

THE GRANDE DAME AND HITLER'S TWIN

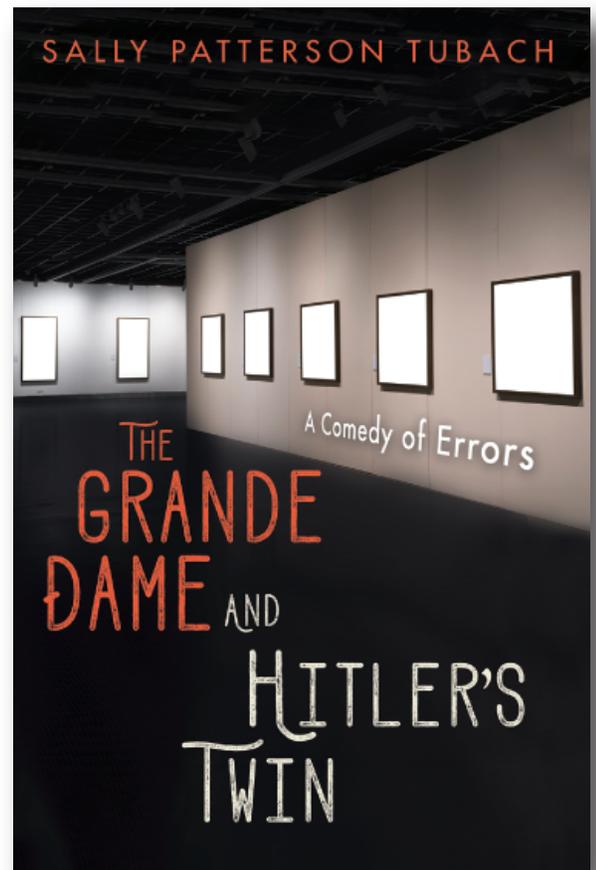
A Comedy of Errors

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Can an elderly literary snob shape a middle-aged dilettante into a man of sufficient substance to neutralize the potential for evil in Hitler's identical twin? Cranky Myrtle Halstead, a wealthy resident of San Francisco's most elegant retirement highrise, becomes enamored of a man half her age—the suave and untrustworthy Bruno de Carlo. She resolves to school him in classic literature and turn him into a man of integrity. Unwittingly, she prepares the Italian American for an unprecedented task two decades following her death. He must turn Hitler's twin brother into a successful painter in order to keep him out of politics and save the world from another global catastrophe. A colorful cast of quirky characters moves the plot forward in a series of humorous missteps and misunderstandings. In this thought-provoking tale, nature and nurture compete over the souls of a jetsetter and of Hitler's twin brother in contemporary Baghdad by the Bay. In this singular, speculative, and heartwarming story, chance events can have enormous consequences. Find the surprising answer to an intriguing question of historical hindsight: What if Adolf Hitler had had a different profession?

"Sally Tubach is a prose magician in this multi-layered book with comic, tragic, ironic turns, one of the most cleverly crafted I have read in a long while. The narrative revolves around two reversed figures woven into a plot that holds the most dazzlingly thought-provoking surprises (to wit, the sci-fi trick the author deftly employs to bring Hitler's twin into the twenty-first century), and raises provocative questions of historical relevance (like how might things have been different if Adolf Hitler had been admitted to art school and become a successful artist?)."

—ANTOINE FAIVRE, Author of *Western Esotericism: A Concise History*



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