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The Dutch Smuggler's Story

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The Dutch Smuggler's Story, is a novel about Jacob Jonker, a Sea Captain, whose secret, early life comes to light in the wake of his arrest for human trafficking. Jacob grew up in a fishing family in Holland, and was conscripted into the German Navy as a teenager in 1943. Due to his seafaring ability, he was used as a test dummy for a new Nazi weapon, a one person midget submarine. When Jacob has success as a midget sub operator, he is bestowed The Knight's Cross by the Germans as a propaganda ploy to lure more Dutch youth into the German service. This escalates a full scale crisis of identity, and ultimately his fleeing on foot through occupied Europe in the winter.

Note: This is a work of Creative Writing which I would like an Embargo for five years and probably permanently.