world range far beyond shtetl folk and her own growing brood. Her husband s cousin, a...

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