



On the wildest front of World War 1, Baroness Tanya von Brantburg is running intelligence missions for the British irregular forces in East Africa, with whom her husband is enlisted. Risking enemy fire, attacks by lions, temptations to double-cross, and seduction by an old flame, she confronts in this crucible the ultimate challenges to her integrity and her love.

About the author

Maya Alexandri is the author of *The Plague Cycle* (Spuyten Duvel 2018), a short story collection, and *The Celebration Husband* (TSL Publications 2015), a novel. Her short stories have been published in *The Stockholm Review of Books*, *The Light Ekphrastic*, *Adelaide*, *Dime Show Review*, and many others. Her story, “Ann Noni Mini,” was nominated for a 2018 Pushcart Prize. She was one of the organizers of, and performers in, the 2016-2017 Amplified Cactus inter-disciplinary arts series in Baltimore, Maryland. She counts among her literary mentors the novelist and poet D.M. Thomas and the novelist Madison Smartt Bell. Maya has lived in China, India, and Kenya, and she has worked as an actor, lawyer, UN consultant, blues-rock singer, and emergency medical technician. She is currently a medical student at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra-Northwell and a 2d Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. For more information, see www.mayaalexandri.com

Reviews

The Celebration Husband is a surprisingly soulful look at a strong woman of a bygone era. Alexandri builds a rich cast of background characters with insights to the tribes of East Africa and tribal warfare. The danger of the time feels authentic, as does the fish out of water heartfelt nature of the characters. - *Rabid Reader Review*

The writing is grand – full of vivid detail, including an enigmatic baroness, a dashing husband, all the beauty and danger that Africa offers, and the intrigue and absurdity of war. Maya worked at McLean Hospital where she ran poetry groups. We exchanged notes while she was there. She also has been a law professor in China, among other things in her varied career. ... She is now in the pre-med program at Goucher College. – [Doug Holder](#)

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