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The Unwritten Letters of Mileva and Albert Einstein

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Mileva Einstein- Maric 1875- 1948 Albert Einstein 1879- 1955

The *UNWRITTEN LETTERS of Mileva and Albert Einstein*, although based on actual events, is a fictional correspondence they might have had.

Mileva Maric was born in 1875 in Titel, Hungary (later Yugoslavia), of Serbian parents. In 1896 she went to Switzerland and enrolled in Mathematics and Physics at the ETH (University of Zürich) - the 5th woman ever to have been admitted to that Faculty and the only one that year. She attended the same courses as Einstein. They became friends and by 1899 had fallen in love, at first opposed by both sets of parents though hers relented eventually.

Mileva became pregnant in 1901 and went home to her parents to give birth, in January 1902, to a little girl, Lieserl", of whom no trace has been found to date. Because of his parents' continued disapproval, Albert did not marry Mileva until 1903, when Einstein's father, then on his deathbed, finally gave his reluctant consent. Einstein's mother never became reconciled to the union of which two sons were born.

They moved to Berlin in 1914, but Mileva returned to Switzerland almost at once with the children. In 1919 Mileva and Albert Einstein were legally divorced and he married his cousin Elsa Löwenthal. Mileva never accepted the annulment of their marriage.