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In the four stories that make up "Awake in the Dark", Nayman explores the lives of children whose parents were Holocaust survivors. She delves into the psyche of her protagonists as they struggle with their own identities and the need to ferret out their parents' secrets. In –The House on Kronenstrasse, - for instance, a woman buries her German mother in New York, travels back to Heidelberg, and uncovers an unbelievable past -she is not the person she thought she was. Further and more unusual unraveling of the past occurs in -The Lamp, - -Dark Urgings of the Blood, - and -The Porcelain Monkey. - There's breathtaking storytelling here, replete with psychological detail and stunning clarity; recommended for all libraries. [See Prepub Alert, "LJ "6/1/06." -Molly Abramowitz, Silver Spring, MD" Copyright 2006 Reed Business Information.