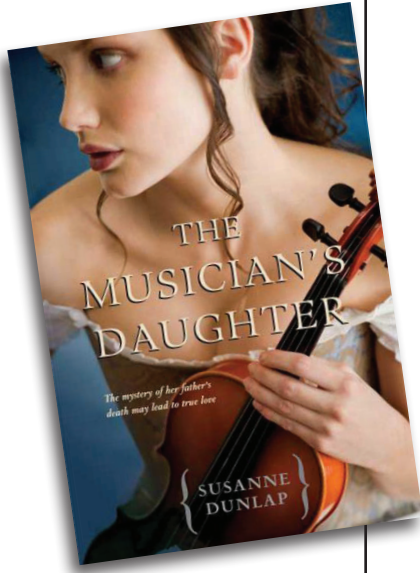


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## **The Musician's Daughter** by Susanne Dunlap

(Grades 9–12)

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Amid the glamour of Prince Nicholas Esterhazy's court in eighteenth-century Vienna, murder is afoot. Or so fifteen-year-old Theresa is convinced when her musician father is discovered dead on Christmas Eve, his valuable violin missing and the only clue to his death—a mysterious gold pendant—found around his neck. Her father's mentor, the acclaimed composer Franz Joseph Haydn, takes pity on Theresa and makes her his copyist, giving her an income so her family will not go hungry.

Determined to solve the mystery of her father's death, Theresa is stunned to learn about the secret life he led—along with a train of blackmail and extortion that extends from the splendor of the imperial halls to the shadowy tents of a Gypsy camp. Yet, it's the stirrings of love for a man she only thought she knew that might prove the most astonishing discovery of all.

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