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An unusual take on WWII is being reprinted next month by Aquila Polonica. The Mermaid and the Messerschmitt, first published in 1942, is a rare eyewitness account of the war's early, chaotic days--the Nazi invasion of Poland, the Siege of Warsaw and the first few months of Nazi occupation--written by Rulka Langer, a civilian, a young Polish career woman and mother and a graduate of Vassar College.