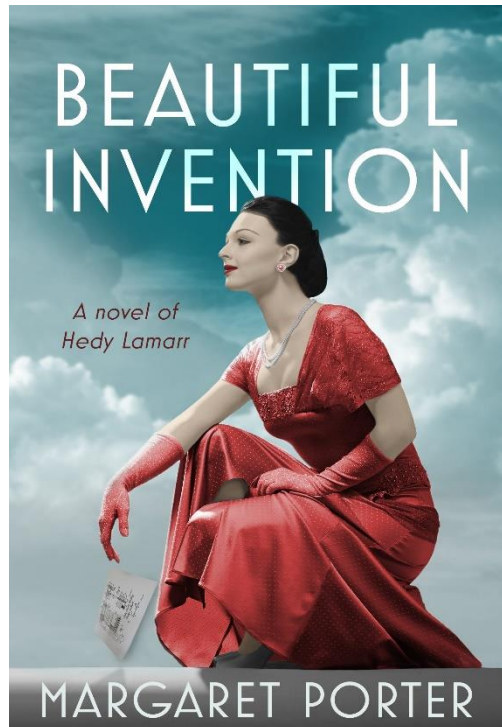


BEAUTIFUL INVENTION: A NOVEL OF HEDY LAMARR

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THE BOOK: Hollywood Beauty. Brilliant inventor. The incredible true story of a remarkable and misunderstood woman.

Hedy Kiesler, Austrian actress of Jewish heritage, scandalizes Europe with her nudity in the art film *Ecstasy*. Her hasty marriage to a wealthy munitions merchant disintegrates as he grows increasingly controlling and possessive. Even worse—he supplies deadly weapons to Hitler’s regime.

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