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Pulling Apart *The Incandescent Threads*

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Episode Notes: I talked with bestselling novelist Richard Zimler in late January of this year. At the time, he was in Portugal, and I was in the Boston area, but we connected over Zoom.

We focused on Richard's latest novel, *The Incandescent Threads*, a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. Yet our conversation, like his novel about family relationships and survival across the generations, traveled many threads, both spiritual and artistic. *The Incandescent Threads* is part of his Sephardic Cycle, a series of independent works that explore the lives of different branches and generations of a Portuguese-Jewish family, the Zarcos.

In 2023, Parthian Books, Richard's current publisher, will be reissuing three other of the Sephardic Cycle novels – *Hunting Midnight*, *Guardian of the Dawn* and *The Seventh Gate* – as well as the standalone work *The Search for Sana*. For more about Richard, including some of his past work in *Talking Writing*, see the links below.

About Richard Zimler

- [Richard Zimler's website](#) [9]
- [*The Incandescent Threads*](#) [10] by Richard Zimler (Parthian Books, 2022).
- [*The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon*](#) [11] by Richard Zimler (Overlook Press, 2000; originally published in 1998).
- ["A Tale of Two Polands"](#) [12] by Richard Zimler, *Talking Writing*, 2012.
- ["From Mount Olympus to Mount Sinai"](#) [13] by Richard Zimler, *Talking Writing*, 2013.
- ["Speaking for the Silenced"](#) [14] by Richard Zimler, *Portuguese Jewish News*, 2022.

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